

SKSR General Meeting, Humanities Washington Presentation February 15, 2024

At 12:30 Roberta Hawkins welcomed the group. The first speaker was Edmonds School District Superintendent Dr. Rebecca Miner. She told us that both the bond and levy passed. She also commented on a new program, Phonics Curriculum, that is being introduced this year. Eighty-eight percent of the budget goes towards staff cost. The District may have a \$16 million dollar shortfall this year. She shared photos taken at the Kindergarten Fair.

Roberta mentioned the following upcoming activities: the March field trip on March 21, the Scholarship Luncheon on April 18 and another General Meeting on May 16 where the State Treasurer will speak. There will also be a presentation by the Cascadia Rescue Dogs.

She then told us about Virg Rayton's passing. We need someone to chair the event with WA Kids in Transition. She also shared that she is resigning so now there is a need for someone to step forward to chair the Humanities Washington Meeting. She is willing to work with her successor.

Then Joel Underwood, a history teacher at Evergreen College and a musician, was introduced. His topic was Arlo Guthrie and his songs. He told us why "Roll on Columbia" was written and then sang it for us. He talked about the challenge Guthrie portrayed in his songs to keep the American spirit alive. He finished with a sing-along of "This Is Your Land".

There were 58 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Phillips
Secretary