

## 9.02.2020 WACA Wednesday 19 Participants

Welcome to WACA Wednesday – Michelle Munson our host is playing music as you enter the Zoom call to prevent awkward silence. Think about using this strategy as you check in students to your class sessions.

**Michelle Munson, Liberty HS, Area 2, WACA President Elect** – I talk out loud as I get things ready for the students during my class sessions. It is the way I process, and it helps the students who have some of the technology questions and those who may be nervous about what is coming at them next.

**Kid Superintendent Video – We're all in this Together** – There is a link in the power point connected to this meeting date. The power point also has information about how to use your sound with students when showing a video or playing music.

**Remember each of you have something special and amazing to offer.**

**Greg Barker and James Layman, AWSL, Area 4** – <https://awsleaders.org/> Remember to sign up or renew your membership with AWSL. The resources offered to members makes the membership cost worth it. (\$90 for HS, \$75 for MS) AWSL has done a complete overhaul of their programs and updated their website. They now have an online store. All of the programs currently being offered on their website are new and on sale until the end of September. Check out the online store for pricing. You can even renew your membership in the online portal.

### **AWSL Programs:**

Find Your Vision – Secondary

Calling All Superheroes -- Elementary

Smart Start – leadership foundational tools that would have come from attending leadership camp.

ASB Law – Virtual Sessions - \$150 for adults and \$50 for students – worth every penny! Greg just met with the Auditor – there is a twist on the top 10 rules – attend a session to find out the change.

**AWSL Fall Conference** – October 30 & 31 -- **Equity** is the focus as the conference has a new look this year. It will be available to all secondary schools. The cost is \$250 per school building for as many students as you would like to bring.

**AWSL Equity Work**– You will find resources on the AWSL website to help/guide/push our thinking as we work on Equity in our buildings, districts, and community.

**AWSL Student Voice Council** – Has grown from a small team of 7 to a current group of 43. The student voice is reaching our Principals, creating resources, and asking great questions. Check out their thoughts, questions, and resources on the AWSL website.

**AWSL** is the “Swiss Army Knife” of Activities – just ask and they can help you, point you in the right direction, or connect you with the right group. They are here to support our programs with the support of Principals.

**As activity advisers you can help your staff** – connections with students is in our wheelhouse but not always in the rest of your staff's wheelhouse. Offer online trainings during staff meetings to help them with their connections to students. Sometimes we need to script it for them. If I were doing this – at this time I would say this....

**Greg Barker, Director AWSL, Area 4** – used for feedback – change names to dots and dashes, turn off camera and let them evaluate the lesson, the program, etc.

**Kristen VanHoomissen, Tahoma HS, Area 3** – used the gradient activity Houston talked about in the last WACA Wednesday –in our departments we determined where we were individually with the current teaching

technology - then went back to the large staff group leaving our gradient where we had put ourselves in the department groups. It was eye opening for the administration to see the different gradients we are at.

**Michell Munson, Liberty HS, Area 2, WACA President Elect** – she has asked her staff and students for their music playlist. She will be playing the music as staff and students come in and out of her Zoom sessions, during dead time, or as background for activities.

**James Layman, AWSL, Area 7** – A student asked if they could have fun – please do the world is serious enough. Sometimes students need permission to have fun or even participate.

**Michelle Munson, Liberty HS, Area 2, WACA President Elect** – I asked the students to turn on their cameras and asked them to go find their favorite book. They had to talk about their book and why it was their favorite. One of the students came back with “One Fish, Two Fish” – this led to a great discussion on children’s books.

**Kristen VanHoomissen, Tahoma HS, Area 3** –Reverse Charades where you have a list of words you want the audience or the guesser to figure out. She set up a breakout room where the guesser went while the rest of the class prepared to perform the word as a group. The guesser came back and tried to guess what the word was.

**Caleb Knox, Bethel HS, Area 3** – That’s Me – have a list of questions the students or staff can say That’s Me – example Has Blue Eyes – everyone with blue eyes would turn on their camera and say That’s Me – if all students don’t have camera’s use the reaction button, or type your name in the chat.

**Chat as a Tool** – remember you can use the chat in your platform to ask for feedback, have the students ask questions, have the students to answer questions.

**Michelle Munson, Liberty HS, Area 2, WACA President Elect** – Introductions – sent her students to breakout rooms to learn about their partner – back in the large group they introduced each other. In the chat at the end of the session she asked what did you learn today? Who did you learn it from? What do you want to get to know better?

**Food Drive Brainstorm** – Fill the Bus. As the busses are delivery food in the community – run a food drive and have the busses collect the food on their routes. Host a Drive Thru food drive on campus or even at one of your local stores. Grad Class Bins at school – drive thru drop off. It could also be a sock drive.

**James Layman, AWSL, Area 7** – Make Homecoming a Community Wide Celebration with spirit days, food drive, professional family photos -this gives people an event to dress up for and a service to families that can’t always afford family photos. What could this look like?

**Always ask What If** – this is a great time to think outside of our boxes.

**Bitmoji** as a Staff Competition

**Minecraft** virtually using your building – rooms and halls.

Virtual **Locker** Competition

**Talent Show** – hold it early – kids are submitting videos so talents like Horse Back Riding and Archery etc can be part of the show virtually. This allows more students to join the show.

What can we do at the beginning of the year to **say Hello??** to our students and staff.

**Backgrounds** – Use backgrounds for your teaching sessions. Here is a location to get backdrops. This is a private company and not all backgrounds should be used in schools.

<https://www.kustomimprints.com/zoom-backgrounds/>

Take pictures at school and use them as your background. Cafeteria, your classroom, your teaching station, the halls all from the student perspective.

**Michelle Munson, Liberty HS, Area 2, WACA President Elect** – I am going to take pictures of the staff lounge then use it as my backdrop for a staff virtual lunch.

**Student Facilitators** – When using breakout rooms with your students or student leaders always give them a graphic organizer which will help them stay on task. Ask for their brainstorm action plan.

Attendees and Comments:

Washington Activity Coordinators Association : Please add your name and school into the chat!

Michelle Munson – Liberty HS, Area 2, WACA President Elect

Guy Simpson – WAVA, Area 3, 7, 9, WACA Past President

Tammy Caldwell – Retired, Area 1, WACA Program Coordinator

Caleb Knox - Bethel HS, Area 3

Britt Harris - Shorewood High School

Lindsey Duerre - Kentwood High School, Area 2

Richards - Raymond Jr/Sr HS

Lisa Wren - Stadium HS, Area 3

Beth Marriott - Meadowdale High School, Area 1

Greg Barker - AWSL, Area 4

Leigh-Ann Lunde - Cedar Heights Middle Area 2

Susie Bennett, Selah Middle School, Area 6, WACA President

James Layman - AWSL, Area 7

Kristen VanHoomissen - Tahoma HS, Area 3


Jenn Gwartney - Battle Ground High School, Area 4

Christina Peabody - Sunnyside High School, Area 6, WACA Area 6 Rep

Sammy Marr - Scriber Lake Edmonds, Area 1

Jenn Gwartney : My questions might have been answered at the last meeting that I missed but I was wondering if there had been any talk about how to run things like Food Drives remotely?

From Susie Bennett : Caleb, your baby is demonstrating how so many of us feel. :)

Johanna Phillips she/her - Shorecrest High, Area 1 

Britt Harris : Can you share the link to that video?

Kristen VanHoomissen : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a71O90UCF1U>

Kristen VanHoomissen : Link to video^^^

Lindsey Duerre : Does the price that shows for the vision also give you access to the smart start and other resources on your site?

Guy Simpson : <https://awsleaders.org/>

Guy Simpson :   AWSL Website

James Layman - He/Him (AWSL) :

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5505d862e4b082eea4c98dcc/t/5f4eafe3677b3c56616b8829/1598992356671/AWSL+Student+Equity+Cohort+Guidebook.pdf>

Jana Richards : Did James say there was a fall special?

Susie Bennett : Michelle, would you be willing to share a link to your staff slideshow in the chat?

Kristen VanHoomissen : I used a gradient with my staff High stress to Low stress and it was so cool to see where staff positioned themselves.

Jenn Gwartney : A lot of my kids did, too, at the HS level! I told them the same thing; it helps me to see you!

Kristen VanHoomissen : Have you played reverse charades?

Elizabeth Marriott : Thanks Greg. . . and now can you help me set up my Canvas Course?

Washington Activity Coordinators Association : TRUTH Elizabeth!!

CALEB KNOX : It's like Heads-Up!

Jenn Gwartney : LOL That sounds hilarious!

CALEB KNOX : It drives me BANANAS when I'm in a meeting that doesn't have an open chat box 😂

LeAnn Straehle - Toppenish HS : Rock painting - placing them around the community. Positive messages.

Kristen VanHoomissen : my kids are excited about finally being able to have a costume day for Halloween!

Greg Barker : @beth...yes, I can. Just did it here at home. Plus I learned Moodle this summer when teaching at university :)

Elizabeth Marriott : Greg. . . you're on!

CALEB KNOX : You could even target it - freshman talent show, then have a voluntary freshman class virtual assembly on Zoom to debut the video

Guy Simpson : Zoom Backgrounds link:

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