

## **Chair Report – February 28, 2024**

2024 is going to be full of political work as candidates continue to reach out to our LD for support for their campaigns. Right now the focus is on understanding the delegate selection process and getting that information out to our LD so those who wish to participate on either the state and/or national level will be able to do so. Ted Jones has put together a flow chart for folks to follow and Laurie Kadet has been attending the online webinars that explain the process. There is supposed to be a state website that will have all the pertinent details but so far there have been glitches that have prevented its launch. Once the bugs are worked out, the word will be spread to have folks access the site and get the information they need.

There are mixed results for the various school district funding campaigns. Bainbridge Island easily passed their levy. Bremerton also did well with both of their measures. Central Kitsap (CKSD) has another nailbiter but ultimately lost by 138 votes. It is hoped that CKSD will run their measure again and get it approved just like they did the last time they were in this position. Then, there is North Kitsap. It's bond measure was handily defeated: 63.56% of the voters said "no" and 36.44 of the voters said "yes." The totally inappropriate behavior of the superintendent is presumed to have been an influencing factor in the election. It is hoped that the school board will conduct truly public meetings and seek input from the various constituencies in the district. The votes of "no confidence" by all the unions (teachers, paraeducators and transportation folks) should be a clear message to the school board that the district has gone way off course and they need to work hard to get the district back on track. Those of you in the NKSD area please consider helping to return NKSD to a place of people focused on providing a top-notch educational experience and environment.

The requests for money for candidates and campaigns have started in earnest. To the extent that you can, please consider making monetary contributions to these folks and organizations. Our nation is truly facing a potential crisis that really could result in the denigration of our form of government. Given the level of ignorance in how our government actually works, we do face a possibility of losing our democracy. We need us all to make sure our family and friends support people and groups that will keep our government intact. Please support the people who will keep our republic alive.

Our LD meeting is this Wednesday, February 28. It will be a hybrid meeting with the in-person portion being held at the WEA Uniserv office in Twelve Trees Business Park northwest of Poulsbo off Hwy 3. Meeting opens at 6:30 pm for schmoozing and the business portion starts at 7:00 pm.