

WHS Principal Interviews Take Place This Week

After eight years of service as Wickenburg High School Principal, Mrs. Jackie Jacobson will be retiring June, 2015. Mrs. Jacobson has done a fine job transitioning WHS to the Grand Canyon Diploma system where students can earn a high school diploma at the end of their sophomore year and attend community college for free right here in Wickenburg, while still playing sports and participating in clubs and activities. I am very appreciative of her efforts to get this program off the ground and will miss her skills and abilities very much.

The process to replace Mrs. Jacobson began back in November when we created a survey to assess the skills needed by the next WHS Principal and met with the high school staff. Through these processes we developed a “candidate profile”, which was used as we advertised the position both in and outside the state of Arizona.

On February 3, we will bring together three candidates who have been screened for the position and each will go through an interview with a team of teachers and administrators from the school, an interview with a parent/student/community team and finally the candidates will conduct a presentation for a group of WUSD administrators. At the conclusion of this process we will narrow the field to two.

The final stage of the process, which takes place on February 5, will include an individual interview with me as superintendent and then later that evening a community-wide “candidate meet & greet” in the WHS Media Center at 6:00 p.m. We are hoping that each of you can clear your calendars to be with us on the evening of the 5th to meet the finalists for the position.

The three candidates who will join us on February 3rd are as follows:

- Stephen Akin – Currently serves as Assistant Principal at John Marshall High School in Rochester, Minnesota.
- Joshua Kervin – Currently serves as Principal of Sanders Middle School, Sanders, Arizona.
- Derek Streeter – Currently serves as Assistant Principal at Thunderbird High School in the Glendale Union High School District, Glendale, Arizona.

I am excited with our field of candidates and believe that we will be able to hire an individual who can build on Mrs. Jacobson’s work and take WHS to the next academic level. The process will conclude when I bring forth for Governing Board consideration a final recommendation on February 19 at their regularly scheduled meeting.

I once again want to be sure to invite everyone to the “candidate meet & greet” on February 5, 6:00 p.m. in the WHS Media Center. I am excited by the possibilities as we consider the next steps in the development of WHS as a top performing rural high school.