

Board Meeting Highlights

January 10, 2020



DISTRICT/COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Student Talent Showcase - Middle School

Principal Yvonne Goings shared through Mentoring, 7 Mindsets, Extra Curricular, and Connection classes, students' experiences create a set of memories that serve as a foundation for inspiring and empowering others.

The Middle School InterACT/Builders & Legacy Club gave a slideshow presentation to the Board of Education showcasing what they are all about. This club focuses on service projects in the local area, having worked with both Kiwanis and Rotary. Their global project has helped the Tri Ka School in Nepal by sending videos of students reading in books in English. They hope to add a school garden and playground for them in a future project.

Newmont CC/V Grant Presentation

Public Relations/Communications Specialist Stacy Schubloom shared Newmont CC/V Mine has awarded \$20,000 to the Woodland Park School District. A total of 16 applications were received requesting over \$30,400. The funds will be used for various projects within the schools that positively impact Woodland Park students. She thanked Newmont for their continued support of our school district .

Ms. Schubloom announced the grant recipients and awarded the following:

- Columbine Elementary: Colorado Springs Philharmonic “Link Up” Concert, and Mindfulness Nature Garden
- Gateway Elementary: Preschool Educational Curriculum
- Summit Elementary: Sensory Room
- Middle School: Resiliency Building Opportunities, Challenger Learning Center, Computer Technology Education, and Protective Factor Services
- High School: Panther Physical Education Strength & Conditioning, Hydration Stations, and Library Creative & Wellness Space

Board President Beth Huber thanked all the recipients for their hard work and personal tenacity to pursue this grant opportunity.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Superintendent Mr. Steve Woolf shared there are some Early Childhood and School Safety Bills in the works that we will keep an eye on. None appear to make a tremendous difference in what we are currently doing.

The legislation we are most concerned about is the draft language of the potential Bill - Statewide Uniform Mill Levy for Schools. This refers to the creation of a statewide uniform mill levy for Total Program Funding that would result in the local contribution for school funding where school districts would be required to increase or lower their local school mill levies to the uniform school mill levy rate. This topic has been discussed by the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) and legislative members for several years now. Stay tuned.



STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

Director of Social & Emotional Learning Tina Cassens provided an update to the Board of Education on the *Social & Emotional Learning* category within the District Strategic Plan. The 2019-20 District Mental Health Team will focus on: roles/responsibilities, collaboration, and district systems such as suicide, self-harm, threat screening, mandatory reporting, and critical incident recovery plan.

We are shifting from being service provider to program provider and will do this through competency evidence-based programming. Our secondary schools programming is already in place and will be infusing this programming into our elementary schools.

Another focus is on Connections to Personal Strengths & Supports through: student screenings (BIMAS); school-based therapy; sources of strength (high school student led group); restorative practices (will train at elementary level); professional development (motivational interviewing, positive youth development, trauma informed practices; and Courage to Risk [for special needs population]).

We are collaborating with Community Partnership and the Department of Human Services as well as other community agencies to provide a 2-Generation Education which will provide supports for family members as well.

The Board of Education thanked Ms. Cassens for all the information and asked several questions about how we will measure the success rate of these programs. To measure the impact and/or success we will monitor student attendance, drop-out rate, graduation rate, and survey.



MEETING NOTICE RESOLUTION

The Board of Education approved the annual meeting notice resolution. The resolution reads as follows:

Notification of Meeting Place

WHEREAS, the Colorado Sunshine Act, C.R.S. 24-6-402 (2)(b) declares that all meetings of three or more members of any "local public body" at which any public business is discussed or at which any formal action may be taken are open to the public at all times; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Sunshine Act, C.R.S. 24-6-402 (2)(c) requires a "full and timely notice" to be posted in a designated public place within the boundaries of the school district not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Sunshine Act, C.R.S. 24-6-402 (2)(c) requires the public place for meeting notices to be designated at the first regular meeting of each calendar year;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE WOODLAND PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT Re-2 AS FOLLOWS:

That all public notices of meetings of the Board of Education of the Woodland Park School District Re-2 will be on the bulletin board in the entryway of the Administration Building at 155 Panther Way, Woodland Park, Colorado.

Adopted: January 8, 2020
Woodland Park School District Re-2
Board of Education



WOODLAND PARK EDUCATION ASSOCIATION REPORT

WPEA representative Ryan Schultz commented about all the learning of our staff through the new grading system as well as new programming/curriculum. Our staff are seeing the realizations of their efforts to learn and grow through the transformation of learning. Change is not easy, but this is about becoming better and building resiliency.



SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Woolf shared he is pleased with the huge increase of high school students choosing to improve their grades by taking the finals before Christmas break. The finals were designed to only improve not hurt a student's grades. They were also specific for each student, in that it assessed what they didn't know yet instead of regurgitation of what they already showed proficiency in. Looking at the grades compared to last year, we found we have as many A's, but more kids are taking harder classes and the number of AP class offerings is up. Our grades now measure what students actually have learned and can do, and they still have a chance to bring all of their grades up by showing proficiency in the areas they haven't yet. The due date for this is January 24. Students have been working harder and building more resiliency over this past semester.

Reviewed upcoming key dates for the Board to mark on their calendars.

High School Grading – Superintendent Woolf shared our high school is working to address some of the parents' concerns during the last Board meeting. We appreciate the input and one of the changes will be that we will start posting letter grades rather than just a number. We will continue to work harder on communication and try to simplify things as much as possible. Ms. Cassens shared grades will not be posted in IC until week 7 of second semester.

January Recruitment Week – Superintendent Woolf shared we have a new commercial that will be airing this month and thanked Stacy Schubloom for her hard work and tenacity with the TV station to get the concept of the commercial just right. We have print ads as well and our focus will still be on keeping the students we currently have.

Mike Smith – Superintendent Woolf shared we will have a guest speaker in our District on Thursday, January 16 and invited the Board to attend. Mr. Smith will be at the Middle School in the a.m. followed by a leadership session with HS and MS leaders during lunch at the Methodist Church. Mr. Smith will speak at the High School at 1:50 in the gym. We also will have guests from Cripple Creek HS and West Grand HS.



PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING - FEBRUARY 12

The Board of Education meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm. These meetings are held at the District Office located at 155 Panther Way unless otherwise established by the Board.

The five-member Board of Education members are elected to four-year terms and serve without pay. The Board, on behalf of students, staff, parents and the community, holds itself accountable to the citizens of the District through Policy Governance. In fulfillment of this charge, the Board is committed to rigorous, continual improvement of its capacity to govern effectively through policy by defining its concerns in terms of values and its vision in terms of expectations.

Upcoming meetings:

- February 12
- March 11
- April 8
- May 13
- June 10

