

# Woodland Park School District

'Elevate Your Education'



## Board of Education Meeting Highlights

May 10, 2019

### HIGHLIGHTS...

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### Message

Welcome back to our monthly newsletter!

It is our focus to improve communication with our parents and community. Please do not hesitate to leave any feedback you have that would help us reach our goal of improved communication.

We would love to have you come to our next board meeting. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 12, at 6:00 p.m. in the large conference room at the District Administration Office located at 155 Panther Way.



### High School STUCO

STUCO shared they are appreciating all the teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week, preparing for finals, and building community in their school.

Upcoming events: In July the executive officers and Mrs. Norton will travel to Orlando, Florida for the Jostens' Renaissance conference where they will learn about how to improve school culture through leadership. In August will have a retreat at Blue Mountain Ranch to plan for the 2019-20 school year.



## Highlights of High School Activities & Athletics

High School Assistant Principal Karen Hamlow updated the Board of Education on the activities, clubs, and athletics happenings:

### High School Activities & Clubs

#### Choir

- Madrigals will participate in a choral collaboration and workshop called XVOX on Saturday, May 11, 7:00 p.m. at UCCS Ent Center

#### NHS

- 19 seniors are graduating and recently inducted 13 juniors for next year's club
- Members of NHS will be tutoring students for final exams

#### ProStart

- Students Haley Prater and Jessica Tanis competed in the Chef's Competition at the Broadmoor World Arena Taste of Pikes Peak
- The team recently attended the Colorado Restaurant Foundation Scholarship and Awards Gala where several mentors of the program were awarded various honors
- Junior James Costello was awarded the 2019 Outstanding ProStart Student Award where he received the Sysco Denver \$1000 scholarship award
- Student Andrew Beverley was notified of his acceptance into the Culinary Arts program at Johnson and Wales University with a renewable scholarship for 4 years.

### High School Athletics

No update provided.

## **Student Talent Showcase**

Summit Elementary showcased students from their grades 2/3 combo class. Principal Katie Rexford shared this class is new this year and introduced teacher Ms. Ehlers.

Ms. Ehlers explained they are using the competency based education model and four students from her class shared their favorite experiences from this school year.

## **Forensics National Qualifiers Presentation**

High School Forensics Coach Bill Brown shared Seniors Isaac Heidekrueger, Cheyenne Brown, and Jaydon Jones will representing WPHS at Nationals in Dallas, Texas this June.

Mr. Heidekrueger provided information on the format for the category he will perform which is Big Questions; Ms. Brown performed in the category of Informative Speaking; and Mr. Jones performed in the category of Original Oratory.

The Board of Education thanked them for the wonderful information, great performances, and wished them the best of luck at Nationals.

## **Winners - Place of Becoming Poster Contest**

Public Relations/Communications Specialist Stacy Schubloom

shared this year we held a poster contest based on our vision statement: A Place of Becoming. A total of 214 students entered the contest and 35 people throughout our community were judges.

Awards include: \$50 for 3rd place; \$75 for 2nd; and \$100 for 1st in the categories of K-2, grades 3-5, middle school; and high school.

Congratulations to the following winners:

#### K-2

- 1st place: 2nd grader at Gateway - John Eisele

#### Grades 3-5

- 1st place: 5th grader at Gateway - Sophie Neese
- 2nd place: 5th grader at Gateway - Sonia Kettler
- 3rd place: 5th grader at Columbine - Mark Messner

#### WPMS

- 1st place: 7th grader - Leah Strawmatt
- 2nd place: 7th grader - Andrew Miller
- 3rd place: 7th grader - Kinley Cargill

#### WPHS

- 1st place: Junior Delaney Battin
- 2nd place - Senior Abby Kiedinger
- 3rd place - Freshman Lauren Chism.



### **Public Relations Update**

Public Relations/Communications/Grant Writing Specialist  
Stacy Schubloom provided information on:

- Graduation insert will be in our local newspapers

- Received an Award of Merit for our banner: WPSD - A Place of Becoming at the 2019 COSPRA (Colorado Schools Public Relations Association) awards ceremony last week.



## Legislative Update

Superintendent Woolf shared this session was critical for education funding. The K-12 lobby effort focused on improving school funding in the School Finance Act (SB19-246), which in its final form includes:

- \$6,951.53 base per pupil funding
- \$100M buy down of the Budget Stabilization Factor
- \$20M for rural school districts
- \$3.9M for the ASCENT program
- \$22M for additional funding for Tier B Special Education categorical
- \$175M for full day kindergarten funding

Also the following K-12 education bills were passed:

- HB19-1002, Leadership Professional Development for School Principals
- HB19-1008, Include Career and Technical Education in BEST program
- HB19-1134, Identification and Interventions for Students with Dyslexia
- HB19-1186, School Employment Background Check Clarification
- HB19-1201, Board of Education Executive Session Negotiations Strategy
- SB19-039, Inter-district Transportation of Students
- SB19-104, Elimination of Duplicate Regulation of School Building.

## **WPEA Report**

WPEA representative Anna Thompson shared with it being Teacher Appreciation Week, we appreciate our teachers, but also our coaches.

With increased pressures, Ms. Thompson extended her gratitude for what the District has in motion and what is planned through grants and new calendar structure for overall mental health.



## **Superintendent Report**

Superintendent Woolf shared we are spending this week celebrating teachers and all the staff who support what they do with our kids. We are truly blessed by the staff who are passionate about preparing our kids to become people who are engaged in our world and their work in a positive way.

Superintendent Woolf shared he wished he had more time to be able to attend all events and was sad he missed our baseball team leading everyone in the singing of our National Anthem when the recording did not work at an away game.

Superintendent Woolf shared there have been many WILD activities happening: the first WILDlife Film Festival, Summit WILD family night, Gateway WILD outdoor playground activity day. This is wonderful and is excited for what our staff who lead our WILD groups have in store for the future.

Superintendent Woolf reviewed upcoming key dates for the Board to mark on their calendars.

Capital Improvement Expenses - Mr. Woolf shared we are in the process of narrowing the list down to see what we can actually

do this year and prioritizing suggestions will come through our DAC group as well as further study.

School Culture - Mr. Woolf shared Mama Mia! was wonderful and we have a committee that is working towards criteria and selection of next year's theatrical productions.

## Upcoming Events

Last Day of School is Wednesday, May 22, 2019.

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