

Minidoka County School District

Superintendent's Report

October 15, 2018

Correspondence

- We received an email from the **State Board of Education** indicating they had received our **Combined District Plan** (that you approved last month) and that it meets their minimum requirements. They will be doing a more complete review in the near future.
- I received an email from Leslie Garner, City of Rupert Special Projects Manager confirming the **First Annual Pumpkin Walk**. In this pilot program the city will provide a pumpkin for each 5th grader at Rupert Elementary School which they will paint and then the city will collect and display on Freemont Street until October 29.

Information/Updates

- **Supervisors and Administrator Goals** - I have met with many of our administrators reviewing their Administrator Individual Professional Learning Plan (AIPLP). I have asked them and our department supervisors that at least one of their goals address **Communication** as the Board has expressed that this is a concern in the District.
- **District Office Updates** – The District Office staff and I met October 4 and discussed setting up a phone script since the vast majority of phone calls that are answered are for the Business Office or Transportation. We also discussed changing the closing time to **4 pm on Fridays**.
- **Athletic Stipend Meeting** – We have received current coaching position data and will be using that to develop some possible stipend schedules over the next couple of weeks.
- **Boys & Girls Club of the Magic Valley - Rupert** – There are 60 students are attending the after-school program at Rupert and 22 at the BGCMV site. We are also providing transportation for 3 AM kindergarten students and 10 PM students.
- **Huntley Lawsuit** – We have received no new information.

Meetings/Activities

- **Staff/Building Visits:**

I have attended staff meetings at both Minico and West Minico this month. I also had the opportunity to visit classrooms at Mt. Harrison Jr. High School, read to a preschool class, and observed busing situations at a number of different schools.

I stopped by the **New Secondary Teacher** training held on September 26 and met with the **Bus Drivers** on September 27 asking for representatives to explore time sheet revisions.

I met with the **MCEA Co-Presidents** to discuss some questions and concerns that have been raised to them. There has been some confusion on how we made sure that all staff received a 3% raise. I appreciate their willingness to share concerns rather than lodge complaints.

- **Committee/Community Meetings:**

We had a successful **Town Hall Meeting** September 24 with 30 community patrons in attendance along with 18 staff. The minutes have been posted on our website ([link](#)). Pat

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and I also met with our architects to review some of the changes suggested at the Town Hall so they would have a better understanding of our needs.

The **Minidoka Education Foundation Board** met September 20 and appointed Suzette Miller to the Board and elected Rick Stimpson as President for this year, with the remaining officers staying the same (Bonnie Heins, Vice President; Dr. Ken Cox, Secretary; and Pat Bollar, Treasurer). We are looking at a fundraising event on New Year's Day 2019.

I, along with Kelly Arritt and Justin Tate, met at the Idaho Department of Labor to discuss promoting the second year of the **Machine Operator's Apprenticeship Program** held at 7 am at Mt. Harrison starting October 15 for second year students and a couple of weeks later for new students.

I met representatives from the City of Rupert discussing changes at Rupert Elementary and East Minico that we could make that would impact traffic on 18th Street. Since then I have discussed making an alternate exit at East Minico that lines up with 18th Street. Parent would enter East at the north entrance and exit directly across from 18th St and buses would enter at the exiting southern entrance and continue around behind the building. We also discussed extending the Rupert Elementary parking lot and adding a road along our back fence that leads out onto Meridian rather than have the traffic loop back onto 18th Street.

I attended the **Family and Community Engagement Conference** in Boise along with Sylvia Lujan and Amber Thompson. We listened to presenters talk about the importance of reaching out and establishing effective relationships with not only parents but our community at large. I also attended the **Idaho Superintendent's Network** the following day and was able to spend time reflecting on how I can do my job better.

Upcoming Events

October 18-19	Parent Teacher Conferences
October 29	Board Training, 4:30 – 6:00 (dinner) Town Hall Meeting 6:30 – 8:00
November 12	Agenda Review, 3:00
November 14-16	ISBA Convention in Boise
November 19	Board Meeting, 4:30
December 3	Town Hall Meeting