

Minidoka County School District

Superintendent's Report

September 19, 2016

Correspondence

- Received notice from the Idaho Dairy Council that Rupert Elementary will receive a **Fuel Up to Play Grant** this month for \$3,890.
- Received a **College Readiness Letter** from ACT. The attached document shows that we had 84 students take the ACT last spring (more than any year since 2012).

Information/Updates

- **Organization Chart Updated** – I have made a few minor changes to the District Organizational Chart Addendum. I removed reference to the Idaho Youth Ranch, and placed the Business Office Finance/Data Specialist position as answering directly to the Business Manager, and the Federal Programs Coordinator in with the rest of the Federal Programs staff. Please let me know if you have questions.
- **Child Abuse Report Form Updated** – After visiting with school counselors we have made changes to our Child Abuse Reporting Form eliminating spaces for detailed information about the suspected abuse. The purpose of the form is to document the reporting of child abuse not the suspected abuse itself.
- **Food Service Program Review** – Russ Taylor has contacted an individual and they are preparing a proposal for our consideration.
- **Minico Food Service Building Remodel** – Theo Schut is working with Shannon Brown and the Minico Construction class to remodel the old Food Service building into a larger dry storage facility. We will have more detailed drawings when the students get them ready.
- **Custodial Supervisor Position** – We have posted an opening for a Custodial Supervisor. The job description is attached.

Meetings/Activities

- **Staff/Building Visits:**

Since the last board meeting I have met with five teachers at Minico, four at West Minico and one at East Minico. I have also visited one-on-one with six administrators in their buildings and dealt with a student fight at Mt. Harrison because the administrators were at an accreditation meeting in Twin Falls.

- **Committee/Community Meetings:**

I met with the Acequia (8/29) and Heyburn (8/24) **City Council meetings**, and presented at the Rupert Kiwanis Club on (8/20). In each of these visits I mentioned our Town Hall scheduled for September 8, where we will discuss our Population Study, Bullying and our Continuous Improvement Plan. I have also mentioned overcrowding at Rupert Elementary and the need for new modular classrooms and our Freshmen Laptop Program.

On September 8 we held our **Community Town Hall**. We had very good participation with 30 patrons, six staff and three board members in attendance. After some short

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presentations the audience was able to visit a table where they could get additional information about the District Continuous Improvement Plan, Technology and Digital Citizenship, Advanced Opportunities, Safety and Bullying, and Overcrowding in our schools.

I also attended the **State Board of Education Accountability Forum** in Twin Falls the evening of Tuesday September 13, where they discussed the proposed framework that would replace the star system that was used previously to grade schools around the state. The new framework will be piloted this year and implemented in the 2017-18 school year. A copy of their presentation is attached.

I went with two trustees to the **ISBA Regional Dinner Meeting** in Gooding on September 15, and visited with the **BYU-Idaho Education Department** in Rexburg on Friday the 16th to discuss their Student Teacher Placement Partnership Program.

Upcoming Events

- October 5 **Facilities Committee Meeting** – Noon
- October 12 **Minidoka Education Foundation Board Meeting** – Noon
- October 12 **Policy Review Committee Meeting** – 3:45 – 5:00 pm
- October 19 **Regular Board Meeting** - 5:00 pm – Work Session Topic: Curriculum Review