

School Board Superintendent Report

1/8/2018

Changes to the Spanish 3 & 4 instruction

We are ending the online Spanish course arrangement with Mundo Learning for second semester. As you may recall, we were pressed to find a replacement instructor due to a late resignation this past summer. With no available applicants and few options, we contracted with Mundo Learning to provide the virtual online instructional model.

We now have an opportunity to improve the quality of instruction for our students by providing direct instruction from a teacher in the classroom. You will see a recommendation to hire a part-time teacher at the January 8th board meeting. This new Spanish teacher has also agreed to fill teacher and para substitute positions as needed during second semester. I will be asking for you to approve the termination agreement with Mundo learning.

2018 MSBA Leadership Conference in January

Hotel rooms have been reserved for all Board Members arriving Wed., January 10 and leaving Fri., January 12.

HOTEL - Hyatt Regency

1300 Nicollet Mall

Minneapolis MN 55403

Acknl#s: Mike & Matt 32KBBGGM Ron & Don 32KBBGGM Julie 32KBBGGK

Wednesday January 10 (van ordered 11/21 for 1/10-1/12)

1 Van leaving bus garage at **5:00 PM** (Mike, Ron, Don, Matt & Julie)

Thursday, January 11 -- **MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION CENTER**

Supper – location to be determined

Friday, January 12

Return to Eyota in the afternoon

Handicap Van Purchase / Used Van bids

We took delivery of the new handicapped van on December 20th. We were pleased to find out that the invoice price was better than expected due to end-of-the-year rebates. The original approved purchase bid of \$49,120.55 was reduced to \$45,402.80. This additional rebate resulted in a savings of \$3,717.75.

As I reported at the December board meeting, because we will be using the van to serve students with special needs more than 50% of the time, we will be able to deduct the cost of this van over 6 years from the purchase date.

[We have posted three vans for sale on our district website as well as in the Eagle and Craig's List.](#) Two of these vans can no longer transport students and they get very little use during the school year. Both are in pretty good condition for their age. At this point, they are considered excess inventory and selling them will reduce our annual insurance and maintenance costs. All bids must be received by 3:00 PM on Friday, January 19, 2018. I suggest that the proceeds of the sale will help purchase a replacement for our Gator.

Exploring Increased Career Education Pathways

On December 13th, I attended a meeting at CTECH with Todd Rowekamp and Nick Truxal. CTECH stands for [Rochester Career and Technical Education Center](#). The meeting was to begin discussion on a possible partnership with this Rochester School District program. A successful outcome would lead to opportunities to provide additional pathways for our students to learn and prepare for careers that we cannot offer at Dover-Eyota.

We are very early in the discussions at this point and there are some issues to consider. This initiative would address the World's Best Workforce goals for providing College and Career Readiness, as well as authentic Achievement Integration experiences for our students at Dover-Eyota.

PSEO Committee

We have results and now we need to examine the feedback. I see this as an opportunity to reflect and grow to better meet the needs of our students and community. I will be seeking a variety of people to participate in the data review.

An advisory committee will look at the data from the surveys and begin to formulate recommendations to address any ideas and concerns expressed in the comments. I am aware there are a number of staff members who are interested in participating on the committee. Some of those staff members also represent Dover-Eyota parents. If you are interested in being on the committee, please let me know.