

MEETING DATE: October 17, 2016

AGENDA ITEM: Superintendent's Report

- A. District Events
- B. Dr. Adolf Brown Presentation
- C. McAnally Student Drop-off/Pickup

PRESENTER: Derek Citty, Superintendent

ALIGNS TO BOARD GOAL(S): All

Report Information:

A. District Events

Oct 18 – Brown Bag Lunch – Vandagriff – Noon

Oct 18 – Evening Autism Series – Daniel – 6:30 PM

Oct 24 – Board Workshop – Elem. Attendance Zones - Administration – 6:00 PM

Nov 3 – AEF Mad For Plaid Event – Stillwater Meadows Event Center – 6:00 PM

Nov 7 – Elem Att. Zone Town Hall Meeting – AHS – 7:00 PM

Nov 10 - Elem Att. Zone Town Hall Meeting - AHS - 7:00 PM

Nov 14 – Monthly Board Meeting – Administration – 6:00 PM (Tentative)

B. Dr. Adolf Brown Presentation

On Monday, October 10th, the process to begin Cultural Awareness Training was initiated with a tremendous presentation by Dr. Adolf Brown. Dr. Brown gave both an inspirational message to staff, but talked about issues related to "differentness" that some kids experience.

We are working with Dr. Brown to schedule a time for him to meet with all 9-12 grade students and an evening opportunity to meet with parents. The date and times of this event are in discussion.

C. McAnally Student Dropoff/Pickup

As Trustees will recall, the District added a traffic loop to the north side of McAnally Intermediate in the summer of 2014 to accommodate the additional traffic related to adding the fifth grade back to this campus. The traffic loop has been utilized successfully since that time. The south side of the campus is organized specifically for only bus access. Since that time, there is an increasing number of parents who choose to park near Bearcat Park on the south side of the campus and have their children meet them at this location instead of using the traffic loop. A great majority of the associated vehicles leave to the south which, most likely, indicates the parents do not wish to deal with traffic near the intersection of FM 5 and FM 1187.

During recent observations of this area, a number of vehicles have been using the dedicated, bus-only, loop to park on the lawn near the park. Mostly importantly, students are walking between the buses parked in the traffic loop who are waiting to unload and load students.

To alleviate this problem, the District will institute a number of measures all meant to protect the safety of students.

A fence will immediately be constructed just south of the bus loop. An open area will be left in the fence on the east end to allow students to access the improvised parking area near Bearcat Park. This will prevent students from walking between buses both before and after school. A highly dangerous practice.

During the summer of 2017, the opening will be closed on the east end of the fence to prevent any access to the school site by pedestrians. This measure will coincide with the removal of the fifth grade students who will all be allocated to the elementary attendance zones as the elementary campuses return to K-5 configurations with the beginning of the 2017-18 school year.

Since the campus will only have one grade configuration at the beginning of the 2017-18 year, all non-bus vehicular traffic will be routed to only the traffic loop. No other location will be accessible for student drop off or pick up.

A graphic of the fence location is found on the next page.

