

Administration Reports

February 2020

Sam Boardman Elementary

Morrow County School District strategic goal 2 emphasizes the importance of “communication... building trust and improving partnerships, as well as emphasizing the importance that attendance has on student learning”.

As mentioned previously our attendance continues to improve and has shown growth from last year. “Every Day Matters” has been fully implemented and will continue to be our foundational model as we move forward and help parents and community members understand the importance that attendance has regarding academic success.

In our site council we have been working to garner information that will utilize the adopted SIA funds for student support. Through this discussion we have started the process of creating a clear format to provide parents information on what services are available to their child. This will be displayed on a 6-foot poster and will be written in both English and Spanish. The emphasis of this display will be for parents and community members to see how Sam Boardman is providing for their “whole” child’s needs.

The progress and improvements being made at Sam Boardman Elementary School are due to a collaborative approach among all of our community members. Over the past seven years I have been amazed at the amount of support our families have given to the schools. It is a true pleasure to be in an area that values the principles of trust, communication and hard work.

Windy River Elementary

Goal 2: Develop and foster strong communication practices that support the district’s mission and goals with all stakeholder populations. MCSD will strive to build trust and improve partnerships with communities, including parents, business, civic and cultural groups. MCSD will continue to work with families and community partners to emphasize the importance attendance has on student learning.

We continue to work with our site council team. Our parent members this year are a great representation of our community population. We have been consistent in meeting monthly and in discussing school matters. These parents have been included and attended the SIA meeting with the district leaders in January.

We are continuing to communicate with parents regarding school injuries, behavior, and attendance. The Every Day Matters initiative has been advertised to all who enter our school and throughout the community. We have enlisted the help of our CARE worker, assistant secretary, and counselor in meeting and following up with students and parents on a daily basis regarding student needs and attendance. At this point in the year our total attendance average and our attendance average of our 90% attenders is higher than last year.

One major initiative that has been implemented this year, and was initiated by the previous site council, was the display of our student learning targets. These targets list the specific areas that our students will be working on in reading and math. When parents and community members enter Windy River, they will see what our students will be working on throughout the year.

This year we have purchased a subscription to Home & School. This is a great resource for parents to stay connected to their student’s learning. This also gives parents strategies to discuss their child’s education at school and ways to continue implementing that learning at home. We have also re-subscribed to purchasing student planners. This is another way to enable parents and students to talk about what is happening at school. This is also a great tool for teachers in the classroom to help engage their students. Students can learn organizational skills as well.

Finally, we have been actively participating in an after school or Friday program for several years. During the 2018-19 school year we transitioned from after school to Friday School (Beyond the Bell). This was a difficult switch and we were not seeing as many students, but our after-school program had students not returning home until late. However, this

year we had 120 students attend our first Friday School, and over 150 signed up. That was more students that were even registered last year. We hope to continue to advertise and get the word out to students and parents so that even more students can have this opportunity. The second semester of our Friday school will include an opportunity for older students to mentor and tutor younger students. Our goal is to raise the engagement level of all students and attract more students to participate.

Riverside Jr/Sr High School

Good News:

Riverside recently finished our weight room project. The equipment in the weight room made it difficult to have 25 – 30 students in there to complete an in-depth workout. The new layout provides the opportunity for our students to have access to modern equipment and continue to develop lifelong physical education habits. Our student body has been extremely excited about the update, and the student work ethic in the weight room has changed drastically. We have also budgeted to have the weight room open to our students during the summer for two hours every day. See below for the before and after pictures.



Goal 2:

The three schools in Boardman have worked with the Chamber of Commerce to celebrate students. Recently we held the 2nd Morning of Excellence breakfast to recognize 1 student from each grade level. This celebration is attended by parents, community members as well as local business owners and leaders. The Morning of Excellence provides an opportunity for them to hear about our amazing students and their accomplishments. This recognition will continue to happen at the end of every quarter. Here is a picture of the students who were recognized at the last celebration:



A.C. Houghton Elementary

At ACH we have a site council team that meets monthly with 7 members plus myself. We work on building goals and guidelines set forth as a TITLE 1 school. This year site council, has been focusing on SIA money as well. Safety meetings are a monthly occurrence at ACH as well. We have a team of 5 staff members that meet to discuss fire drills, injuries, safety concerns, any other emergency drills we need to do such as lock down, lock out, hold in place, reunification, and earthquake drills. We use this time to go over feedback on the drill and how or what we need to improve on then share with staff.

Our community partnerships with Morrow County sheriff's office and CARE team are continually working hard to build partnerships between parents, community and school. The school counselor, SRO, and myself meet monthly with our CARE coordinator to look at families we are serving and ones that may need referred. With CARE, we work as a team to support our families with many different types of needs from glasses, OHP applications, transportation, counseling services, housing, chronic lice, attendance, and many more issues.

For the third year now, we are running Friday school for students to receive S.T.E.A.M activities. The new session starts on January 31st. I am excited to have our music teacher on the Friday school team, to bring in performing arts. We have also added the "bobcat café" on our stage for lunch at ACH. The students save their "bobcats" and turn in 25 to have lunch with any adult in the building. The students and staff are loving it!

Check out our ACH Happenings below:



Lunch at Bobcat café with Mrs. Seewer



Lunch at the Bobcat Café with Mrs. Dames



Lunch at the Bobcat café with Ms. Stringer



Lunch with Deputy Haak

Irrigon Elementary School

Over the past month, Irrigon Elementary School has had many great opportunities to reach out to our families and community members. Some of these activities have included perfect attendance recognition, food backpacks for families, CARE services, artist in residence and our winter concert. All of these activities helped Irrigon Elementary connect and bond with students, families and community members.

At our quarterly student celebration assembly, we recognized students who had perfect attendance during the quarter and discussed the importance it has on student learning and achievement. There were also several students recognized through our staff shout outs for achieving tremendous growth on their benchmark assessments, being kind to each other, having positive attitudes and persevering through academic struggle.

In partnership with Irrigon Jr/Sr High School's FFA department, Irrigon Elementary is able to provide food backpacks every week for students and their families. This was originally set up for ten families and over the past month, it has increased to twenty! This has been a great opportunity for us to work closely with families and support them through the long weekends.

We have worked hard to establish and maintain our wrap around CARE services, providing family counseling services for families, medical/vision support, food support, and family and student check-ins. This opportunity has provided a firm foundation in being able to reach students and families who come from a wide range of cultural diversities.

In December our students had a great opportunity to participate in artist in residence. This year we were lucky enough to learn from our very own local artist Kathy Spears. Each student learned different brush strokes, mix colors, and all walked away with a snowman painted canvas to share with their families. The students really enjoyed learning different painting techniques. The Artist in Residence opportunity was funded by The North Morrow Community Foundation.

Finally, the students at Irrigon Elementary performed for their families and community members, singing various songs and showcasing their musical interest with different instruments such as bells and drum sticks. The families and community members were also entertained with a special performance by our sixth-grade band.

Maintaining strong relationships amongst our families, community members, and culturally diverse population is very important to us. We have thoroughly enjoyed our connections over the past month.

Irrigon Jr/Sr High School

I cannot believe that we are already one month in to the new year! The first semester has just wrapped up and 2nd semester is off and running. We had 47 9-12th grade student and 34 7-8th receive a 3.5 or higher for Semester 1. We were able to recognize them during an assembly last week. During the assembly we also highlighted our winter sports athletes. In January we also welcomed our new mental health counselor, Jose Ortiz, into our building. Jose has already had a positive impact on our students and staff and we look forward to his continued support of our students.

As we wrapped up semester 1 we had the opportunity to evaluate the success of our student internship program that began this year. Many of our students were invited to continue their placement and we were able to open up additional opportunities within our community. The Irrigon Medical Cline opened up additional positions as well as the Bank of Eastern Oregon. These opportunities will allow our student and community partners to work together to provide students with real life workplace experience.

Throughout the year we have had two major initiatives that we have included community involvement and input, through both site council and community focus groups. The first initiative is the Student Investment Account. In January we held a public information meeting in regards to the district plans for the additional funding, as well as the feedback from the multiple surveys we have conducted. We have also provided discussion and information in regards to the SIA funds at our site council meetings. The other initiative is the Bond Advisory Committee. Our last meeting took place in Irrigon at AC Houghton Elementary school. This was a great meeting because it allowed the members in each community to get together and review the information from previous meetings and start to evaluate what each community prioritized as their individual needs.

Winter sports are wrapping up in February and spring sports are right around the corner. Our girls and boys basketball teams are working hard and showing improvement each game. Our wrestling program currently has 3 wrestlers ranked in the top 10 in their weight class. We are looking forward to hosting the district wrestling tournament on Feb. 15th, and would like to invite you to attend. The boys and girls basketball will also have a neutral site district tournament this year,

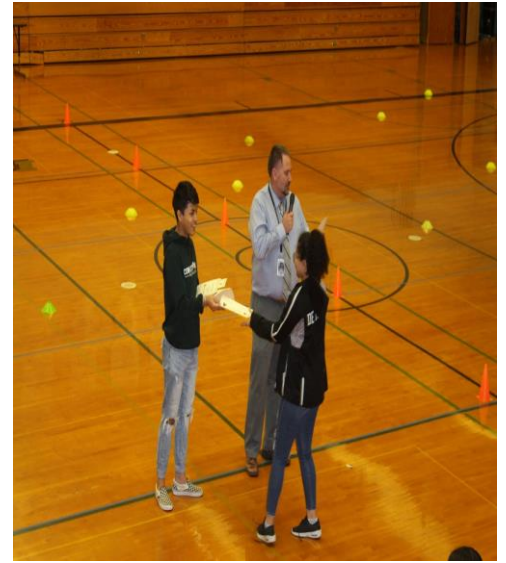
which will be hosted by Eastern Oregon University on Feb. 21st and Feb 22nd. The Irrigon Knight's Pride Booster Club will be hosting their annual Dinner Auction on Feb 22nd.



Alyssa & Princesa – Girls Basketball



Honor Roll Students



Clarissa De Loera – Honor Roll



Honor Roll Students



Pep Band



Jacob Dunn – ASB President



Irrigon Jr/Sr High School Student Body

Heppner Elementary

Good news from HES:

- The winter concert was really good.
- HES enrollment is up a little to 184 students.
- Due to the Student Investment Account funds HES is able to add a teaching position at K-1 beginning next fall as well as an Ed Assistant to support kindergarten.
- HES also added a shared counselor with the high school. We are happy to welcome Jill Miller to our school family.
- We also welcome Deputy Ryan Jundt who is filling in as the SRO while Deputy Kippley is deployed.
- Students have shown very positive growth in their fall to winter diagnostic tests.
- Chess Mates has been running strong and held a tournament for state qualification.
- Ozobots continues to meet after school
- Colt basketball is underway
- Colt wrestling just wrapped up
- Geography Bee produced a school champion who may have the opportunity to compete nationally
- The students were able to participate in and observe a great talent show with representatives from each class.

All of the after-school activities are possible only through the community partnerships and volunteers from community partners. Ozobots is possible through a partnership with the Oregon Trail Library District. Colt sports are partnerships with high school programs and many parents stepping up to provide leadership and support for our students.

Local businesses continue to provide coupons for the students recognized for character achievements. Our partners such as CCS, Morrow County Sheriff and County Health department continue to provide wrap-around support. There was a strong parent presence at the assembly.

It is certainly a busy time of year as we begin the second half of this school year. Thanks for all you do for our students and community.

Heppner Jr/Sr High School

For this report I will be highlighting current events at HJSHS that relate to **MCS D Goal #2**: Develop and foster strong communication practices that support the district's mission and goals with all stakeholder populations. MCS D will strive to build trust and improve partnerships with communities, including parents, business, civic and cultural groups. MCS D will continue to work with families and community partners to emphasize the importance attendance has on student learning.

We hold several events each month at HJSHS that we advertise and announce via the Heppner Gazette, on our HJSHS website, the HJSHS R-School activities calendar, on our reader board located in front of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op and through a variety of school messenger notifications. **Additionally**, we have been using the attached "Mustang Monthly" school news flyer that Mrs. Nelson with help from Madelyn Nichols (HHS-ASB Secretary) have been publishing this school year. End of the Semester conferences were recently held at HJSHS and we had good a good turnout. Our "Everyday Matters" attendance campaign is making a difference so far, with a current overall attendance percentage of 94.5%. Our chronic truancy percentage at the end of semester one is currently 87.8%, which is much improved from the 80% at the end of last school year.

Switching gears, we will be working with our new SRO (Ryan Jundt) to raise awareness of the impact of distracted driving. Additionally, we are planning round two of our grade level workshops focused on cell phone and social media safety which is a continuation of similar workshops that we've held previously here at HJSHS. With the addition of our new counselor (Mrs. Jill Miller) and our new SRO, it seemed like good timing to introduce them to this worthwhile endeavor. This initiative has been conducted in the past by Detective Carter from the Sherriff's Office, SRO's Kippley and Morris, Mr. Grant and our school-based CCS counselor Amy George who helps facilitate it. This has been a very informative experience as they explain the dangers and pitfalls associated with cell phones and social media.

With our winter activities and sports seasons in full swing, we would like to once again extend a "**BIG THANKS**" to our HJSHS Booster Club, Local Business Community, and Site Council for all of their continued support! Go Mustangs!

Management's Discussion and Analysis

MCS D – Maintenance & Facilities Update – February 2020

Greetings! Brandi and I will be meeting with Administrators, Head Custodians, Lead Maintenance and Food Service staff this month to begin the facilities/maintenance budgeting process for the 2020-2021 school year. They will be presenting their prioritized needs during our walk-through visits and then we will determine which projects to move forward with based on Safety, Extending Useful Life and Efficiencies/Cost Savings criteria.

We will also be attending the OSBA Bonds and Ballots Conference in Salem on February 7th. This conference provides an opportunity to learn from experts and other districts' on planning facilities, communicating with voters and other strategies for effective and successful bond campaigns.

The MCS D Bond Advisory Committee's next meeting will be on February 12th at Sam Boardman Elementary. We are planning to visit other area Districts that have recently passed successful bonds and finished construction on new buildings. This will help us gather ideas, ask questions and be better informed of the process and options moving forward. Our committee is focused on a plan to help improve not only our buildings, but the learning environments for our students.

Staff Incident/Accidents Report:

Date	School	Incident
12/13/2018	SBE	Prior injury '2018' is now out on time loss, recovering from surgery.
12/4/2019	ACH	Fell down steps at custodian storage room and twisted ankle. Medical attention was sought. 801 form filed. No time loss.
12/9/2019	SBE	Fell during morning recess. Medical attention sought. 801 form filed. No time loss.
12/12/2019	WRE	Slipped on icy blacktop, fell on back and hit head. Medical attention sought. 801 form filed. No time loss.
12/12/2019	HES	Slipped and injured hip and knee. Medical attention sought. 801 form filed. On FULL time loss from SAIF.
12/18/2019	HES	Hurt back while reaching out, medical attention sought. 801 form filed. No time loss.
1/21/2020	SBE	Fell during recess, on icy spot on concrete. 801 form filed. No time loss.
1/30/2020	WRE	Slipped on wet cafeteria floor. Did not seek medical attention.

Financial Report Talking Points:

1. Audit is completed for 19/20 and everything went well overall. There are a few suggestions, which we are working on.
2. Anticipated revenue for the remainder of the year has been adjusted due to updated State School Fund Estimates 1/31/2020. The State School Fund revenue has been reduced, due to the increase in property taxes received this year. Local revenue is subtracted from Total State revenue to determine our State School Fund revenue. (as taxes increase, SSF decrease).