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BOARD REPORT 12/12/2023

Board Members:

Stephanie Thompson

- Attended the virtual Northern NM STEAM Coalition meeting
- Moderated a virtual session for a panel discussion titled "Unlocking Potential: Panel Discussion Addressing Educational Challenges in Rural Communities" that was recorded for the NSBA Rural Education Virtual Summit set to launch on December 13th.
- Participated in the veteran's training for school board members and board of directors meeting organized by NMSBA in Albuquerque, NM.
- Attended a virtual meeting with New Mexico Technology Student Association (TSA) Advisor Clara Raley.
- Attended a virtual meeting with Quality New Mexico Excellence in Learning Committee meeting.
- Attended a virtual meeting for NM EPSCOR Cultivating Indigenous Research Communities for Leadership in Education and STEM (CIRCLES) Alliance as part of the advisory board.

Joan Vallee

To the constituents and children of Farmington School Districts:

At the first meeting I attended in January of 2020, I observed a man wanting to speak to the Board about something outside of the agenda, he was denied. He was told it was not allowed and that the people did not have the right to free speech at a Board meeting, I disagreed and for almost four years did everything possible to help constituents speak to the board. Now you can speak to the Board after almost four years of pushing for free speech you can go to a Board meeting and speak to the board. I thank the other board members who pushed for this for our constituents.

I have been in this office during a strange time, two meetings and COVID lock down occurred. So all meetings were held by Zoom a very good way to expand the ability for more people to attend meetings.

I participated in the hiring of a new superintendent, participated in appointing a board member for an empty position. I have answered emails and phone calls from people wanting to know what can happen to help the children of the district. I directed them as best I could.

I have attended multiple meetings about education and have researched the position of education currently and why our children are not succeeding or are succeeding.

New Mexico is still last in the nation in education and needs to change how our children are taught and how people who want to be teachers are trained. As a college instructor I taught a class called "Art For Elementary Teachers" I saw some of my students dig in their heels when told the fire codes only allowed for 20% of a room to be covered by children's work or posters, some of the students knew this was for safety the others simply thought the law was wrong. When one sees this kind of behavior in people who want to teach who do not think about safety, one begins to wonder. Our children's lives matter their future matters because it is also our future. Our current methods are not working and our children and our future are suffering because of it.

As a former teacher (special education) and college instructor I see the need for people to look upon education as a joyful pursuit for children, parents and the community. At some schools I have seen children tell me what they learned that day, they were excited to tell someone and liked that someone asked them. Some children told me no one ever asked them what they learned or what they wanted to be.

I believe we should ask the children from day 1 what they want to do in life, that doesn't happen from what I have seen, when children are asked they start thinking about it and try on different ideas. Our world is expanding and what was common to have as educational opportunities is changing. We need to allow for this.

So, in the end I ask that all children and adults READ, anything, everything you can get your hands on. Look at old books new books, things at the store, things on line, things on the backs of items you buy just read, reading creates educated human beings and I wish for our children to achieve that place in their lives. And learn to discuss the things you read about, history, art, people, science, language, culture, it's all important in the world and you are important all of you. and question everything.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you and the children.

Cody Diehl – Superintendent:

<p>Safety and Security</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attended drills and met with administrators / continued with training new administrators ● Attended New Mexico Safe Schools Conference ● Finished developing Board Policy for Armed CSM position ● Ordered automatic timers for school zones ● Started implementation of the new visitor management system and finished moving them out to all of schools ● Met with Elementary Principals and briefed them on changes to crossing guards for next year
<p>Public Relations</p>	<p>PR continues to celebrate school events and other happenings. In November we highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Celebration of National Native American Heritage Month including offerings of cultural foods, festivals, and days dedicated to showcasing traditional dress. ● Highlighted Board of Education President, Stephanie Thompson, at the NSBA 2023 Council of Urban Boards of Education Annual Conference. ● Spotlight for Ms. Sara Gurrola as the “Jaguar of the Week” with classroom post. ● Covered Sports at FMS: Football and soccer games. ● Offered free Family Education Webinar on Communication with your Child. ● Continued efforts to encourage voting including help from Rocinante and FHS students. ● Celebrated students excelling at Esperanza, McKinley, Bluffview, Country Club, Hermosa, Ladera del Norte, Animas, Mesa View, Heights, Northeast, McCormick, and San Juan College High School. ● Celebrated student interns from CTE/WBL doing a fantastic job at their sites. ● Highlighted Student Nutrition’s Thanksgiving feast in providing meals to 8,624 students, 503 visiting siblings, and 2,705 parents and grandparents. ● Offered parents webinar on social media and gaming.
<p>Equity Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● District: November’s council included an opportunity to learn more about Desert View Counseling services, along with discussion around the PED’s student climate and culture survey. There will not be a meeting in December. ● FHS: Their council continues to meet monthly. Leadership applications were shared with students and a student leadership team of three was created. These students, along with Ms. Patterson, will lead their council. December’s focus was to understand what equity means, what it looks like, and sounds like. Students worked in groups to determine equitable and inequitable scenarios. ● Esperanza: Their council continues to meet monthly in conjunction with their Student Council. December’s focus was on culture. Students completed an

	<p>investigating student culture activity from Element #39: Understanding Students' Backgrounds and Interests.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tibbetts: December was the first Student Equity Council meeting for TMS! Chris Argotsinger, along with teachers Brian Ingham, Michael Burr, and Carson Guillory led their meeting of 36 students. Students discussed what equity means and worked on getting to know each other. ● January 26th: A leadership conference for these three schools and their equity councils will be held at Central Office.
Athletics and Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● District 1-6A for new alignment is appealing the football districts on the basis of unbalanced teams in the 3 districts. Appeals are being heard on Dec. 11 ● We had 3 athletes that were selected and participated in the NMHSCA All-Star competitions (2 for football and 1 for cross country) ● Construction on the FHS baseball field is well underway and is progressing nicely. Irrigation system should be going in soon, then the new grass will be placed in. ● Our boys soccer coach at PV has begun filling out a grant for lights at PVHS soccer fields. We are working to get lights at the soccer facility.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attended the NMSBA Annual Conference 11/30-12/2 ● Completed 19 Mid Year reviews with Principals last week. ● <i>We continue to refine the process for monitoring the leading indicators of HRS. It is a work in progress, but powerful collaborative discussions with school leaders are happening. Looking forward to presentations on leading indicators 2.3, 2.6, 3.1, 3.3, 3.6</i>

Nate Pierantoni –Director of Support Services:

Nursing and Mental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Daybreak is going well. Mental Health Services for families/students/employees. Roberto has shared info via email and social media. This will occur monthly until May. (8 classes). ● Working on New Scenarios for Drills for the target responder teams at schools ● United Way has donated Lice kits. I have been working with DOH to request they re-implement the standing orders from the state so we can pass those out. It looks like they are going to go ahead and do that. United Way will also be working on fundraising for hygiene products for our homeless kids and kids who can't afford them
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Working on Countywide Medical Forms for all schools to use to make it easier for providers with Dr. Scoggins and Jonathon Palmer. Aztec is pending. ● Need a resource SW for the district. Position posted
<p>Multicultural</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wednesday-Saturday, November 8-11, 2023-Dr. Garrity, Diane Arrington, Carmelita Lee, Raul Marquez-Dominquez, Jessica Shay, Mildred Bitsui, Esther Dennison, Jo Leiba-Jack, LaRosa Dawes attended the LaCosecha Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico ● Tuesday, November 14, 2023 - Dr. Garrity, Nate Pierantoni, Diane Arrington, and Christa Kulidge attended the Fall Tribal Consultation with the Navajo Nation in Kirtland, NM. ● Tuesday, November 14, 2023 - The Multicultural Facilitators attend a professional development with Marzano trainer, Lindsey Troutman on “Providing Scales and Rubrics. ● Tuesday, November 14, 2023 - Carmelita Lee and Diane Arrington attended Apache Elementary’s Diné Dual Language parent night. ● Wednesday, November 15, 2023 - A Native American Fashion show was held at the Turano-Chrisman Performing Arts Theatre from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. ● Thursday, November 16, 2023 - The Native American Programs Office assisted schools to provide a “Frybread Day” for FMS. ● Thursday, November 16, 2023 - Diane Arrington and Dr. Garrity attended the monthly cabinet meeting in the boardroom. ● Multicultural Programs and Native American Programs meet each Monday morning for a department meeting. ● Monday, November 27, 2023 - Diane Arrington met with Michelle Hill to design a way for mandatory parent notification letters to be sent in multiple languages. ● Monday, November 27, 2023 - Dr. Garrity met with the district Native American Youth Advisors (NAYA). ● Tuesday, November 28, 2023-The Native American Programs Office hosted “The Yazzie Case” Book talk as part of the Native American Heritage Month. ● Wednesday, November 29, 2023 - A Native American Festival showcasing student talent was held at the Turano-Chrisman Performing Arts Theater in the morning and the Henderson Fine Arts Theater in evening. ● Thursday, November 30, 2023 - Lyn White and Diane Arrington met with the McCormick Spanish Dual Language teacher at Central Office for a full day professional development on best practices for dual language programs. ● Thursday, November 30, 2023 - The following groups of teachers met at Central Office to work on their Scales and Topics: Spanish World Language, Spanish Bilingual K - 12, and Navajo Language K - 12. ● Thursday, November 30, 2023 - Dr. Garrity submitted the annual TESR report.

- Friday, December 1, 2023 - The Multicultural Office began working with high school counselors and the NAYA to gather the names of students who will apply for the State Seal of Bilingualism and Biliteracy (SSBB).
- Friday, December 1, 2023 - Diane Arrington began working with schools, Linda Kerr, and EPO to gather the accommodations for yearly ACCESS for ELs Assessment.
- Friday, December 1, 2023 - Raul Marquez-Dominguez met with the Community Committee who will hear and score Spanish SSBB presentations to update procedures.
- Friday, December 1, 2023 - Dr. Garrity began working on the Impact Aid Application which is due in January 2024. This requires significant collaboration with tribal Chapter Houses.
- Monday, December 4, 2023 - Diane Arrington met with Linda Kerr to plan the mandatory security training for the upcoming ACCESS for ELs assessment.
- Tuesday and Wednesday, December 5 & 6 - FMS hosted NMPED Language & Culture Bureau and WIDA for a two workshop "Writing with Multilingual Learners in the Elementary Grades" for elementary ELD teachers.
- Thursday, December 7, 2023 - Diane Arrington attended the SJC Herencia Latina Community Advisory Committee meeting.
- Thursday, December 7, 2023 - The Multicultural Office held the annual, required security training for the ACCESS for ELs assessment at Animas Elementary from 3:30 - 4:20 pm.

Bobbi Newland – Chief Financial Officer:

- The audit committee met on November 20th for the audit exit meeting. The audit was sent to the state auditor on December 7th.
- The 40th day count numbers have been sent to PED but not certified yet. The process for the 80th day student count began in December. I will update you all on the 40th day count as soon as the numbers are certified.