

Minidoka County School District

Superintendent's Report

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Correspondence

- We received a notice from **Jerome County** about proposed changes to the **Jerome County Zoning Ordinance** and one from the **City of Heyburn** about a **Zoning Map Amendment**. I have a more information if interested.

Information/Updates

- **Assessment Materials Grant** – Thanks to Sherry Bingham and her staff for their work in applying for this grant. We were awarded \$6,646 from the State Department of Education to purchase Special Education Assessment Materials.
- **Mini-Cassia PAuSe** would love to have more representation from Minidoka County! They have **Lunch and Learn** meetings every third Thursday in March, May, July, September and November and **Community Meetings** every third Wednesday of April, June, August, October and December. Please join them at the Burley Inn for at least one of their meetings!
- **Public Relations Plan** – We have begun to develop a Public Relations Plan to better represent the District to the community. We have been gathering feedback from our administrators and department heads and hope to share at a future Board meeting.

Meetings/Activities

- **Staff/Building Visits:**

I have attended a number of Mt. Harrison staff meetings and we have begun to work on a staff handbook by addressing how student discipline is to be handled. Trustee Stimpson and I handed out **Years of Service Pins at Paul Elementary** on February 14.

I have had a number of meetings with individual staff and held a **District Office** staff meeting January 23 and a **Department Head** meeting February 5.

Rupert Elementary Science Night – I was able to stop by Rupert Elementary's very successful Science Night and saw many students and parents in attendance and participating in the many displays and activities.

- **Committee/Community Meetings:**

I attended the Region IV Superintendent's meeting February 19 and shared an update regarding our resolution and legislative activities.

- **Legislative Meetings:**

I spent Wednesday January 22 in Boise where I met with Peter McPherson at the State Department of Education and Senator Kelly Anthon. I also scheduled a meeting with Quinn Perry and Karen Echeverria from ISBA and Debbie Critchfield, Chair of the State Board of Education and after meeting with them I attended the Senate Education Committee meeting that afternoon.

I returned to Boise on January 29 and attended the House Education Committee meeting that morning and met with Senator Mortimer, Chair of the Senate Education Committee.

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He and I gave Quinn Perry permission to have a bill drafted to address our resolution. We also met with Senator Woodward and again attended the Senate Ed Committee meeting.

In emails and phone calls the next week it was determined that it would be better if we supported a proposal by the SDE rather than force our bill, which I did, calling Senator Mortimer on February 13 to encourage him in hearing the SDE Proposal.

During the Day on the Hill I also visited with Speaker Bedke, Representative Fred Wood, Senator Kelly Anthon, and Representative Lance Clow (Twin Falls), Chair of the House Education Committee.

District Happenings

- **Love & Logic Classes** were offered at Rupert Elementary School in January and earlier this month. There were eight parents in attendance. The class will be offered again starting March 4 at Paul Elementary. The Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley in Rupert will be providing free child care and we pay for the workbooks. The two teachers for the class are Sue Cooper, a retired Minidoka teacher, and Carol Loveless, who currently teaches at Acequia.
- **Vaping Grant** – On February 10 we had a Town Hall and shared some additional information about the dangers of Vaping and announced the [Media Contest Winners](#). The grant prize of \$100 went to Calista Stevenson from East Minico for a song she wrote and performed in a video. You can view it here: <https://youtu.be/pmf-qzmyNJ8>. The event was featured on KMVT News.
- **Hope Squad** – Students from both the Mt. Harrison and Minico Hope Squad classes presented to the Rupert Kiwanis on February 18. This program, which trains students to be more aware of others around them, seems to already have an impact on students at both schools.
 - We recently had an article in the Times-News about the Hope Squad and it too was featured on KMVT.
 - Our Hope Squads were highlighted in the State Department of Education's 'Bright Spots' and posted on their [Facebook Page here](#).
- The **District Science Curriculum Committee** met to review three different curricula and make a recommendation for next year. All grade levels and schools were represented!

Upcoming Events:

- February 28th Special Board Meeting (Skype Interviews)
- March 2 Special Board Meeting, 7:00 (Announce Finalists)
- March 4 Policy Review Committee Meeting, 3:45
- March 9 Agenda Review, 3:00
- March 10 Health and Wellness Committee Meeting, 3:30
- March 13th Meet and Greet Final Candidates @ DSC, 6:00 -7:30
- March 14th Interview Candidates, 9:00 a.m.

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- March 16th Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 (Announce Superintendent)