

Minidoka County School District

Superintendent's Report

January 18, 2016

Correspondence

- I received an announcement from the **National Park Service** announcing a **Youth Conservation Corp** summer opportunity at Yellowstone National Park and forwarded it to the Minico counselors.
- I received a letter indicating that we would receive a \$53,233.88 settlement for the damages incurred at West Minico, Paul Elementary, and Minico High School during the electrical storm last May. This is an example of the excellent service we receive from Moreton Insurance as this claim was processed in about 30 days.
- I received a thank you letter from the Christmas Council for the help they received from Minico students and other district staff.

Information/Updates

- **PTE Apprenticeship Opportunities** – I will be working with Chet Jeppeson from the local **Department of Labor** Office to write a \$25,000 grant to improve our PTE offerings.
- **LVK Architects** – I met with representatives from LVK architects asking for pricing information on services for the following projects: 1) establish cost estimates for adding classrooms to our elementary schools, 2) adding a freezer and dry storage at the Food Service building, 3) addition of larger freezer and fridge space at Minico High School, and 4) a population projection study.
- **Qualtrics Contract** – I have approved the use of Qualtrics services in the district. Qualtrics is a survey company out of Utah that will provide a method of gathering information from students, parents and staff. We will also use their services to establish a bullying reporting method that will not only make it easier to report bullying, but will also help us identify where bullying is taking place.
- **Interest Based Bargaining Training** – Board members, administrators, and MCEA representatives met on January 27 and again on February 11. We discussed the necessary background concepts in relation to interest based bargaining. We also agreed to expanding the training on February 23 from an evening session to an all-day training. I wish to express appreciation to Bruce Boyd, the trainer for these sessions, for his willingness to work with such a large group and to be flexible in what is presented.

Meetings/Activities

- **Parent Meetings/Calls:**
 - I met with a parent who expressed concern about our attendance makeup policy. I invited her to the Policy Review Committee (PRC), which she did attend, and indicated that we will bring this topic up to the Admin Team and to the PRC for discussion.
- **Service Recognition Pins:**
 - We have created a webpage where we have posted pictures of recipients along with a complete list of those who received certificates this year.

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- **Informal Expulsion Hearings:** Since the last regular board meeting I have conducted one informal expulsion hearing for an elementary student.
- **Baseball/Softball Coaches:** I met with three baseball and softball coaches who were seeking permission to pursue the construction of a batting facility on the Minico site. I asked them to develop a proposal to share with the board once they determine just how much they would be able to fund raise.
- **Administrator Evaluation Committee:** This committee has not yet met.
- **Idaho School Superintendents Association:** I attended this meeting of superintendents while in Boise for Day on the Hill. We heard reports from various lobbyists concerning the current legislative session. Almost all of which was good news, career ladder and additional operational funding not even being discussed because it is a forgone conclusion that they will be funded.
- **Staff/Building Visits:**
 - I have visited with administration and staff at Mt. Harrison, East Minico, Minico, and Acequia, Rupert, and Heyburn Elementary Schools.
 - I met with the Classified Voice Committee and visited with them about Ubuntu. We also discussed 1) the district inservice and how they appreciated being invited and 2) the fact that they are pleased with the board's response to their concerns from last year and do not see a need to meet with the board during a work session this year.
 - I met with some transportation staff and have begun addressing their concerns.
 - I attended the Minico Hybrid Schedule presentation on February 8.
- **ARTEC Board Report:** ARTEC is in the process of seeking an Executive Director/Principal since Michael Gibson will be retiring at the end of June.
- **Committee Meetings:** I met with the Calendar Committee, Policy Review Committee, MCEA Leadership, the Minidoka Education Foundation, and attended Substitute Teacher Training.

Upcoming Events

February 23	Interest Based Bargaining Training from 9 am to 4 pm (lunch will be served)
March 2	Facilities Committee Meeting at noon
March 9	Parent Patron Advisory Team Meeting at noon
March 9	Policy Review Committee Meeting at 3:40
March 10	Interest Based Bargaining Negotiations from 5 to 7 pm
March 14	Regular Board Meeting – Work Session Topic: Budget Assumptions