

Administration Reports

September 2018

Sam Boardman Elementary/Windy River Elementary/Riverside Jr/Sr High School

MCSD Strategic Goal #2 focuses on, developing and fostering “strong communication and safety practices...”. The goal also states the need to “build trust and improve partnerships with communities, parents, business, civic, and cultural groups,” as well as “develop a transparent and consistent communication system that keeps stakeholders informed and connected...”

Boardman schools have worked for the past several years in reaching the objectives outlined in this strategic goal. A central component of our communications has been through a myriad of sources. We believe that all resources should be utilized in interacting with families. Among these, include:

- Facebook
- Twitter
- School Messenger
- Parent Meetings
- Site Council
- School website
- Community Meetings
- Surveys
- Letters home

These forms of communication are vitally important to our programs and allowing parents and community members the full grasp of resources available to them and their child. The communications have also proven to assist in the building of positive relationships with staff and community.

Each building in Boardman has taken on specific ways in which to communicate and build relationships. Windy River has a monthly parent meeting and partners with Sam Boardman for an annual Extravaganza event. This event allows community resources to be available at one location for parents. It continues to grow and allows a wide variety of entities into the schools. Sam Boardman will also begin a monthly parent meeting. The purpose of this time is to allow parents to share thoughts or concerns they may have.

Riverside has been working hard to communicate effectively with all stakeholders. As was shared, they are communicating with parents in a variety of media. Last year their leadership students made the decision to start a monthly broadcast explaining important upcoming events as well as celebrating successes of students and staff at the school.

These are just a few of the many ways in which Boardman schools are working at developing positive relations and communication with all of our stakeholders.

A.C. Houghton Elementary

Welcome back to the 2018-2019 school year. We welcomed two new staff members here at ACH, Caitlin Shimer -1st grade and Chris Hardcastle - assistant custodian. We are excited to be back with the students and working on implementing Conscious Discipline throughout the school.

AC Houghton is continually working on developing strong communication with our stakeholders in many forms. We have the school website and Facebook for digital information. Our goal is to post important

information/dates, monthly newsletters, events, ACH and district goals, and fun photos from day to day learning at ACH.

Our communication with all stakeholders in our community is vital to support our students and staff. This year at ACH we are excited to announce the completion of a new play structure that was only possible with the help of our community stakeholders Wildhorse Foundation, Good Shepard Foundation, and Tillamook-Port of Morrow. Also, our parent teacher organization has worked tirelessly over the past 4 years to help raise funds for the playground through community events and fundraisers.

Finally, at ACH we are thrilled to work with the CARE team and Morrow County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Siex – SRO, works with our staff and students talking about safety issues and being a positive role model in our school. At ACH, we are also fortunate to have a Community Counseling Solutions counselor that comes into the school weekly to see students and families. They assist our families in many ways and work with our community partners in providing anything from basic needs to finding housing. We are looking forward to another great year of learning!!

Irrigon Elementary School

We are very excited to welcome you all back to a new school year with Morrow County School District! Every year brings new challenges and successes that our teachers are eager to embark on. At Irrigon elementary we have a few new staff members who will be joining our team. We have had great luck this year with reaching out to several community partnerships, that support us with our after school program. We will continue to have the drive to communicate to our parents and community members throughout the school year.

We are welcoming 4 new staff members to our school. We are so grateful to have them in our building, educating our students. Here is a bit of information/background about them. Our 6th grade has a new but familiar face joining their team. Alex Hobbs graduated from Oregon State University with a Bachelor of Art degree in Political Science. She has subbed in our school during the 2017-18 school year in multiple classrooms. This however will be her first year in her very own classroom. Alex is eager to work/collaborate with her grade level colleagues. Alex is a great addition to our IES family. She and her family are part of the Irrigon community and her boys attend AC Houghton. In the band department of IES we will share George Izzett with IJSHS. George comes to us from Oregon City, Oregon. George has a Bachelor of Science degree in Arts and Letters. George also attended Concordia University where he received a Master of Arts and Teaching in Music/Multiple Subjects. George has been teaching for 16 years. He is very excited to get back into public education and is looking forward to getting to know the Irrigon community. George has a passion for teaching music and for students to be able to find an instrument that fits their music abilities/interest. George also has a huge interest in soccer and will be the Head Girls Soccer Coach for IJSHS. We have another new staff member who will be teaching in the ELL department, who we will have to share with IJSHS. Ivan Navarrete graduated from Western Oregon University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice. Ivan will also be attending Grand Canyon University where he will graduate with a Master of Arts degree in Elementary Education. Ivan has been in our building a lot last year as a substitute. He did a fantastic job with the long-term substitute position at our school. Ivan already has visions for his classroom and is very excited to join our IES family. Ivan is a great team player, who wants to collaborate with staff about students, and provide support needed to make them successful. Ivan will also be the Assistant Girls Soccer Coach for IJSHS. In addition to our new teachers we have a new educational assistant as of this week. Please join us in welcoming Ashlee Muller. Ashlee is coming to us from La Grande, Oregon where she has been attending Eastern Oregon University. Ashlee is working on her bachelor degree of Science, with an emphasis of Physical Activity and Health. Ashlee has a love for softball and enjoys being part of a team. Ashlee is over the moon excited to be part of our staff,

has a positive attitude and relentless work ethic towards her daily tasks. Again, please help me in welcoming Ashlee to the IES team.

Our afterschool program will be kicking off soon and we have some great opportunities for our students to be able to participate in. On Tuesdays we have Anna Browne coming to work on 4-H activities/lessons with our students. She will also be giving our students the opportunity to learn about the different groups that are associated with 4-H. We will also have Angie Treadwell from OSU Extension teaching nutrition classes and will teach the students how to read recipes and they will even have the opportunity to do a little bit of cooking. Next, we have Audri Garcilazo from CCS teaching Therapeutic Art again this year, which our students enjoyed last year. Lastly, on Thursdays Kathy Street and Claudia Gomez, from Oregon Trail Library District will be leading a group that has a focus of innovative learning. We are very excited for our students to be able to experience the lessons/activities that our community partners have in store for them.

As a district and school we will continue to focus in the area of communication to parents and community members. We will continue to communicate using our school website, daily Monday folders, school messenger, and posting our monthly calendar on our school website. By using all of the avenues above we believe that student's parents will be informed of the "happenings" at IES.

All in all, we are very pleased with the new staff member additions we have at IES. We also look forward in having so many community partners participate in our afterschool program. I know our students will be able to learn new skills and knowledge based from innovative learning and through hands on approaches. We are excited to start the 2018-19 journey with our staff, students, and community partnerships.

Irrigon Jr/Sr High School

Welcome back to a new school year! Irrigon Jr/Sr High School is very excited to welcome 8 new teachers to our Knights family. Mr. Tim McCreary is returning to Morrow County after spending the last 3 years in retirement. Mr. McCreary will be joining our staff teaching High School Science. Tim had once taught science at Riverside, before moving on to Hermiston High School. Christine Estrella travelled all the way from Las Vegas, Nevada to join our staff as our JH Math teacher. Christine has 13 years of teaching experience, all at the JH math level. Kaylee Hunter is our new special education teacher. She recently received her Master's degree in special education. Prior to going back to get her Master's degree, she had worked as a long-term substitute in Irrigon, which sparked her interest in special education, and worked this last year in Albany, Oregon. George Izzett, who grew up in Pilot Rock and his parents lived in Heppner at one point, comes to us from Jesuit High School in Portland. George will be teaching band and choir for us this year. The remaining teachers are joining us for their first year of teaching. Ivan Navarrete joins the staff at IJSHS and IES as our ELD teacher. He was a long-term substitute for both IJSHS and IES last year. His bilingual ability will be a valuable asset with our students at both schools. Marissa Gonzalez, a recent graduate from EOU and originally from Nyssa, joins us as a PE. Osten Cerrillo will be taking over our JH Science program and Stacey Robledo will be our new JH Language Arts teachers, both are from Hermiston.

We have also added a new teacher to the Morrow Education Center. Shelley Liscom is the new Head Teacher at the Morrow Education Center. Shelley previously worked as an administrator in Stanfield. She brings a great amount of energy and the right mindset to support the student at the Morrow Education Center.

One focus for the new school year is continuing to build on our plan for more efficient, safe, and effective ways to communicate with our students, families, and community partners. We have already began the process of increasing our communication by advertising the school messenger app for parents during

registration and utilizing online registration for parents to speed up the process during registration. This year we had a large number of parents register online. We have also requested that our teachers use group-messaging applications such as Remind to communicate with their students groups rather than using their personal phones to text students individually. Lastly, one of our Site Council plans is to increase information for parent communication at conferences.

Lastly, our building leadership team read the book “Engaging Students With Poverty In Mind”. Our leadership team will be using this book as the foundation for building level professional development, with a focus on communicating with our students and families of poverty. One of the areas that we are looking to continually improve upon is building relationships with our students, and we are hoping this will improve our ability to do so with a growing demographic within our school population.

We are looking forward to a great school year!!

Heppner Elementary

HES has settled into routines with current enrollment of 179 after the first two weeks. We continue to foster strong communication with all of our stake holders. This year right at 300 people attended our open house. Our Parent Teacher Club (PTC) has sponsored this by providing a meal which seems to bring more people. The Open House gave the families of our students the chance to learn about their classroom and regular procedures. We continue to reinforce this by regular contact with families through ‘Monday Folders’. Many of our classes also use student clipboards that have a daily schedule on them to communicate on a daily basis with families.

The weekly bulletin and a monthly newsletter that we use to communicate with families and within the building are on our website for any interested party. We also maintain a facebook page where announcements can be found. We continue using the “R School” program to communicate better the use of the building providing one location for anyone who wants to check the schedule for dates of availability and to see what is going on.

Another vital part of our communication is through the monthly Safety meeting which is attended by our School Resource Officer. The addition of Deputy Kippley and his daily presence in our building has increased the communication and fostered a closer relationship with the Sheriff’s Office.

Beginning this year Mr. Waite meets with our CARE coordinator, SRO and school counselor weekly in a multi-disciplinary team (MDT) meeting. We are able to share knowledge and provide the appropriate support for students and families in need. Working with HHS and CARE we were able to change the day that Peggy is in our building to support this meeting.

We also share several modes of communication with HJHSH, one of these is the reader board. Folks at Columbia Basin Electric have been instrumental in placing that and providing that platform. School Messenger, which is district wide also, is another shared platform used to communicate school closures or delays for inclement weather.

Mr. Waite attends as many of the Heppner Chamber meetings as he can. While there he makes a report on the happenings at HES and learns of community activities available to and affecting the students at HES. We also use the Heppner Gazette times as a resource for brief articles regarding the goings on at HES.

Mr. Waite continues to use Tyler SIS to send an email to all parents for reminders and notifications. This may have been part of the reason for the fabulous attendance of our open house. Of course the word may have spread from last year about the free food too.

Online registration this fall continues to help with a couple of aspects of our communication. First, it provided a current email address for parents. Second, it gave the families an opportunity to sign up for text and phone messages through School Messenger. Finally, this process familiarized many parents with the Parent Portal of Tyler SIS where they can see their children's attendance, lunch account balance and regularly check their grades.

Heppner Jr/Sr High School

We are off to a great start to the 2018-19 school year at HJSHS. For this month's report, I will be highlighting events at HJSHS that relate to *MCSO Goal #2: Develop and foster strong communication practices that support the district's mission and goals with all stakeholder populations. MCSO will strive to build trust and improve partnerships with communities, including parents, business, civic and cultural groups. MCSO will look to develop transparent and consistent communication systems that keep stakeholders informed and connected to important news and events in our school district.*

We have several events planned at HJSHS for the month of September that are being advertised and announced 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. Back to School Night, new student/seventh grade conferences and freshmen conferences are all being held during the month of September.

Homecoming will be October 1st through the 5th and the Mustangs will host home contests in Cross Country, Football and Volleyball. Many thanks to our local community for their continued support and involvement with the spirit parade that will be held on Thursday afternoon of homecoming week and for joining us on the middle of main street for the community cheer rally during the spirit parade. I also want to extend a **"BIG THANKS"** to our Booster Club, Local Business Community, and Site Council for all of their continued support! Go Mustangs!

Switching gears, we will also be doing a follow-up to our "One Text or Call Could WRECK It All campaign" which the HJSHS-ASB officers introduced to our student body last school year. We will be working with our new SRO (Ken Kippley) to raise awareness of the impact of distracted driving. Additionally, we are planning to hold grade level workshops focused on cell phone and social media safety which is a continuation of similar workshops that we've held previously by our school counselor with assistance from the Morrow County Sheriff's Office. We are planning to have our SRO, along with Detective Snyder from the Sheriff's Office participate and Mr. Grant and our school counselor Amy George will help facilitate. This has been a very worthwhile and informative experience as they explained the dangers and pitfalls associated with cell phones and social media.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

MCSO – Maintenance & Facilities Update – September 2018

Our Custodians and Grounds Crew did an amazing job getting the buildings and facilities ready for staff and students while managing projects and contractors this summer!

Heppner Schools are upgrading their outdoor lighting for safety in the evenings/early mornings which will be completed by October. In Irrigon, we updated the Health Room at AC Houghton, purchased a new floor cleaning machine for Irrigon Elementary, installed basketball hoop power winches at Irrigon Jr/Sr High School and at Morrow Education Center we installed new surveillance cameras, while a hallway door and entry window were upgraded. In Boardman, carpet was replaced at Riverside High School in three areas, the parking lot and vehicle entries at Sam Boardman were painted to maximize parking and flow of traffic for patrons and staff and Windy River had a new sidewalk installed to ensure student safety when walking to and from school.

The Port of Morrow helped facilitate our Entry/Bus Lane/Paving Project at Windy River Elementary which will be completed by the end of September. This project will widen the entry/exit to both the main building parking lot and the gym parking lot, create a bus lane around the school, and pave the road and create sidewalks along Tatone Street in front of WRE.

Rock Enterprises is putting the final touches on the new Half-Court Basketball Court and Green Space at Morrow Education Center. This will offer several options for physical activity and a break area for the students during their school day.

Tremco Roofing is repairing two areas at Riverside Jr/Sr High School on the Main Building and the Shop Building. This project should be done in the next two weeks. We are holding off on the Soffit/Gutter Repair at this time.

Staff Incident/Accidents Report:

We have no staff accidents to report for July or August 2018.

Date	School	Incident

Financial Report Talking Points:

The business office is hosting the auditors the first week and last week in September.