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School Board Meeting Agenda Item

Topic: Administrative Reports
 Contact(s):
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Nature of Action Requested by Board

Board action
 Board information or scheduled report

Background Information

<p>Community Walkers</p>	<p>Community walkers could not use buildings during 2020-21 due to COVID, but the program started again in the fall, 2021. All walkers register in the Community Education office and wear an ID badge while in RWHS, Twin Bluff, Sunnyside, or Burnside.</p> <p>The School Board approved use of school facilities before and after the school day for renters as well as CE&R at the Operations committee, October 5, 2020, as long as all COVID guidelines were followed and our office managed after hours building and field use. We followed the guidance and directives of Governor Walz and our office updated protocols and facility use agreements as directives changed. Once the Governor lifted restrictions, we followed directives and recommendations of the School Board, CDC, MN Department of Health, MN Department of Human Services and the COVID team with social distancing, room/space capacity, masks and hand watching.</p>
<p>Emergency Medical Funds</p>	<p>Donations for Emergency Medical Funds likely came because of a challenge issued by the Lions Club, Anne Robertson’s presentation at a Kiwana’s meeting, and the following newsletter announcement:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Keep the emergency health fund going</p> <p>The nurses of Red Wing Public Schools created an emergency medical fund a few years ago to fill drug prescriptions and fill a greater need – keeping all students healthy and learning in school.</p> <p>At this time, Licensed School Nurse Joni Gorman says the department needs monetary donations to keep the Emergency Medical Needs Fund going. Similar to the student food shelf, this fund relies on donations because district funds cannot be used.</p> </div>

	<p>The inability for a family to fill a student’s prescription for an antibiotic, behavioral medication or insulin can lead to escalating health consequences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A student comes to school ill and passes the infection to other students. • A student goes untreated and stays home sick longer than necessary, missing more school and falling behind academically. • A student goes untreated or stops receiving treatment and the condition leads to something more serious or even life-threatening. <p>Joni Gorman estimates that the nursing staff encounters a half dozen requests each year ranging from \$6 to \$600.</p> <p>Two local service clubs, Lions and Noontime Kiwanis, have answered the call, but more funds are needed.</p> <p>“The Red Wing Lions challenge the other Red Wing service clubs to support the school district’s emergency health fund. I will take their president out to coffee/beverage to any club who matches our donation,” said Stan Nerhaugen II, Red Wing Lions president.</p> <p>People may drop off or send donations to: Red Wing Public Schools 2451 Eagle Ridge Drive Red Wing, MN 55066</p> <p>Make checks payable to ISD 256 and write “Emergency Medical Needs Fund” in the memo line. Donations are tax deductible.</p> <p>Note that school nurses do not prescribe the medication. The process involves referrals after the student sees a private care provider.</p>
<p>Post-Secondary Enrollment Options</p>	<p>A board member asked several questions about post-secondary enrollment options (PSEO). Answers to those questions related to our relationship with Minnesota State College—Southeast are attached. Additional documents are included as extras for this agenda.</p>
<p>Staffing Update</p>	<p>Open positions as of 2/9/22:</p> <p>Food Service: 2@RWHS General Education Paraprofessionals: 1@Colvill, 1@BES, 1@TBS SPED Paraprofessionals:1@Colvill, 2@BES Coaching: 3 vacancies</p>
<p>Substitutes</p>	<p>Unfilled substitutes from February 7th-11th</p> <p>Paraprofessionals: Average of 6.4 unfilled absences per day. Teachers: Average of 2.6 unfilled absences per day.</p>

2023-24 School Calendar	Jen Grove is working on the 2023-24 school calendar so parents and staff can better plan in future years. The Calendar Committee will discuss a proposed calendar on February 21 st . School Board approval is planned for this spring.
Operating Levy Update	Attached is Anne Robertson’s latest update about referendum planning.
RFP for educational Planning	Four proposals for educational planning services were received on January 20 th . The district is currently interviewing three of the firms. The fourth firm estimated a cost \$20,000 over the donation.
Demographic Study	The district secured a proposal from a demographer to conduct a demographic study in conjunction with our educational planning. The goal is to estimate enrollment trends. Cost of the proposal is \$5,000.
Status of COVID-Related Federal Grants	<p>Here is a status report on COVID-related Federal grants:</p> <p>ESSER III General Allocation, \$1,684,503, Approved ESSER III Learning Recovery, \$421,126, Approved Emergency Connectivity Fund, \$455,849, Approved COVID Testing, \$146,433, Approved ARP Homeless Children and Youth, \$6,968, Submitted ESSER III Lost Instructional Time, \$131,486, Approved ESSER III Pandemic Enrollment Loss, \$147,311, Approved, Budget Pending</p>