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School Board Meeting Agenda Item

Topic:Administrative ReportsContact(s):Presenter(s):Karsten Anderson, Superintendent

Nature of Action Requested by Board

Board action Board information or scheduled report

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Background Information

Minnesota State College Southeast Advisory Council	 Topics at the 9/17/2020 meeting included: A mechatronics training grant application for community-wide training that could include training for high school students in basic electronics; Focus on using common curriculum to build pathways at the college; Increasing presence of administrators at each campus to reduce travel time and costs; Presidential search process starting this fall with a decision expected in April; Potential grants related to maritime training and focus on the Mississippi River; and Changes to the bicycle program this year.
Child and Family Collaborative	 Topics at the 9/17/2020 meeting included: Budget fund balance, budget proposal, coordinator position (extension by two years); Revision of collaborative goals; Grant application and guidelines; Community hub grant; Project updates; Vice-chair position; Member roundtable.
District Committee Meetings	Jess Whitcomb developed a list of district committees and timeline for meetings. Committees include the District Advisory Committee; Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee; Technology Committee; Equity Team; Evaluation Committee; Continuing Education Units Committee; and District Wellness Team.

In-Person Board Meetings	
Fall Sports	Football and volleyball seasons are beginning in early October. Hiring of coaches will be on the October 5 th agenda.
Educational Data Sharing Agreements and Student Releases	Karsten is working with partner organizations on updated Educational Data Sharing Agreements. These agreements will be first reviewed by the Legislative and Policy Committee before being presented to the school board.
E-Learning Plan	
Free and Reduced Lunch Applications	We need families to complete Free and Reduced Lunch Applications even if they are already taking free meals.
Survey of Families Open Enrolling Students Out of the District	Karsten obtained a survey used by another district to determine reasons why parents open enroll their students out of Red Wing. A survey of 200 families in Red Wing is tentatively planned for November/December.
Instructional Technology Leadership	Beginning second quarter, a RWHS teacher will be working part-time as an instructional technology leadership coach paid by reallocating staff assignments and staff development funds.
	In addition, the district posted for 16 building technology contacts (\$1000/person/year) to assist their colleagues with Google Classroom and other instructional technology needs. Local donations and/or staff development revenue will be used.
School-Sponsored Clinic	A board member asked about why only employees with school health insurance can use the school-sponsored health clinic. When it was first created, there were concerns about monitoring who could use the clinic, capacity of the clinic, and members choosing not to take health insurance because of the clinic and then regretting it when a major incident occurred. The Personnel Committee may want to review these concerns because I believe now that all of them can be adequately addressed.
Number of online-only students	There are 167 students in K-4 who are online-only and 375 students in grades 5-12 who are online-only.

Recommendation

None at this time.