

Minidoka County School District
Superintendent's Report
July 18, 2016

Correspondence

- **District SpED Determinations** – Sherry Bingham, our Special Service Director, received notice that in the State's recent review of their files we received a perfect score on their record keeping. The score sheet and an overview of what was assessed is attached. If you are interested, we have more detailed information on the scoring.
- **myCollegeOptions** – We received the attached letter and participation report from myCollegeOptions, a non-profit research organization. We had a number of students participate in their survey this past year. It is interesting to note that we have a higher percentage of students planning on pursuing a STEM career than the national average. I have submitted approval to have our students participate again next year in this survey.

Information/Updates

- **Curriculum Budget** – We learned this past month that the curriculum funds we had previously received from the state have been diverted to pay for software at the state level. We had budgeted \$50,000 for these funds. Because we have budgeted conservatively and can use ISAT Remediation funds for some of our curriculum needs this should not have a negative impact on the budget. I received the following concerning our fund balance in an email from Michelle Deluna:
“First estimates of fund balance, according to the monies still owed estimate, will be roughly \$1,650,000 last year the fund balance was \$1,633,000, so it will be pretty close to last year. Of that \$1,650,000, designations of \$275,000 belong to Medicaid, IRI, ISAT, grants, Kinderkamp and the carryover to cover the mats. So that would leave us roughly \$1,375,000. We projected \$1,330,000 to budget the 16-17 budget, so we would be ahead \$45,000 and that could cover the \$50,000 over budgeted curriculum line item in 16-17. We might just squeak by and continue to maintain the \$1,000,000 contingency for next year. Now we just have to cross our fingers that our units we projected are more than 203 for the upcoming year.”
- **Purchasing Card Proposal** – We have received a proposal to establish the use of Purchasing Card (P-cards) in the district from Wells Fargo Bank. I have included in the board packet information from Wells Fargo and will be working with Michelle Deluna to develop a policy and procedures for your consideration at our July 25th meeting.
- **ARTEC**
 - **Minico Diesel Program Proposal** – The ARTEC board did approve increasing our Diesel program to .8 FTE from the current .5 FTE, but only on a one year trial basis. There was concern over having too many ARTEC students in the different programs.
 - **Memorandum of Understanding** – The Board needs to approve the MoU with ARTEC to receive the 3.8 FTE in funding for the different ARTEC courses we are offering at Minico.
- **Employee of the Year Banquet and Retirement Reception Dates** – Kerri Tibbitts would like to schedule the Employee of the Year Banquet and Retirement Reception for next year on Wednesday April 5th, and Friday May 9th, respectively. These dates were chosen similar to this year with the Retirement Reception moved up a week to avoid the last day of school and Memorial Day weekend.

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- **Chartwells Meeting** – Russ Taylor is still trying to schedule a meeting to determine what we want from them in terms of an evaluation of our food service system.

Meetings/Activities

- **Danielson Training Pays Off** - I took the Teachscape Assessment and passed both sections. This assessment determines how well you are able to observe and evaluate teachers using the Danielson model. It is a requirement for administrators in order to renew their administrative certificate starting next year. I have sent in the paperwork to renew my certification this year and though it was not required for me to take the test, I felt I would be better prepared to work with our administrative team if I did.
- **Staff/Building Visits** - I visited the lunch in the park at Lincoln Park in Rupert and plan on visiting each of the other sites sometime this month.
- **Committee/Community Meetings:** Other than attend the Fourth of July festivities and work in the Kiwanis booth on the Fourth I have not attended any community meetings.

Upcoming Events

July 21 **ISBA Summer Institute** – Rigby, ID – 1 to 6 pm

July 28 **ISBA Summer Institute** – Boise, ID – 1 to 6 pm

August 2 **Admin Retreat** – Boise – 10 am – 4 pm

August 15 **Henry Winkler in Twin Falls** – You will need a District ID to attend using the tickets we have received as a District. We will have those for you at our July 25 meeting. If you are interested in attending we will also get you tickets.

August 17 **District Back to School Event** – Starting at 8 am in the Minico Auditorium

August 22 **Regular Board Meeting** - 5:00 pm – Work Session with Admin Team Members

August 23 **First Day of School**