

Administration Reports

March 2020

Sam Boardman Elementary

Morrow County School District has set a priority in maintaining “a strong financial management plan that supports staying current with infrastructure and providing innovative learning opportunities for students”. Sam Boardman has become technologically advanced K-3. With the installation of our 18 cameras we have dramatically improved the safety for staff and students. We are currently working to obtain a grant from UEC for the purchase of two basketball hoops for the gym. The cost estimation for these additions has been quoted around \$18,000. Following the installation of the equipment Sam Boardman will be better equipped to support local sports and allow more practice times for our community.

We have begun our second “Beyond the Bell” session which includes 12 classes. Our community partnerships and teachers within Boardman have allowed this program to thrive over the past several years. Classes for this session include: 1st grade skill building, academic reading, art, crafts, language & culture, library, science, sewing, social studies, STEM, volleyball and a study hall for our 5th and 6th grade students.

Our good news at Sam Boardman is the amazing staff that we have working with our students. I have been involved with education directly for 14 years. Within this time, I have worked around amazing individuals. It has been a pleasure to have been able to associate with the staff at Sam Boardman and greatly appreciate ALL that they do for our students and community.

Together we truly do inspire!

Windy River Elementary

Goal #3

Windy River Elementary will maintain budget parameters and be fiscally responsible. Our budget will be used to maintain current safety needs, Friday school program, 6th grade Outdoor School, classroom needs, and electronic devices. Future endeavors will focus on searching ways that will engage students through a STEAM focus. We also continue to build home and school connections.

Financial management plan in these categories:

Innovative learning opportunities for students - we have continued to use resources to purchase books for our library, supplies for our teachers, and supplies for our goal of improving the climate of the school. To do this we have been implementing Conscious Discipline, designing bulletin boards, purchasing shirts, school spirit items, and other rewards for students. Students will earn rewards by committing to become a self-manager and earning Paw Power cards. They can then use their cards to “purchase” rewards.

Friday school/Beyond the Bell has led to many learning opportunities for students. We have over 150 of Sam Boardman and Windy River students enrolled. This has been a big improvement from last year. We are offering many enrichment classes for students.

We continue to subscribe to Home & School. This is a great resource for parents to stay connected to their student’s learning. We have also continued to use student planners. This is another way to enable parents and students to talk about what is happening at school. This is also a great tool for teachers in the classroom to help engage their students. Students can learn organizational skills as well.

We have also made some purchases to improve instruction. We have continued to update and buy more document cameras in the classrooms. We have also purchased some classroom student tables to enable the use of group strategies during lessons.

Current with infrastructure - this year we have purchased some new cameras and radios for safety purposes (update-this is complete; we continue to improve safety. This could include a couple more new cameras). We have also purchased a new digital bell system (update-this is complete). Later on, this year we will be having work done with providing AC to an office (update-this is complete). We also continue to meet as a safety committee each month to review any unsafe or infrastructure needs.

Riverside Jr/Sr High School

Goal #3:

One main focus of goal three is to provide innovative educational opportunities for students. At Riverside we are continually trying to provide this to our students. Over the last couple of years our FFA program has worked with the other programs in the county to raise money at their auction. With the funds our FFA program has received from this, as well as grants from the Boardman Community Development Association, we will be building a greenhouse at the school. The greenhouse kit will be delivered in May and construction will begin in June. The greenhouse will allow us to offer a Plant Science Agriculture class at Riverside next year, and give students hands on learning opportunities. The greenhouse has vents on the sides and at the peak that open and close based on the temperature in the building. This allows for us to control the climate inside more efficiently during the growing season. Below is a picture of what our greenhouse will look like.



Good News:

Food bags: Our FFA students have taken over the responsibility of our food bags that we send with students every other week and during longer holiday breaks. Students in Ms. Hynes class order, prepare, and budget funds to do this for close to 120 students from Riverside Jr/Sr High School, Windy River, and Sam Boardman. They have worked tirelessly to find foods with the highest nutrition as possible and that are easy to make for those students that may not know how to cook food. They have expanded to being completely student led in all facets of the process. Our students at RHS value this opportunity to get these bags every other week and you can see them happy to know they will have something to bring back to their families. Definitely, a service that is necessary and very rewarding for all that are involved.

Krebs Farm:

All of our Ag students had the opportunity to go to Krebs Sheep farm on Wednesday February 26th. There students were feed a delicious lamb meal to start and then separated into two groups. One group started by having the opportunity to take blood draws from sheep and the other to see the process of milking a sheep. Students were engaged the entire time as Cameron Krebs talked about all the uses and products that use sheep material. During the blood draw students had to wrestle down a sheep, hold it, find the vein and take a blood draw. For our students was both entertaining to watch as well as educational for them as many have never had the experience of being around livestock before. While students were at the milking part of the day they had the opportunity to witness 3 baby lambs being born. To top this off, students had the opportunity to use an ultra sound machine to see how many babies different sheep might have. Students really got their hands dirty on this day and enjoyed the opportunity to take what they are learning in class into the field. We are very appreciative of Krebs Farm and the opportunity to have our students attend such and educational/hands-on experience.

A.C. Houghton Elementary

This year at AC Houghton our goal is to maintain a strong financial management plan. I am currently working on the budget for next school year. We have worked really hard at making sure classrooms have the technology they need to support student learning. Every classroom equipped with 1-1 chrome books or iPads. All classrooms have interactive promethean boards for teachers and students to use. The staff is using innovative ideas when presenting lessons with the students along with implementing Conscious discipline. To support our technology, we have incorporated coding classes at our Friday school program. Friday school focuses on STEAM- science, technology, engineering, art, and math. At ACH we are always looking at different ways to bring in innovative learning while maintaining financial stability.

This month at ACH we welcomed Kathy Dill Spears as artist in residence for valentine's week. We also were treated with a visit from the Traveling Lantern, and a performance of The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe. The week of March 2-5 we are celebrating Dr. Seuss with fun dress up days. ACH is excited to celebrate our classified staff this week as well. The classified staff is the backbone to our school!! On Tuesday, March 3, staff will work at McDonald's for McTeacher night, with a percent of sales from 5-7 pm going to ACH. Looking forward to a fun week here at ACH.

Traveling Lantern



Artist in Residence
Kathy





3rd grade artist



2nd grade finished art

Irrigon Elementary School

Irrigon Elementary School Administrators have been looking at innovative learning aspects that are built into the daily lessons the students are receiving and through afterschool activities. We have finished up the maintenance budget meeting and look forward to making some small repairs to keep our school looking/running nice.

When we look at innovative learning, a lot comes to mind, such as the after-school program and Lego robotics, but what about the innovative learning throughout the day? Starting with our core instruction in math, we have stations that students rotate through that have a focus on standards that they are missing in that subject. Most of the stations are student lead with a hands-on activity for the students to engage in, a typical classroom you would see 3-4 stations set up with different standards being addressed. In ELA core our students are receiving passage instruction that creates classroom debates, student rationales and a deeper understanding of what they are reading and academic vocabulary. In science our 6th grade students learned about types of rock layers through different colors of starbursts. They were able to stretch and heat up the starbursts with their hands and create the layers. Irrigon Elementary School has had a lot of innovative learning happening over the past month.

We completed the yearly maintenance meeting with our list of items for next year in mind for keeping our school running smoothly and keeping it looking nice. This year I have a better idea on what the needs are for the building and

outside areas. I have found that the more I understand, the bigger the maintenance list gets. This is always a great opportunity to look at the different aspects of our school.

We are gearing up for our District Math Competition and the Regional Spelling Competition. We will be the hosting school this year for the Math Competition. This is always a pleasure to have students and parents come from all of our communities and cheer for Morrow County students.

I'm excited to grow as an administrator and to keep the school vision clear and our systems in place consistent throughout the rest of the school year and on to next year. We will also have more innovative learning/teaching opportunities throughout the year for our students to be able to engage in.

Irrigon Jr/Sr High School

Spring has arrived! We are gearing up for the end of the quarter and Seniors are beginning to make that final push to complete all of their graduation requirements, as well as making plans for what life after high school looks like. Spring is also the time when teachers are able to get students out of the classroom and experience some hands-on learning opportunities. Our science department is finalizing plans for some of these activities that include trips to the wildlife refuge and McNary dam area, as well as a potential trip to OMSI. Our Ag classes are beginning to focus on their foundational fundamentals for their shop skills competition. Many of these skills encompass activities that they can do in their own homes. These would include basic electrical wiring (light switches/lights/ceiling fan/etc.) and basic home irrigation plumbing.

Recently, Morrow County School District FFA programs were highlighted in the Nations FFA new Horizons (Spring 2020) magazine for their Food/Backpack program that they have initiated this year. At the beginning of the year the Irrigon chapter purchased over 100 backpacks and filled them with school supplies and delivered them to Irrigon Elementary for students. Throughout the year they have also started a weekend food backpack program. They provided between 10 and 20 backpacks to families in need. Every week that the backpack is returned they refill the backpack with food for the student and their family for the weekend.

At the end of February Mr. Royer and myself took 25 students on a college visitation tour to Mt. Hood CC, Oregon State Univ., and Western Oregon Univ. This is an annual trip that we conduct, made possible through our Measure 98 grant process. On this trip, our students receive guided tours and information from admissions staff, a presentation from the CAMP program at OSU (for migrant students), student panel question and answer sessions, and the experience of staying in a dorm room. The trip allows students to compare community college, small state university/college, and large state university/college all in one trip. Through these trips we have had over 20 students from the trip, over the last 5 years, attend one of the schools that we have visited.

With winter sports coming to an end, I wanted to give a few highlights. While our boys and girls basketball records were not what the players and coaches had hoped for, our players competed all the way to the end. In their last game of the season against Umatilla our girls notched their first league win and our boys battle the district champions until the final seconds before falling by 5 points. JaLay Burns, a sophomore, was selected as a 1st team All-League player for the girls. On the wrestling mat, we hosted the District Wrestling tournament, and received praise from many attenders on the event. Unfortunately, a power outage that knocked out power for a large part of Irrigon, caused a delay in the finals. Fortunately, the lights were still working at Irrigon Elementary School and they were able to move the wrestling mat over to that gym and finish the final 5 matches. Asher Hall, a junior, was the district champion at 113 lbs and was seeded #1 at the state tournament. Jacob Ayala, a sophomore, needed to defeat the wrestler that finished 6th in the state last year to make the tournament. In a hard-fought match Jacob came out victorious with a 1-point victory after 3 rounds. Both wrestlers would go on to win a match at the state tournament, but unfortunately, neither placed at the state championships.

We are now at the start of Spring sports and the Knights are looking to take the field in Baseball, Softball, and Track. We look forward to some sunny weather, preferably without the wind.

Heppner Elementary

Good news from HES:

- We recognized students with perfect attendance at the Colt Character awards last week. The following students had perfect attendance for the whole first semester:
 - Hannah Brannon, Samantha Dubry, Elizabeth Finch, Avree Lathrop, Charlie Mullins, Ella Mullins, Sarah Munkers, Haydn Palmer, Rylee Palmer, Isabel Payne and Dawson Piper.
- The HES Colts, Chess For Success team, did really well at the regional tournament competing against teams from Baker, Hermiston and The Dalles.
 - Journey Cavan, Joe McMasters, Jasper Hanna and Mary Ashbeck were all champions in their age groups.
 - The elementary team of Joe McMasters, Jasper Hanna, Mary Ashbeck, Avia Pankey, Maxwell VonGuten and Ketch Fennern qualified as a team to compete at state and will be traveling to Portland for that competition.
- Lego robotics wrapped up their competition in December showing well but coming up short of awards.
- Our partnership with the Oregon Trail Library District for Ozobots is winding down with just a couple more sessions left.

HES continues to explore, through professional development, innovative strategies and pedagogy that will keep students engaged. In another update 28 cameras to cover entrances, exits, parking areas, playground, gym, cafeteria and other high use areas around HES have arrived. Installation has begun on non-school hours and we should be able to access that footage as soon as the installation is complete.

With 3 weeks remaining until the end of the 3rd quarter we are working from the bench mark data of winter testing with students getting support in areas of weakness. Interventions have been adjusted and we are using the time we have to complete the academics before the state testing window opens later this spring.

Heppner Jr/Sr High School

As February comes to an end we have just completed our Winter Sports Seasons and Spring Sports are already underway. The Mustangs wrestling team had a successful season and qualified 3 wrestlers (Conor Brosnan, Jace Coe, and Roen Waite) for the State tournament that was held on February 28th & 29th at Memorial Coliseum in Portland. All three represented HJSHS well and Jace placed 2nd at the 160-pound weight class! Our basketball teams both had successful seasons as well, with the boys' team finishing 3rd at the BMC district tournament and only one spot out of qualifying for the first round of the State playoffs. Our girls team placed 4th at the BMC district tournament and qualified for the State Playoffs. They played in Mt. Angel on Friday, February 28th losing to a very talented "top ranked" Kennedy team.

The remainder of my March report will focus on MCSD Goal 3 "Maintain a strong financial management plan that supports staying current with infrastructure and providing innovative learning opportunities for students". Some of the innovative learning opportunities that we are excited to highlight at HJSHS this month include; the HJSHS ASB recycle program, the HJSHS FBLA T-shirt design and production program and the Heppner FFA Food Backpack program.

The HJSHS ASB Recycle Program is an ASB student led program that is coordinated and facilitated by our ASB officers. Our ASB students collect and recycle cans/bottles with the proceeds going toward ASB sponsored community/school related activities and events as well as "Good Attendance" incentive rewards.

The FBLA T-Shirt Design and Production Program is a student led program coordinated and facilitated by Mrs. Collins that designs and produces t-shirts and hats for various groups and organizations. They also do special requests for members of the business community and even miscellaneous items for special events. Our community has always supported our schools and they like to show their school spirit by buying shirts and hats. Every HJSHS FBLA student will benefit from this venture as they are learning marketing skills, creativity, organization, and entrepreneurship all while making money for our FBLA program. It will also be nice to not have to worry as much about fund raising for registrations and competitions associated with sending our students to Oregon Leadership Institute, as well as the State and National FBLA competitions.

The Heppner FFA Backpack Food Program provides a weekend supply of nutritious food for children, commonly for low-income families, to help replace the school meals that children may miss during their weekend or extended breaks from school. Each weekend food bag contains enough food for three breakfasts, three lunches, three snacks, one can of vegetables, and one can of fruit. All food is nonperishable. We invite your help finding children/families who will benefit most from participating in this program. The program is coordinated and facilitated by Mrs. Dickenson along with our HJSHS FFA and Agriculture students who help identify and sign children up, pack food bags weekly, write grants, and organize fundraising and donation drives to help keep the program running. The program is currently funded through generous gifts from the National FFA Foundation, Heppner Jr/Sr High School ASB, Heppner FFA Chapter, Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group, Wilco Co., DPR Construction, and many other gracious “anonymous” community donors. Additionally, all MCSD FFA Programs collaboratively hold the annual FFA Dinner Auction fundraiser at the Port of Morrow which has done “EXTREMELY WELL” the past couple of years as another funding source for the Backpack Food Program.

Management’s Discussion and Analysis

MCSD – Maintenance & Facilities Update – March 2020

Greetings. We are currently in the process of finishing and submitting the District Maintenance Budget and Projects List for the 2020-2021 school year. Our budgeting focus remains with safety, extending useful life and efficiencies/cost savings.

The MCSD Bond Advisory Committee will next meet on March 11th at Heppner Elementary School. Some of our committee members were able to recently visit Echo and Hermiston School Districts on Friday, February 28th to see the new facilities in our neighboring districts. Both Echo and Hermiston districts have passed successful bonds and finished construction on new buildings. This visit helped us gather ideas, ask questions and be better informed of the post bond/construction process and our future options. Our bond committee is currently focusing on a MCSD plan to improve buildings, facilities and learning environments for our students.

Staff Incident/Accidents Report:

Date	School	Incident
2/6/2020	IJSHS	Employee tripped and twisted ankle. Did not seek medical attention.
2/10/2020	IJSHS	Employee strained right shoulder. Did not seek medical attention.
2/25/2020	RJSHS	Student collided with employee while playing. Did not seek medical attention.

Financial Report Talking Points:

“ODE has released the first State School Fund estimates for 2020-2021. We’ve reviewed their projection and it appears to be in line with our ADMw and local resources. We have begun preparing the budget for next year and have distributed the building budget worksheets to each of the school Principals.”