



AGENDA
BOARD BRIEFING
ROYALTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
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120 SOUTH HAWTHORN STREET
ROYALTON, MN 56373
FEBRUARY 5, 2021
6:00 PM

1. Board Briefing

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"Creating a Collaborative and Caring Community for all"

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FEBRUARY 9 - 8:30 AM POLICY MEETING - ECC DOOR 2
FEBRUARY 9 - 11:30 AM FINANCE COMMITTEE - VIRTUAL
FEBRUARY 10 - 7:00 PM SPECIAL MEETING - WORK SESSION - ENTER DOOR 9
SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH - LIONS DEN
FEBRUARY 22 - 6:00 PM REGULAR BOARD MEETING - ENTER DOOR 9

1. LATEST COVID REPORT

As you can see, the case rate is dropping down for the county. Royalton Zip Code was stable until today. Monday it was 5, Thursday it is 6. Bowlus is staying at 5. No children recognized as having the disease in Royalton, good news. 2 in Bowlus. Some others parents are keeping them home with symptoms.

We had a case last Friday with a half-an-hour before school got out. We received news that a student tested positive, taking out the teachers, paras, and students. Why did the parent send the child to school when they had them tested waiting for results, I can only guess. The other quarantine students and staff have to stay out longer than the positive tested student. The more parents send their children to school sick, the more likely we will have to shut down school. Nobody wants us to close. Some don't understand that it isn't just about their student. We all have to focus on what will keep us open.

Six staff are out with Covid related reasons and forty-one students.

Morrison Co.	1.11.21	1.14.21	1.19.21	1.21.21	1.25.21	1.27.21	1.29.21	2.1.21	2.4.21
Case Total	3,062	3,087	3,116	3,129	3,146	3,147	3,152	3,160	3,168
Active Case 14 days	152	137	94	82	77	53	43	40	28
14 Day Case Rate	45.9	41.3	28.4	24.7	23.2	16.0	12.9	12.0	8.46
School-age -Co.	14	12	10	8	9	X	4	5	4
Royalton	3	3	2	2	1	X	1	0	0
Bowlus	0	0	0	0	1	X	1	3	2

2. MONDAY MEETING WITH BARB DORN

Be ready to refer to your calendars on Wednesday. Barb will give you a tentative schedule with available dates. She has Lee's Warne's schedule, the individual running our search. I am hoping we can set some plans for the third and fourth week of February.

If you have not taken Barb's survey, "Superintendents Qualifications," please finish the survey by the end of today. Thank You.

[SUPERINTENDENT QUALIFICATIONS FROM BOARD](#)

3. STRATEGIC PLAN

I am very thankful for Joel and Phil letting you know where their schools are in the strategic plan and the work completed. I am glad a few of you asked for more information from the principals, so you know first hand. I also have some books on the subject if you would like.

One of the things we did going into building a Strategic Plan was to see how many different initiatives our teachers/principals/have on their plate. Some align with the Mission, Vision, and Beliefs of the Royalton School District; if they didn't, we would have finished them off. Joel had started on a path to help math in the secondary, Phil reading 1st through 5th grade. Both initiatives fit perfectly into the Foundation of Royalton. The secondary math and elementary 1st through 5th grade rolled perfectly into "Guaranteed & Viable Curriculum & Assessment."

We had a new Initiative put on our plate with "Positive Behavior and Support" (PBIS). It was added because of a "Special Education" audit by the State. MDE told us we needed to change the number of discipline referrals in Special Education. PBIS is an acceptable program by the state to help change the number of referrals by recognizing positive behavior and not negative behavior. That fits in with "Safe & Collaborative Culture/Environment."

I taught in a district for 26 years that did not have a strategic plan. Every year or two, we had the latest greatest initiative, which was a program. They would bring in the creator to present to us at the beginning of the year. We would have to receive further training. Our evaluations would be based on that specific program. The problem is as soon as you finished one program, you would start a new one. The former no longer was monitored and would disappear as fast as it came in. The "programs" were not aligned with each other, just the latest greatest thing that someone had seen at a convention, district office, principal, school board, or teacher. I caution you on the latest greatest programs. It might be the reason I am so focused on a Strategic Plan.

4. COVID TESTS THIS PAST TUESDAY

This past Tuesday was a second opportunity to test for Covid-19 for all staff. Last time we had 36 individuals take the test for no cost, this time 24. Just guessing, individuals thought that when they were vaccinated, they would no longer be as systematic. The CDC has informed us at this time; they do not know if the vaccine will prevent the disease or not. They simply do not have enough data. If we are a close contact, we still have to quarantine while going through the protocol. There just isn't enough data yet.

What test?

- The intent and purpose of bi-weekly testing is to catch the pre-symptomatic and asymptomatic people, which is a significant contributor to Covid transmission.
- We want to reduce the risk of transmission in schools.
- The virus is shed in many ways throughout the body, in different amounts at different stages of the infection.

5. VACCINATION OFFERED NEXT WEEK

We were notified late last week that there would be Covid Testing for educators in Little Falls next Wednesday with the Moderna Vaccine for all educators in Morrison County given by the county. We only have 4 individuals who will opt-in. After the shot next week, our total will be 61 with the vaccine and 28 with a 90-day immunity.