

Woodland Park School District

'Elevate Your Education'



Board of Education Meeting Highlights

March 10, 2017

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****Parent Teacher Conferences are the week of March 20****

Message

Welcome back to our monthly newsletter!

It is our focus to improve communication with our parents and community. Please do not hesitate to leave any feedback you have that would help us reach our goal of improved communication.

We would love to have you come to our next board meeting. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the large conference room at the District Administration Office located at 155 Panther Way.



High School STUCO

STUCO representatives Samantha Lecky and Sam Cummings shared Mr. Panther will be held this Friday; next Friday will host a dodge ball tournament; STUCO executive officers elections were held last week and the remainder of elections were held Wednesday; working on several projects - in the main gym painting above the seating to identify home and away and will purchase a world map for exchange students to pin where they are from; finalizing plans for Prom - this year's theme is Rustic Woodland.



High School Activities & Athletics

High School Athletics Director Michael DeWall updated the Board of Education on the activities and athletics happenings:

High School Athletics

Spring sports begin first contests on March 9.

Baseball

- Boys are at Pueblo East Thursday
- Home opener will be against Cheyenne Mountain on March 18 at Meadow Wood Panther Field at 10:00 a.m.

Girls Soccer

- Will travel to Pueblo South for first contest
- Home opener will be Saturday vs. Discovery Canyon at Meadow Wood Turf Field at 12:00 noon

Track & Field

- Pikes Peak Invitational on Saturday at Gerry Berry Stadium

High School Activities

Forensics

- The team has qualified for Nationals and WPHS will be represented by Sage Brown and Citlally Davila, with

Cassidy Allen, Zac Melton, Cheyenne Brown, and Izabelle Sand qualifying as alternates

- Sage Brown and Citlally Davila - regional champions - along with Cheyenne Brown and Lili Simmons have qualified for the State Competition which will be held March 16 - 18
- The team has earned the National Speech and Debate Association Leading Chapter Award!

Band

- Concert was held on Tuesday evening

Knowledge Bowl

- Will participate in State competition this weekend in Ft. Collins
- The Woodland Park Academic World Quest Team (a specialty branch of Knowledge Bowl) placed 3rd in the World Affairs Council of Americas World Quest Challenge held on Saturday, February 25.

Other

- Mr. Panther contest is Friday night at 7:00 p.m.
- Spring Musical 'Little Mermaid' cast has been chosen and the performance will be held April 20-23
- Pro Start Culinary Team competed Thursday, March 2 at the Colorado Pro Start Invitational and Sysco Denver Hospitality Cup. This was their first competition.
- National Athletic Training Month - Mr. DeWall introduced our athletic trainer Brittany Hoover. Ms. Hoover thanked the Board of Education and District for supporting Woodland Park Athletic Training and advocating every day for a higher standard of sports safety to keep our athletes safe and healthy.
- Brief discussion took place on spring sports participation numbers as well as the approval by CHSAA to add Hockey beginning in 2017-18, dependent upon formal approval by the Legislative Council at its meeting in April. Board President Carol Greenstreet requested Mr. DeWall report out in April the breakdown of cost.



2019-2020 School Year Calendar Approved

The Board of Education approved the 2019-2020 school year calendar as presented. The District Calendar Committee, comprised of parents, staff, and administration, met in February and selected a calendar option. The approved calendar will be posted on the District website soon.

Public Relations Update

Public Relations/Communications/Grant Writing Specialist Stacy Schubloom shared the Public Relations and Marketing happenings:

Public Relations

- recently attended the Teller County Cares service awards ceremony and congratulated the following recipients:
 - WPSD Foundation received the Education Award
 - Gateway 5th grader Caden Howard received the Seniors Award
 - WPSD students received the Rising Stars Award
 - High School teacher Sherry Pappadakis received the Good Samaritan Award
- created baskets of Panther gear to donate to the annual TCRASS auction and Chamber of Commerce auction
- sent information to all parents and staff informing the street/sidewalk rerouting in front of the Aquatic Center construction site
- sent all staff and high school students information about Thursday's *Topping Off* ceremony at the Aquatic Center and the impact on parking
- attended the Newmont CC/V Community Breakfast and with Newmont CC/V Mines regarding this year's process in applying for grants

Marketing

- continue updating the website and Facebook page
- the electronic sign continues to be out of commission
- beginning to plan how to promote the Class of 2017 and Graduation

Secondary Update

Director of Secondary Schools Tina Cassens shared administration is currently talking with teams and having conversations with their staff about next year's classes and schedules; hiring season has officially started for next year and in the process of posting positions and interviewing, several parents will be sitting in on the vocal teacher interviews and the instrumental teacher interviews; shared information on how Jason Baker owner of PEAK Internet is wanting to support our District K-12.



Construction Update

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jed Bowman provided the following update to the Board of Education:

- primary electrical feeds to be supplied by IREA is now scheduled for March 15
- structural masonry work has been completed
- steel workers have completed placing the main roof trussing and beams
- the *Topping Off* ceremony will be March 9 to set the last roof truss for this phase and the iron worker completed this work 2 weeks ahead of schedule
- exterior framing and siding work has started and will continue for the next 4-6 weeks
- work on a new box culvert for drainage and erosion control

along Rampart Range Rd has started - first phase of this work will continue 4-6 weeks

- a foot path detour for students and community has been installed along Rampart Range Rd from the bus loop entrance north along the construction site and will be protected by concrete barriers and monitored by A&P admin for safety.



Legislative Update

Dr. Bowman shared he attended Tuesday's Alliance meeting and received somber news about our state budget. More than likely we will receive less money next year per kid due to the Gallagher Amendment requirements. The state is currently looking to backfill this shortfall by raising sales tax on marijuana as well as raise property tax rates for senior citizens. The raising of sales tax on marijuana and adjusting the Homestead Exemption are losing traction and the shortfall is predicted to come on the backs of education by adding more negative factor.

We will know more after the state budget forecast on March 20th.

We are still closely watching:

- the bill on funding Charter Schools, which is still alive but most likely, will die on the Senate floor
- Discussion is still taking place about moving the hospital provider fee from the general fund to the enterprise fund and seems to be gaining some traction
- the new education funding model created by superintendents has been quashed by the Joint Budget Committee (JBC).



Strategic Planning Update

Dr. Bowman shared the next scheduled date and time for this work is April 6, 2017 from 8:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. to continue creating the strategic objectives as well as discuss mission and vision.

WPEA Update

WPEA representative Anna Thompson shared the WPEA Staff Spotlight aims to highlight specific staff impacts within the board ends statements of academic, social, and exploratory achievement.



This month's spotlight is on Lisa Kitson and Jon Woods from Gateway Elementary.

Academic - These two stellar teammates work seamlessly

together to instruct 5th grade students.

Social - Ms. Kitson and Mr. Woods are currently working on transitioning 5th grade students into Middle School. Mr. Woods also participated in the 7th grade Young Mens conference.

Exploratory - Ms. Kitson is the head of the sick leave bank, which is so appreciated by the staff that need it.



Monthly Recognition

Dr. Bowman recognized our sponsors, volunteers, and coaches who work with students in clubs, activities and athletics. As one of our core beliefs is relationships that are positive, productive and collaborative - these co-curricular connections are vital to student success!

Upcoming Events

Spring Break - The District will be closed the week of March 24 - 31, 2017

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