

Woodland Park School District

'Elevate Your Education'

Board of Education Meeting Highlights

December 14, 2018

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Message

Welcome back to our monthly board meeting highlights!

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, January 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the large conference room at the District Administration Office located at 155 Panther Way.

Sincerely,
Woodland Park School District
Re-2 Board of Education



STUCO Update

STUCO representative Matthew Lecky shared:

- working on fundraisers for upcoming events
- working on individual class projects to make the high school even better
- in the process of re-writing the STUCO constitution
- recently met with Principal Burr about the upcoming curriculum and grading changes that are being considered and had the opportunity to express their thoughts and ideas



Highlights of High School Activities & Athletics

High School Dean of Students Sara Lee updated the Board of Education on the activities, clubs, and athletics happenings:

Activities

- Science Olympiad
 - The team competed last Saturday and came away with two 3rd place finishes, three 2nd place finishes, and one 1st place finish
 - next competition is the first week of March
- Forensics
 - Last Saturday the Freshman Duo team placed 3rd overall at the Cherry Creek meet where over 700 competitors competed
 - the meets held in 2nd semester are the push to qualify for state and nationals
- Knowledge Bowl
 - January 19 is the last league meet
 - they are going into this meet in 3rd place overall and looking to hold or take a higher place
 - Regionals will be in February
- Envirothon
 - Three Saturday Seminars are completed and the most recent seminar held in early December was at the Manitou Experimental Forest
 - the final Saturday Seminar will be in Mueller State park in January and then the team will be chosen and compete in the spring
- Theatre

- Auditions for the student directed play *A Midsummer Night's Dream* concluded Tuesday and this production will be February 15 and 16, 2019
- tickets will be available for purchase online
- Choir
 - December 4 was the holiday concert for all 5 choirs
 - Madrigals have been busy with events throughout the holiday season, including the Holiday Home tour, the elementary schools tour, and the annual Madrigal Dinner which will be held this Friday and Saturday. Tickets are still available for Friday night where Mr. Morton Dickson, who founded this event, will speak about the legacy of the Madrigals and conduct a few songs for the 25th year celebration
- Yearbook and Journalism
 - Yearbook deadlines are keeping this group busy
 - printed version of The Panther Perspective was distributed
- Graphic Arts
 - Students' art work is currently being shown at The Southern Lily and Ms. Lee encouraged the Board to go and check out the great art on display

Clubs

- National Honor Society
 - providing after school tutoring in preparation for finals
- Key Club
 - hosted the annual 'Breakfast with Santa'
- Beta Club
 - currently sponsoring the 'Angel Tree' project where they are helping families in need
 - last month they supplied full Thanksgiving dinners to many families.

Athletics

- Fall Sport Awards
 - Football
 - Colton Simonis and Bryson Cox were honored as first team all-conference football players
 - Volleyball
 - Sarah Garner was honored as the Colorado Springs Metro League volleyball MVP
- Winter Preview
 - Cheer
 - finished 6th in the state at the State Cheer Competition
 - Girls Swimming
 - Hosted the first home swim meet vs Sierra
 - Hockey
 - won their first game of the season and will play Glenwood Springs Friday at Honnen Arena
 - head to Gunnison to play Crested Butte on Saturday

- January 4 they will play at Meadow Wood Park vs Air Academy
- Girls Basketball
 - big win vs Pueblo Centennial
 - head to Montrose to play in a tournament this weekend
- Boys Basketball
 - competed in the Steamboat Springs tournament over the weekend
- Wrestling
 - last weekend participated in the Pueblo East tournament and had a few placers - Brady Hankin finished in 1st place and on his way to the championship, he beat the #1 ranked in 3A and the #1 ranked in 4A!
 - first home wrestling dual will be next Wednesday vs Sand Creek



Student Talent Showcase

This month the High School showcased the student talents of the Madrigals. The Madrigals are directed by Ms. Danielle Bovee and they performed several songs for the Board of Education.



Check Presentation to Community Cupboard

Summit Elementary Art Teacher Morgan Schilling shared information on Empty Bowls Night and thanked the community for their support of this event. He presented a check in the amount of \$3,012 to the Community Cupboard.



Public Relations Update

Public Relations/Communications/Grant Writing Specialist Stacy Schubloom shared she is planning our annual CHOICE Campaign and provided the upcoming school showcase dates and times:

- Elementary Schools: January 22 - 24 open house during school hours
- WPHS: January 22 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- WPMS: January 24 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Community Night was held at the Middle School Monday night where over 100 parents/community members attended. KOAA covered the event as well as Pat Hill from the Courier.

Grant - Working with Sean Goings and Ron Stone on a state security grant to include adding security vestibules at all of our buildings along with a new security check-in system.



Legislative Update

Superintendent Woolf shared even though the 2019 General Colorado Assembly will not convene until January 4, 2019, there are a couple of proposals and rumors being discussed:

- push to fund full day Kindergarten;
- fund Negative Factor;
- possibly re-look at something similar to Amendment 73

Weekly conference calls with our Lobbyists will begin in January.

WPEA Update

WPEA representative Anna Thompson shared during this season of gratitude and generosity, WPEA would like to recognize all of the educators who are giving their all....and then a bit more.

Students around the District are involved in clubs, sports, and service activities coached and sponsored by staff. Students are also performing in music, drama, and various productions and competitions through our local communities.

Huge thank you to the staff, community, and families who support students in all of these additional endeavors!



Board of Education Report

Director Nancy Lecky and Board President Beth Huber shared out information from the sessions they attended at the annual CASB Convention.



Superintendent Report

Superintendent Woolf recognized 'Tis the season for music and shared he has had the opportunity to attend many musical functions and is always impressed and thanked our music teachers for all they do. Our kids benefit greatly, not only in making music, but the brain development that happens as a result of making music.

Congratulations to Mr. Andrew Pappadakis who has been selected as the VFW Post #6051 Woodland Park Teacher of the Year. His recognition has also been submitted to the Colorado VFW District 5 for consideration for District Teacher of the Year.

Summit Learning - Jennifer Johnston, Kelly Schmidt, and Mr. Woolf visited a high school that has implemented Summit

our visit to a high school that has implemented Summit Learning strategies. This trip was paid by Summit Learning and this visit gave us a picture of what Summit looks like at the high school level.

Tough Roles to Manage - One of the toughest challenges he had as a principal and superintendent while being a parent was communicating with teachers about his kids. Even though he shared he was taking off his administrator hat it was impossible, as they knew he was still in a supervisory role. He understands the angst Board members feel and although taking off their board member hat would be great to be able to do, we know it is simply not something that really happens.

Choice Month - We are seeing students from down the hill wanting to come to our schools as early as second semester. We have been experiencing an increase in student numbers throughout the first semester - especially at the high school - from out of district. This can make it difficult to budget when the numbers change drastically and we have a limited number of staff based on the number we projected.

Upcoming Events

December 24 - January 4 - District Closed
Classes resume on Tuesday, January 8, 2019

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