

District Status Report

31 January 2020

2019-2020 Report #29

The purpose for the weekly Status Report is to communicate to members of the School Board important and meaningful information relevant to the business of the school district. The Report is available to the public on the school district's website. Please contact me at 417-2602 if you have any questions regarding information contained in the Status Report. I would also appreciate hearing from you on ways I can improve the Report and make it more meaningful and informative for you.

Dale

Our Mission

**Empowering students with
knowledge and skills to succeed.**

Our Vision

**To be the school district of choice, inspiring
excellence in academics, arts, and activities.**

Information – Communication – Correspondence

1. News From Around the State and Beyond

Health: Minnesota parents fight schools to allow children access to CBD

Teaching: Rural schools court homegrown teachers amid shortage

More Mo. districts to adopt 4-day weeks

In-class breakfast may help behavior in one school

Analysis: Alarming number of teens reporting sexual exploitation

Restorative justice among top education issues

Study: Kids eat better after they watch certain cooking shows

GPA trumps ACT in predicting college success

What does a safe school look like?

2. Quarterly Check ins – Sue Kulseth is in the process of scheduling your quarterly check-in. Dates are targeted for February 10 (5 – 8 pm), February 11 (11 am – 7 pm), and February 12 (8 am – 2 pm and 5 – 8 pm). If these dates and times don't work for you, we will find a time that does.

3. Building & Grounds Committee Meeting Planned – A meeting is planned for Wednesday, February 19, 2020, beginning at 11:30 am in the Board Room. Agenda items include:

- Construction Update including Spring/Summer 2020 impact on programs and property
- Ash Avenue house update
- Legion Field
- Snow removal

Committee members include: Rick Schultz, Travis Routh, Neil Schlaak, Karla Christopherson and Dale Carlson.

4. Finance Committee Meeting Planned – A meeting is planned for Tuesday, February 11, 2020, beginning at 5:00 pm in the Board Room.

- Review Audit Service RFP
- Review Budget Development Calendar
- Review 2019-2020 budget revisions for Board approval at February 18 Board meeting
- Review 2020-2021 budget development progress

Committee members include: Karen Flatness, Travis Routh, JoAnn Maloney, Karla Christopherson and Dale Carlson.

5. Policy Committee Meeting to be Planned – We have additional MSBA revised policies to review along with possibly one or two new policies. I will communicate with Committee members Rick Schultz, Dan Schmidt and Rich Mueller to schedule a date and time.

6. Spelling Bee Winner – Congratulations to 8th grader Jordis Kruger-Diaz for winning the 2020 Spelling Bee!

7. Gymnastics Transportation – I will be recommending to discontinue transporting students participating in the Gymnastics Coop hosted by Waseca beginning in the 2020-2021 school year. This was mentioned as part of the presentation at the October 21, 2019, School Board meeting when the Board approved adding JWP to the Coop. We would not be providing transportation for students participating in any of the coop activities hosted by Waseca which now include soccer (boys and girls), hockey (boys and girls), and gymnastics. Call with questions.

8. Audit Request for Proposal (RFP) – At the February 18, 2020, School Board meeting, administration will be recommending to seek proposals from licensed certified public accountant firms to audit our financial

statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. The District has been with the same firm since at least 1987, and we believe it is time to do this. The timing does not suggest the District is dissatisfied with our current firm; rather, it is believed it is simply fiscally responsible after this period of time to seek proposals. Contingent upon the Board's support and approval February 18, we will move forward immediately with seeking proposals so that we have a recommendation for Board consideration at the April 20 School Board meeting. The Finance Committee will review the RFP at its February 11 meeting. Please let me know if you have questions.

School Board Calendar of Events

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| February 11, 2020 | 5:00 pm | Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room |
| February 17, 2020 | | No School for Students – Teacher Staff Development |
| February 18, 2020 (Tuesday) | 6:30 pm | School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center |
| February 19, 2020 | 11:30 am | Building and Grounds Committee Meeting – Board Room |
| March 16, 2020 | 6:30 pm | School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center |
| April 20, 2020 | 6:30 pm | School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center |
| May 18, 2020 | 6:30 pm | School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center |

Dale's Calendar for February 3-7 (As of 1-31-20)

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| Monday | 10:30 am | Check in with Doug |
| | 1:30 pm | Check in with Dave |
| | 2:00 pm | Check in with Karla |
| | 2:30 pm | Check in with Sue |
| | 7:00 pm | BBB |
| Tuesday | 8:00 am | Parent Meeting |
| | 9:00 am | 2020-2021 Staffing Meeting #1 |
| Wednesday | 7:00 am | Meeting with Kari, Dan, Macy |
| | 3:30 pm | Administrative Team Meeting |
| Thursday | | In the District |
| Friday | 8:00 am | School Board Meeting Agenda Planning with Board Chair |
| | 7:00 pm | GBB |

Thank you for all you do!