

Norwood Public Schools Board of Education
Administrative Team Report
May 18, 2021

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Leadership Transition
<p>Perri and Sara are working on a transition document that will be shared with the new administration. We are in hopes this will make for a smoother transition when the new admin arrives in July. Ken continues to work closely with Todd, including him on important emails, and conferring with him as appropriate.</p>
Communication
<p>Our main means of communication with the public continues to be Facebook, our website and the "All Call" system. Ken tries to keep the board updated via email of any board level items or issues the board needs to be aware of.</p>
Facilities
<p>Ride The Rockies is still on and moving full speed ahead. They will be using all of our outdoor facilities including the football/baseball field, parking lot, bus yard, playground area, driveway between elementary and playground, and Summit Ave in front of the school. They will be setting up here at the school on Monday, June 14th. The bike riders arrive on Tuesday, June 15th. The riders depart on Wednesday, June 16th and the clean up crew tears down and leaves. They are also using the fairgrounds. Summit Ave will be blocked off all day Tuesday and part of the day Wednesday, as will Lincoln, Spruce and Pine.</p>
Finance and Budget
<p>We presented next year's budget to the DAC in April. They asked a lot of good questions and pointed out some issues that we have addressed. The budget is being presented to the board at the May board meeting and will be adopted at the June board meeting. Our ESSER I application has been approved and we are requesting reimbursement for expended funds. Our ESSER II application has been approved and we have requested reimbursement for our expended funds. The ESSER funds are reimbursement funds. Our ESSER III award is \$331,074, $\frac{2}{3}$ of which is authorized and $\frac{1}{3}$ is pending authorization. The application for ESSER III is open and we will submit this week. These funds are available for use through September 30, 2023. We are looking at options for allowable uses for these funds.</p>

Grants

Connecting Colorado Students Grant: The finalized internet plans are complete and have been advertised to the community for the \$129,540 Connecting Colorado Students Grant. This grant will allow us to provide free or reduced rate internet service to students and staff in need. Service will be provided by this grant through June of 2024. Those who do not qualify for free service will receive Free installation and \$10/month off their ClearNetworx internet bill.

San Miguel Behavior Solutions Panel (Restorative) Grant: Year one of a three year \$50,000 grant (see leadership support team report)

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support: Year five of a five year \$60,000 grant. The CDE Office of Learning Supports has submitted the federal grant to continue funding and hope to have an answer by May of 2020.

Early Literacy Grant: We are currently working on a grant that could help pay for additional coaching and training from our current Amy V. This grant would be in addition to the grant we will be applying for next fall. Much of training will be for our new staff members around literacy, but will also allow for continued support of all K-5 teachers and the new administration.

Best Emergency Grant: The emergency grant application for the purpose of improving ventilation and filtration systems in Colorado's school districts will be submitted on Friday, May 21. We are part of a joint grant being submitted for several rural districts.

Instruction

Teacher evaluations are in their final steps of completion.

CMAS testing is complete

Restorative Practices:

We wrapped up the year with a planning meeting to set goals for next year.

The Elementary has met their literacy goals again this year. We were able to reduce the number of kids that were well below level at the beginning of the year from 23 to 10 students. Also our k-3 students ended with well above average progress. Everyone has worked so hard and were able to achieve this even in these trying times.

Legislative

There is a lot of discussion and legislation in works regarding restoring cuts to the education budgets and the budget stabilization factor.

CDE sent out the DRAFT budget projections for 2021-22 school year.

Personnel Development

SSaCC (Safe, Supportive and Collaborative Climate)

The May SSaCC day was a teacher workday. Teachers are working on winding down their year and the day was needed to tie up loose ends and begin planning the final two weeks of school.

Our K-5 staff and administration are continuing to work on their early literacy endorsement. Many of our teachers have completed the final test and have received their certificate.

Safety and Security

The Norwood Fire Department (NFD) participated in our monthly fire drill in April. NFD accompanied our security team staff to learn the terminology and methods we use when we go classroom to classroom to evacuate the building. NFD plans to participate again in May.

Other Items and Staff Reports

Samantha Jacobs graduated last Saturday with an MA in Education- Curriculum and Instruction from Adams State with a 4.0 GPA. Congratulations!!

Prom was a success! Thank you Ben Kirk, Rick Williams, Brit Traucht, Kelly Sutherlin, Amanda Pierce for all your help in making this happen for our students.

Graduation is set for May 29th at 11:00 am in the Norwood School Gym. Although we are extremely excited that we get to have one this year, it doesn't come without some limitations. This year the graduates will have to limit the number of guests they invite. They have worked together to adjust their lists in order to make this happen. All guests must have a wristband that the graduates will hand out to the guests on the list. Masks will be required and we will encourage 6 ft distancing. We are following the guidelines set by the county.

Graduation Tea is set for May 28th at 10:00 in the All Purpose Room.

National Honor Society (NHS) inducted 9 new members on May 13 at 7 pm. National Honor Society Inductees:

Freshmen: Dilyn Alexander, JaimieLynne Taylor, Peyton Porter, Sophia Sanchez

Sophomores: Karla Camacho, Yoselin Hernandez, Rosalie Vogel

Seniors: Paige Franklin and Jenna Baugh

The third grade and fourth grade girls were filmed last week by Ken doing the Macarana. He will be putting it on the website. Check it out!!

Middle School track has 21 athletes this year and were very successful at their first track meet.