



District-Wide PAC Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, May 12, 2020; 1:00 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Keith Harris (Assistant Superintendent), Mrs. Stacy Kilwein (representing Partners in Parenting), Mrs. Lenée Bookhardt (representing Dickinson High School PAC), Mrs. Courtney Stacey (representing Heart River Elementary PAC), Mrs. Jessica Cron (representing Lincoln Elementary PAC), Mrs. Ashley Koch (representing Prairie Rose Elementary PAC), and Mrs. Tavia Kuntz (representing Jefferson Elementary PAC).

Call to Order – Assistant Superintendent Harris called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Approval of the March 10, 2020, Meeting Minutes – Mrs. Bookhardt moved to approve the March 10 meeting minutes as presented. Mrs. Kilwein seconded the motion: ayes-Kilwein, Bookhardt, Cron, and Koch; nays-Stacey. The motion carried.

Business Topics

May 11 School Board Meeting Agendas – Mr. Harris shared some highlights from last night’s Board meeting.

RSP & Associates has posted some additional information regarding economic industries and the effect on population projections.

Dr. Hocker announced last night the 2019-2020 Dickinson Public Schools Educator of the Year and Classified Staff Member of the Year. The recipients are Mrs. Mary Pat Bruels, title I instructor at Lincoln Elementary, and Mrs. Jeanette Wyckoff, administrative assistant at Heart River Elementary.

Dickinson High School and Dickinson Middle School have become certified Level I High Reliability Schools. Mr. Harris announced that Berg Elementary received this same designation today and is also certified.

Plans are underway for the Dickinson High School (DHS) graduation and Southwest Community High School (SWCHS) graduations. The DHS graduation will take place on the scheduled date of May 24. It will be held in the Biesiot Activities Center football stadium. A limited number of vehicles will be allowed on the football field. Students will walk across a stage and collect their diplomas. This will be projected on the Jumbotron located in the stadium. Mr. Harris stated this is a different venue than traditional but hopefully it recognizes the graduating students and the opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments while still adhering to social distancing guidelines. The SWCHS graduation is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20 at the Hagen Building. There will be limited seating for immediate family and administrators.

The last date for students to receive new assignments is this week Friday, May 15. During the week of May 18, there will be three days of scheduled device drop offs.

At last night's Board meeting, Heart River Elementary Principal Susan Cook and Roosevelt Elementary Strategist Jennifer Nokes presented updates to the Board. Mr. Harris said there was a common thread that came from the presentations which were an appreciation and gratitude for all the teachers and staff for their hard work.

Mr. Harris reported there were over 40,000 Grab-N-Go meals served since the school buildings closed in March. This is an amazing accomplishment.

There will be over \$1 million spent this summer on renovations at buildings. There is a new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system being put in at Heart River Elementary. This was part of Mrs. Cook's Heart River Elementary update to the Board. There is repainting and recarpeting at buildings, lots of concrete work, and playground work.

Mr. Harris explained the District Director of Instruction Melanie Kathrein worked on and secured a \$3.5 million literacy grant. This is a five-year grant with a focus on improving student performance.

At last night's Board meeting, the Board approved to keep the breakfast and lunch meal prices the same for the next school year. The Board also approved a memorandum of understanding for the boys and girls soccer program. The Board also approved the 2020-2021 student handbooks. Mr. Harris said there would be a change to the elementary starting time moved to 8:05 a.m. and the high school starting time moved back to 8:30 a.m.

The after-school program, RASP, is scheduled to begin on June 8 and will be held at the Hagen Building. RASP will not be able to take large groups to events and activities. It is anticipated summer school will be held beginning in July for a three-week session. The later start date will hopefully assist students with retention of information.

Mrs. Bookhardt inquired when the District anticipated hearing from Superintendent Baesler and Governor Burgum regarding guidelines for opening in the fall. Mr. Harris responded the soft opening in June will help with the cause and effect of having students enter the building on a limited basis. He added the end of July or possibly the first part of August some guidance could be provided for the 2020-2021 school year.

Other – Mrs. Koch said she was happy with the distance learning process. Mrs. Bookhardt concurred. Mr. Harris responded this was possible due to the efforts of the parents, patrons, and community. When this community is faced with a crisis, it does great. Education is an example of this. The quality of the people who live in the Dickinson community showed how they came together and are surviving what could have been a disaster, especially with the numerous transient people coming in and out of the community for their jobs. It is a sign of the type of people we are and the type of people that live here. Mr. Harris added the leadership of Superintendent Hocker has added to the positive efforts.

Mr. Harris reported a concern from a committee member with the amount of screen time with distance learning. He said the comment was very well written. The request was for an alternate route for screen time. Mr. Harris will pass this on to see if the District can provide additional opportunities and options for the students.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.