

Meeting was called to order by President Shannon Szyperski at 12:04pm

Inga Holten made a motion to accept the minutes from the October meeting. Audrey Laux seconded the motion. Motion passed, none opposed.

Treasurer's report:

\$1039.47 in the bank account. Torri Daggett made a motion to approve the budget. Ann Francis seconded the motion. Motion passed, none opposed.

Scott Nelson, Superintendent

Strategic Planning committee continues to move forward with the initiative presented at the last meeting. They have met with all of the stakeholders. Now to flesh out the strategic areas. They would like to have this approved at the December Board meeting.

Large items on their plate:

1. Possible operations levy on the ballot in November of 2016. This would be the first one in 5 years.
2. Redistricting: They are hoping to have some sort of decision (whether or not to redistrict) by the end of December 2015 or early January 2016. This is mostly due to trends such as the migration from East to West. Eastern schools have low numbers and more Western schools are overcrowded. The district has hired a company who specializes in this to analyze and advise the district on moving forward.
 - a. Questions raised by audience: No time frames have been established. Open enrollment will be part of the discussion.

Meeting Topic:

Adam Fineske began with a general overview of art, music, and physical education at the elementary, junior high and high school levels. They focus on the 4 C's used in classic academics: 1. Critical Thinking, 2. Collaboration, 3. Communication, and 4. Creativity. Often these 4 C's are sparked by the special areas.

Elem: Starting in K, not all districts provide these, especially in K.

Jr. High: Fitness is a part of the curriculum every year. School sports start in 7th grade: mandated by the state (6th grade is not always junior high)

Representatives from the special areas at the High school level:

Physical Education & Wellness, David Briggs, Northview

Philosophy is that fitness is the most important area since your whole quality of life is dictated by fitness and health, HS Phys Ed focuses on how to get and stay fit. Many employers are looking at workplace wellness and the return on investment for healthy and fit employees. Studies show that minimal \$\$ spend upfront equals trillions of dollars saved in healthcare costs over the long haul. HS classes include all types of fitness, including but not limited to: golf, tennis, yoga, pool, kick boxing, etc. The goal is to "throw it all at them" and hope that "something sticks"!

Music, Allison Knowles, Southview (Slide presentation.)

SV/NV have 8 teachers all working together that work with students beginning in junior high. Grades 9-12 are all mixed together. 25-30% of all students participate in choir, band and/or orchestra. For homecoming, both SV/NV bands present together at halftime!

Art, Terri Seals-Roth, Northview (Slide Presentation)

All artists do not fall into the starving artist category. There are many different jobs at varying levels of pay possible. They learn many habits that will carry through to their adult life. Participation in the arts makes a more rounded person. Many more areas and types of art are covered at the HS level.

A video of the SV/NV band directors preparing for the half-time show was presented.

SSPO

Sylvan is talking to SCAT about presenting "Operation Parent", a class on parenting in this age. It includes 8 videos and discussions regarding upcoming obstacles/topics and being a parent, not a friend. Sylvan will report back. If interested, contact SCAT or Sylvan Parent Org.

Open forum: Whiteford had a veterans day display that went really well.

Academic Excellence Foundation is presenting: Sylvania Sprint for Schools 5K on November 22 – all are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:59pm.