School Board Meeting November 25, 2018

**No Public Comment**

**Special Presentations**

1. Helaine and Friends from Costa Rica- 2013- sabbatical to Costa Rica to do a writing project institute- Plymouth State University who does a writing workshop for teachers and awards credit. SAU 50 and 52 – this summer 13 teachers- accentuates the bonding experience.
   1. Presentation of “single story” and how integrated into the curriculum, and with students.
   2. Video from Betsy Kelleher
2. RJLA – Nancy Roy was absent – professional development on Equity – and bigger work on helping lives of students and career pathways.
   1. Challenge on transcripts due to competency based reporting – working with Mike Parr on the Infinite Campus side to clear things up. In-district students are coming over later in their career such as seniors- and would like to receive them earlier.
3. Special Education
   1. New case managers, psychologist, speech provider .2 first time not contracting.
   2. Wilson reading program
   3. Flat fee for students for a $40,000 savings instead of submitting it to an outside contract
   4. Moving of preschool was late and some unpacking was a bit commotional- preschool collaborating with upper classman has been going strong.
   5. Increase of 1 to 1 using some IDEA money – paras are getting them as well in order them to assist students in their use.
   6. Helping teachers with ESOL students using SIOP
   7. McKinney Vento – homeless and trauma informed care- costs money for transport
   8. Challenges- transportation concerns- limited drivers and training –need a 4th route but can’t even get drivers for the three routes.
   9. Social and emotional needs due to trauma are increasing.
   10. Elementary schools continue to have high levels of caseloads compared to other districts around us.
   11. EOC Goals- work on it all
   12. Future Budget Needs- need more case managers, keep kids in district then need a behavioral specialist- contract for evaluations, assessments and planning. Also do training to support behavioral needs.
   13. Charlie Grossman is working on Title III and ESL programming/ collaborating this year- Charlie will be gaining more work in this area- DOE is coming to do a review on Title III – in the year 2021 we will be reviewed for age 16 and above and their transition plans. Have time we can access training and be ready for 2021 review.
4. **Superintendent Report**
   1. Coffee and Conversation on competencies at the Middle School on December 6th
   2. Holiday Board Dinner
5. **Budget process starts NOW!** 
   1. January 8th initial requests – any requests from Board
   2. City council will be discussing where budge is November 28th
6. George updating One to One at PHS – all 289 students received the chrome books and went off well- all freshmen are using and teachers are integrating with them. All using Google Classroom and can monitor student work via the chrome book.
   1. New updates on chrome Books-District will be doing two grades at once, probably freshmen and juniors next fall.
7. Security update-$100,000 for high school and NFS each. Have to match $25,000 for each school. Put in a new grant for Lister surveillance and key less access $50,000. Will hear about the extra money in February and must spend by April 1st so could be interesting.
8. Community Focus Group- community member to meet with and discuss to get feedback on where our communication is carrying and where we need some more input. Plans in place test it out with a focus group.
9. Committee updates- World Language committee will be presenting for the Board on their findings on December 11th
10. Formation of grading committee for PHS –first meeting is Thursday November 27th
11. Adjourned