School Board Meeting May 28th

1. Public comment – No Comment
2. Special Presentations
   1. Nancy Roy and RjLA
      1. Prioritizing the Advisory work on emotional and executive function regulation – block during the day focused on the advisory curriculum. Same lesson and activity each day – next year SEL
      2. One to one technology at RJLA with Chromebooks
      3. Online portfolio – Danielle developed Google site for benchmarks, evidence and feedback – implemented this year, calibrating how we give feedback across the team.
      4. Grading - competencies vs Infinite Campus- going to have to align with High school grading at some point.
      5. Going to have 6 out of District students next year.
      6. Post-secondary plan for all 6 seniors – Graduation is Friday May 31- one going to Beacon, one to Curry, two to GBCC for welding, one GBCC for full time.
      7. Lister Leafbusters- heading to Florida!!! Great trip as some have never been on a plane before, never mind FLorida - choosing a theme park.
      8. Integrating PE with hiking, ski and snowboarding at Pat’s Peak
      9. Another Van is coming to help with transportation
      10. Donation for Lister and Dondero
      11. All certified in CPR
      12. Robotics – STEM course with Bret Fletcher – robotics competition on the weekends. Students took a risk to try competition.
      13. CHALLENGES- ACCUPLACER is not allowed FOR HIGH SCHOOLS TO USE; grade reporting; on boarding for computer science but need pathway. Kate = grant for the garden.
      14. Christin Stillwell has made it to the semis so she is one of 9 semifinalists. Goes from 9 to 5, final decision October of next year.
   2. Special Education – Update
      1. May updates –
         1. Hiring has been very active and recruiting has been going on
         2. Wilson Reading training Level 1 – for teachers yearlong training and may be moving on to level 2.
         3. IEP training for billing and protection against audits.
         4. Preschool- is now at Little Harbour.
         5. McKinney Vento- taking care of homeless and transient population to ensure services.
         6. Challenges- transportation for homeless population, Lister to PHS, out of District placement- behavioral needs-
         7. NFS has most issues with special needs and hiring a new position- hoping for part-time.
         8. Building level or RTI and determining what needs to be done early on- so early intervention for these students.
         9. CPI training at building levels.
         10. PSD annual level of compliance was accepted- district is OK on all points. 2021 will be review point on item 13 (transition areas) for age 16.
         11. $126,000 from state to use as stimulus training.
         12. Brian contract increase question- outside services that we cannot cover- complex issues, evaluations etc.
         13. New position is at NFS in new budget- reduction of case load and facilitating meetings.
      2. Charlie Grossman – Title I, III and IX
         1. Title III ESOL –Updates
            1. Noor read the most books at the high school.
            2. Extra $10,500 grant to purchase iPads and high interest library books.
            3. 3- ½ time ESOL paras have been hired
         2. Title IX – coordination of investigations in Portsmouth
            1. Step up education on Title IX; what it is- when to use it.
            2. PHS teachers received an information session on transgender from student presenters- Title IX overview was given at same time.
            3. Holding pattern because of changes on Title IX – then will do training.
         3. Title I – is currently running in Dondero and NFs due to rate of F and R lunch
            1. Provides in school supplemental instruction and parent enrichment –
            2. Chase Home grant coordination
            3. Loss of $30,000 in allocation from funding – going to have to move costs around at NFS and Dondero- due to income changes in the area.
         4. QUESTIONS –
            1. Nancy – how many languages in District? Not sure, but many obscure languages.
            2. Patrick wondering if we are keeping up with Title IX training - Charlie stated changes at the Fed level are influencing what training is available, so not doing any right now.
            3. Roseanne- Charlie will be doing teacher evaluations.
            4. Kristin- any other Districts we could use as a model to consider how a small District can adapt and implement programs? Will be looking for -perhaps in massachusetts.
            5. Learning about high school, would like to be out with “kids” more.
         5. Superintendent’s Report
            1. Sabbatical Reports- steered toward individual and district interests.

Linda Beal’s picture book on bridges and costumes

RJLA graduation Friday

* + - 1. Administrator Report
         1. Financial report- maintenance budget is over, but not nearly as much as in the past. Special Ed @elementary is almost doubled but will be balanced off by positions that haven’t been filled. Tracking within a % of where we were last year. May report will give us the best picture of where we are.
      2. Old Business
         1. School board meeting dates for 2019-2020 approved
      3. New Business
         1. Future’s advisory board – Allison Dunn Phyllis Eldridge – Approved
         2. Leave of absences – Jill Johnson, Karen Marceau, Britt SantaMaria – Approved
         3. Administrators’ Contracts-Roll call vote- all yes
         4. Teachers’ Contracts – Ann Walker highlights “win-win” with mediation-all yes
         5. Clerical Contracts – all yes
         6. New Employees

New case manager

PHS physical Science

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Future’s Update – working on different professions and how people ended up there – education etc. all seniors going to college. Six new students were admitted.

Retiree reception next meeting with 5 retirees