

July 27, 2020 Administration Board Reports

Elementary Principal Nelson shared an email report with the Board, but was also present virtually at the meeting. She shared that July has been a month full of reading information from MDE and other groups in the State looking at many models to explore and prepare for the 2020-21 school year. MESPA has been really great at putting out models and giving opportunities to collaborate and discuss student mental health, covering the different plans for Fall, etc. Our new Reading curriculum has arrived and teachers have been great at coming in to take a look at it and prepare for the new school year. There will be Google meet trainings for our staff who haven't worked much with it yet to prepare for possible future needs. Our experienced staff members will work with other staff members to help them become more familiar/comfortable with it. We have had some new student enrollments at the Elementary level! Our class lists are ready to go - - and we have plans in place if we need to modify/adjust those in any way when we hear how to proceed with the school year. New staff members have been in working in the building and setting up rooms, etc. Some of the staff do have a few summer contract hours that have them working in the month of July. Mrs. Nelson has met with Kari Latterell, our Rum River Special Education coordinator for our district and working on plans for the new year and make sure our special education students plans are ready to go. We are awaiting the news from the Governor on Thursday. Big kudos to Karlee Ulseth for writing for and receiving a grant for Reflex Math for the Elementary school!

High School Principal Suzanne Davis shared that we will be conducting interviews for our Guidance Counselor position on Thursday morning. She invited any school board members who might be able to attend. The new middle level math materials have arrived. The teachers have decided to go through SAVVAS for their curriculum. This series has a great technology component that will assist any type of educational setting. A purchase order was submitted today for the Geometry and Algebra 2 curriculum. She has attended administrative meetings to discuss education planning for next year, the Title IX Webinar as some of the regulations have changed, and lastly the 5Sight webinar for school data. It looks very interesting and could be helpful for assessment data. Student and Faculty handbooks have been revised. Once we know what our year will look like, those changes will be added. The new year calendar in Aesop has been updated for employees to use as needed. Student planners were just ordered through School Datebooks. Summer Recovery is in final week. We had 10 students sign up and 14 attended. August 6th is PBIS training with our team. District CPI training will take place August 17th for the schools crisis team. We will also have the following meetings: Administration and PLC/AIW Leadership meeting, Substitute Teacher and Paraprofessional Meeting and New Teacher Workshop day.

Superintendent Belsheim shared that there has been transition happening in our Community Education/District Communications as well as our Activities Departments. Our Ogilvie Traveling Baseball Association team has been taking place – and started at the end of June. It will be wrapping up shortly. Our football team has been doing outdoor weight lifting/conditioning, and just recently attended a one-day camp at University of Minnesota, Duluth campus with safety precautions taking place by UMD. Our football team also had their first 7 on 7 one-touch version of football with Braham. Superintendent Belsheim had a meeting with our lifeguard staff today to line up staffing for August. We will be hosting our summer-rec activities in the first three weeks of August, for ages 3-8. Kanabec County COVID-19 funds have been issued, whereas schools could receive some funding for our food service departments. Ogilvie and Mora food service head of departments have been collaborating and working together to reach out to the community/vulnerable members. Area superintendents met today to discuss what extensive planning has already occurred within the districts and ensuring that our education plans are as great as they can be. Superintendent Belsheim shared quickly, the main responses to our Fall Planning survey. 76% of the families who responded – they want to see our students returning to school full-time this Fall. 23% would feel more comfortable with a mixed in-class/distance learning plan. Families feel that the daily cleaning and sanitizing is an important piece to the possible return to class. Our survey went out just before the Governor's mandating of masks in public places, but was an item on the survey that got many mixed feelings from our families. The full report of responses will be shared with the Board. About 49% will be needing to use our school buses for transportation to and from school. We had about 35% of families say that they would be providing transportation to and from school for the

upcoming year. The Governor's announcement will be coming this Thursday, July 30th. Our plan would be to bring our complete/final plan to the August 10th school board meeting for approval and then sharing the plan with our students/parents/families. We have run into a glitch with technology, where our order of chromebooks was canceled by the manufacturer. A new order has been placed, and we are hopeful to have this order go through and have them arrive prior to the start of the school year.