

Arapahoe-Holbrook Public Schools
Superintendent Report to Board of Education
February 13, 2023

Building & Grounds

1. HVAC Project Update - Pressurization tests will finish this week (all good so far), and all materials are on site. We are waiting for the contractor to bore power under the street for our 3-Phase needs. This project is next on the list for the sub-contractor. When power is hooked up, they can start switching the ductwork connections and fire up the new system by room, so no area will be without heat. When everything is up and running, they'll have a little demo of the old system left in the mechanical room and outside. Rasmussen figures it will be a 2 week process to completion when the power is connected.
2. Playground Equipment - Mr. Ellis and I met with the rep from Crouch Recreation last Monday to talk about the bid on our new playground equipment. The initial bid had some great play elements included, but it was a bit higher than we were targeting. We will have a final project set ready to go soon with images that can be used for Arapahoe Gala advertising. The event is scheduled for Saturday April 15. If the bid for the amount is ready, I'll have it to present at the board meeting on Feb. 13.

Technology

1. Elem Updates (MimioScreen/iPads/Chromebooks) - We have identified the 2 SmartBoards that are most in need of replacing, and our discussions have finalized the targets for types of technology at the K-4 level. Kindergarten and 1st Grade will continue to use iPads, 2nd and 3rd grade will move to touchscreen Chromebooks, and 4th grade will use regular Chromebooks like the 5th-12th grade students. When Mr. Stagemeyer has pricing for those updates, we'll convene the Technology Committee to plan for our next purchase(s).
2. Website -Mr. Stagemeyer, Mr. Perez, Mr. Ellis and I have undergone a number of short trainings to learn how to use the software for updates and postings on our new website. The mobile app is already available for people to download, and there is some information posted to it, but it will become much more comprehensive as soon as we open the website. We may go live with the site on Feb. 10, but if not then, it will be within about 10 days, so we'll be pushing the information out to everyone about the time of our PT Conferences on the 13th.

Other

1. Perceptual Surveys - The perceptual surveys have been open for a few weeks, and we have a good number of responses. All the surveys cover the same basic concepts about climate, programming and practices, but in slightly different wording for the separate groups (Elem Students / Secondary Students / Parents-Guardians / Support Staff / Certified Staff). We'll pull the reports on those and analyze the data before the March meeting in preparation to provide the board a summary. The info will be used as part of our School Improvement Process data as well. The long term plan is to use this survey (provided by NDE) every year, but we can talk about exact timing at the start of the 23-24 school year.
2. Board Training/Development -
 - a. Feb 8 NASB Budget/Finance Workshop @ Kearney Holiday Inn - Review of school finance process and guidelines as well as updates on recent changes - Dinner at 5:30 with workshop to follow (Chad/Nancy/Dan/Leigh)
 - b. NE Legislative Advocacy Day - Lincoln - April 17 - from NASB - *"Come spend the morning learning the status of bills important to the board room and classroom. Gain tools for advocacy, then head to the Capitol after lunch to put those tools to use as we engage with Senators and watch the floor debate."* Deadline to register is April 11