

BOARD UPDATE

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Mission: The Board wants to keep in touch with all of you and let you know what the Board is working on and be completely transparent. We also want to give you updates from our regular monthly board meetings just in case you missed it! Please join us at the next Board meeting on March 16, 2020 at 5 p.m. in the Cotopaxi Cafeteria.



New School Update: You may have also heard talk of the possibility of a new school in the future. There is a lot of excitement about this! We are in the very beginning stages of this process but we are committed to doing what it takes to have a safe facility that staff, students and our community can be proud of.

Next steps: The State will come out and inspect our facility and assess our needs to see what we would qualify for on the BEST grant scale. We are excited to explore this and some of the Board members have already been to nearby new school builds to see what they've done, what they would change, and what they love. There will be many opportunities to get involved in this process so stay tuned!

DAC Update: The District Accountability Committee deserves a huge shout-out! After some reorganization/redirection by Mrs. Van, the committee was able to form several subcommittees. One is working diligently on school budget, one is working with the new school project, and one is looking at staff evaluation tools. It's really great! Their hard work is much appreciated!

Policy Review: This month the Board is continuing our work on policy updates. For those of you who may not be familiar with this process, the Colorado Association of School Boards, sends out policy changes and recommendations every year to the Board. Our school district policies are what dictates the decisions that are made by Board and the Administration on a day to day and year after year basis for our school. Therefore, we are going through our entire policy manual, policy by policy, line by line, comparing CASB's policy recommendations with what we currently have in place and making sure our policies align and represent our school's commitment to keeping things fair and equitable for everyone. Our goal is to have the policy manual review completed and updated by the end of this school year. We are currently working on the "G" policies pertaining to "Personnel" and have 2 more work sessions scheduled to try and get them completed.

Congratulations to Mrs. Van: The Board is pleased to report that we have renewed Mrs. Van's contract, effective June, 2020. The Board considered her completed licensure, looked at comparable school districts superintendent salaries, budget considerations, and we were able to give her a 4% increase over each of the last 2 years and also for the upcoming 3rd year, which will go into effect with the new contract. Mrs. Van's contract is the first contract that gets renewed annually, as she is considered the Board's only employee.