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Meade School District 46-1

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“To Build Knowledge and Skills for Success Today and Tomorrow”

School Board Meeting

September 11, 2017

5:30 PM

Student numbers

	September 1, 2017	2016	2015	2014
Grade 9	229	212	216	213
Grade 10	166	167	165	181
Grade 11	146	150	174	129
Grade 12	128	159	121	150
Total	669	688	676	673

What's happening:

We are off to a great start of the school year. New and returning students were excited to be back in school and the new computer roll-out before school, went pretty well. Our goal was to have students with their computers in their hands on the first day and a majority did. We also are welcoming 10 new teacher faces to the high school and they have adjusted well. The custodians and the building and grounds personal have the school looking good with all the cleaning and prepping during the summer and they were ready for the first day of school.

We have introduced the new ALICE training to the students and staff. Our new testing mechanism from NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) is called the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) test and it is for English, Science and Math. We are underway testing our 9th and 10th graders and are excited to receive data to use to improve our teaching. We just received our 2017 Graduating Class ACT Profile Report and I am excited to tell you that our composite score is above the state average for the first time since 2009. English, Reading and Science are above the state average and Math is even with the state average. This data comes from the graduating seniors only. It takes their last test score no matter when they took the test and that is compiled in the averages. On our Smarter Balance results, we had 82% of the Juniors score proficient or advanced in the English portion as compared to 64% at the state level. In math, we had 49% score proficient or advanced as compared to 40% at the state level.

Fall activities have started and the numbers are below.

Fall Activity Numbers (Sanctioned activities)			Total
Football	36 (Grade 10-12)	17 (Grade 9)	53
Volleyball	23 (Grade 10-12)	22 (Grade 9)	45
Girls Soccer	23 (Grade 9-12)	3 (Grade 7-8)	26
Boys Soccer	30 (Grade 9-12)	4 (Grade 7-8)	34
Boys XC	10 (Grade 9-12)		10
Girls XC	9 (Grade 9-12)	1 (Grade 7-8)	10
Boys Golf	9 (Grade 9-12)		9
Comp Cheer	15 (Grade 9-12)		15
Comp Dance	15 (Grade 9-12)	1 (Grade 7-8)	16

Fall Activity Numbers (Club):

Girls Softball	21 (Grade 9-12)	11 (Grade 7-8)	32
	*Includes 6 from Spearfish		

Total Fall HS Participation: 250



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David Olson, Asst. Principal

To: Supt. Don Kirkegaard
From: Ann Nonnast
Subject: September Board Report
Date: September 5, 2017

We are off to a great start at SWMS. We opened the year with an enrollment of 582 students. This is an increase of 67 students from last year at this time. The largest grade enrollment is 7th grade with 212 students. Our 6th grade has also seen an increase in the number of students with 161. We have 209 students in 8th grade.

We held our Open House on August 23rd. Teachers reported a wonderful turnout by parents and students. Parents and guardians had an opportunity to meet their child's teachers, learn about the academic programs provided, become more comfortable with their schedules and the building, while getting reacquainted with old friends.

SWMS had several new staff members join our team: Andy Jones – 6th/7th grade Science, Megan Jones – 8th grade English and Reading, Meggan Jacobsma – 8th grade Math /Algebra, Courtney Pitsor – 7th/8th grade Reading, Jean Karsten 8th grade Special Services, Megan Meister - 7th grade Special Services, Cathy Johnson Library Paraprofessional, Jessica Bestgen ICU Library Paraprofessional. Our building has an outstanding staff that is dedicated to the learning needs of their students.

This year we are offering extra assistance to students with academics needs. Staff will help students with homework, strengthen the skills they are currently working on and develop critical thinking skills in the academic areas. The After School Tutorial Program will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:20 to 5:30, starting the week of September 11th. The late bus will be available for students in the Piedmont area.

The district has adopted a different tri-annual testing program. NWEA will provide staff and administration with a more accurate view of student progress throughout the year. The program will map student progress and project student growth. This data can help teachers be more effective in the classrooms.

Thanks to all who have made the beginning of this year go smoothly.

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Re: September 2017 Board Report

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Enrollment Numbers: Numbers are still bouncing up and down with students enrolling and students that have transferred. These numbers were taken as of September 1.

Kindergarten: 112
First Grade: 118
Second Grade: 123
Third Grade: 109
Fourth Grade: 138
Fifth Grade: 138

Sturgis Elementary Total Students: 600
Sturgis Intermediate Total Students: 138

Sturgis Intermediate School Transition:

We have had a successful start for the fifth grade. Additional lockers will be moved upstairs to accommodate more students. Students are enjoying having three teachers for their core subjects!

ALICE TRAINING: On a monthly basis, teachers are practicing scenarios of emergency situations with the students to better prepare them for any type of crisis.

Sturgis Elementary Garden



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To: Mr. Kirkegaard
From: Ethan Dschaak
Re: Board Report
Date: 9.11.17

Welcome Back:

The best part of a new school year is having the opportunity to see colleagues again and work with our students. Piedmont Valley Elementary prides itself in a rigorous educational curriculum and a nurturing environment. I believe this style of teaching and learning works well and we are all excited to spend time in the building for another year!

New Staff:

We have a bunch of new staff members that have joined us for the 2017-2018 school year. We are excited to have every one of them! New staff members include: Heidi Kruse, Kathryn Schuetzle, Courtney Cassen, Kelli Heiser, Jennifer Mayer, Sara Delaney, Alli Williams, Janet Kuske, Ward Anderson, and Shelby Bauer.

New Building Initiatives:

We have a number of new initiatives happening at Piedmont Valley Elementary. We are implementing a new formative assessment called NWEA-MAP. We believe this assessment will help us do a better job of tracking students and helping them succeed academically. We are also in the process of implementing a new Crisis plan called ALICE. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. We believe, by implementing this system we will have a better success rate of protecting our children. Mystery Science will also be implemented. Mystery Science is an on-line curriculum that we believe students will find exciting and fun. We need to continue to make science more hands on and exciting and we believe this is a step in that direction.

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 7: PTA Ice Cream Social from 630-800 pm in the new gym.
Sept. 12: PTA Meeting in the library at 3:00 pm.
Sept. 18-22: Childhood Cancer Awareness Week.
Sept. 25: Digital Safety in a Digital World Presentation at 6:30 pm in the new gym.

WHITEWOOD/RURAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

BEV ROSENBOOM, PRINCIPAL

September, 2017
Board Report

We have not selected Rural Students of the Month nor Whitewood Wrangler of Month at this time. Pizza and pop are awarded to the rural students through the generosity of Kick Start in Sturgis. Pizza and pop are awarded to the Wranglers of the Month through the generosity of the Whitewood Plaza and Hideaway Restaurant.

WW and Rural staff completed the online ALICE training at inservice on August 22. Some completed it the following day. We found the training modules to be very well designed and "user friendly". Staff at all sites were given a template drafted by the principal. The template is entitled "Active Shooter Response Plan." Each site will submit that to the principal by the end of September.

Whitewood PTO Back-to-School Picnic was Wednesday, September 6. It was a great event attended by many families.

Open House/Registration events were held at all sites with good attendance by parents/guardians.

The WW third grade will be attending an illustrator session at the Lead Homestake Opera house on Friday, September 22 as part of the 2017 Festival of Books supported by the South Dakota Humanities Council. Don Montileux, a Native American writer and artist, will visit the Whitewood School on September 22 and talk to the students about his work.

The Hereford School had its back to school ride on the first day of school. It was well-attended. West River Electric brought donuts for the group.

Picture day for the rural schools is Thursday, September 14 and picture day for Whitewood is Friday, September 15.

The interior renovation at the Elm Springs School is completed. It is a great improvement to the overall look of the school. The students "love" the bathrooms! Thanks to the buildings and grounds crew for all their hard work.



To: School Board Members
From: Chrissy Peterson – Special Services
Re: September Board Report 2017

The Special Services Department had a very busy start to a new school year. Many new students to the district have special needs which require individualized programming and lots of meetings to coordinate team members. The Special Education numbers certainly have not experienced any declining enrollment! Additionally, eleven new staff have joined the department. The new members are quickly acclimating to our school and students and are becoming quite efficient and effective team members!

All teachers, new to the profession and new to the district, are supported by the Meade School District mentoring program. Deb Kerstiens coordinates this terrific program for the district. Six hand-chosen, general education teachers are the mentors for the new teachers. The mentors are Sage Robinson-Miller (HS), Stacy Schuelke (Rural), Donna Sigman (PVE), Phyllis Erfman (SE), Janice Gutierrez (MS), and Becky Rost (WW). The mentors assist first year teachers and teachers new to our district, during this crucial first year of their professional career. The new teachers are supported all year by the mentors with classroom visits, a binder created by the mentors, frequent emails, words of support and encouragement, and problem-solving conversations. They have taken their role seriously as selected mentors for each building site. This is a great group of veteran teachers!

The Special Services Department will go through an on-site accountability review September 19-21. Eight people from the SD Department of Education will examine all aspects of the department including services to students with disabilities, special education compliance, and mounds of paperwork!

Meade School District is fortunate enough to have received 24 free EpiPens from the Mylan Company because we are enrolled in their school program. Once the nurses obtain an order from Dr. Hermann from Massa Berry, the company sends the EpiPens to our district.



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Re: Meade 46-1 School Board Report
From: Jeff Ward, Curriculum and Technology Director
Subject: September 2017 Board Report

Back to school timeline:

July Order new and replacement technologies
 Order new phone system
 Order new science materials
 Maintain other curriculum areas
 Set up training dates for NWEA

August Configure and deploy new and replacement
 technologies
 Configure and deploy new IP phone system
 Receive, sort and deliver new and replacement
 curriculum
 Provide training on new and replacement technology
 and curriculum
 Troubleshoot problems
 Set up accounts for use of NWEA

September Provide support for continued use of curriculum and
 technology

During this time, 277 work orders for technology assistance were created. This does not include the issues handled while the tech is in the building which would account for at least twice as many issues resolved without the creation of a work order.

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ALICE Training

As the district has implemented a new crisis response program this year, each site has conducted specialized training based on the specific needs of each location. All district staff members completed the ALICE eLearning course which taught the overall concept of the ALICE training. During August inservice, all building principals conducted additional training that expanded on the eLearning course, and discussed site-specific considerations.

SBHS:

- Staff was trained at August inservice
- Staff will receive additional training at each inservice, and will use that time to review many different scenarios.

SWMS:

- Staff practiced full speed barricade and evacuation scenarios during August inservice, direct counter was demonstrated, but not practiced at full speed.
- Teachers introduced the ALICE system to students in their homeroom periods during the first week of school.
- Teachers will be provided scenarios periodically throughout the year to discuss with students.
- Grade level/larger scale drills will be conducted at a later time, which will include visiting the rally point.

STEL/SIS:

- Worked with Police Chief Geody Vandewater for input on the site plan.
- Staff practiced full speed barricade and evacuation scenarios during August inservice.
- Counselors will help introduce the topic to students, and read the book "I'm not scared, I'm prepared" to younger age levels.
- Teachers will be provided weekly scenarios to discuss with students, and practice the skills involved (lockdown, barricade, evacuate, non-assault counter)
- Grade level/larger scale drills will be conducted at a later time, which will include visiting the rally point.

PVE:

- Worked with Sheriff Ron Merwin to establish a site plan
- Counselors will help introduce the topic to students, and read the book "I'm not scared, I'm prepared" to younger age levels.
- Teachers will be provided scenarios periodically throughout the year to discuss with students, and practice when appropriate.
- Grade level/larger scale drills will be conducted at a later time.

WW/Rural:

- Counselors will help introduce the topic to students, and read the book "I'm not scared, I'm prepared" to younger age levels.
- Whitewood is planning their site procedures on September 12.
- Atall has conducted a planning meeting, which involved parents.