



WPS BOARD BRIEFS Regular Board Meeting March 11, 2019 ~ 6:00 PM

Personnel Transactions:

Action Item – Approved

The Board approved the following personnel transactions:

Leaves of Absence:

- Teacher, WIS, 1/14/19 – 1/14/20 (Int.)
- Teacher, Parkview, 2/06/19 – 4/02/20
- Teacher, WIS, 2/22/19 – 2/11/20 (Int.)

Gladiola Elementary Building
Spotlight Presentation:

Gladiola Elementary Principal Cheryl Corpus and Gladiola KSSN Coordinator, Sydney Hanlon, joined the WPS Board of Education meeting to highlight the many KSSN programs offered in their building including hand2hand and Kids Food Basket.

Because of a generous donation from WPS Chef Michael Ritsema and his family, the Kids Food Basket program was able to launch at Gladiola Elementary on January 25th. The program provides sack suppers to 140 Gladiola students on a daily basis.

Hand2hand is a food program geared to assist children and their families over the weekend. Ten to twelve food items are placed in non-identifying backpacks and then placed in student lockers on Thursday evenings. These food items help supplement weekend meals. Eighty (80) Gladiola students have signed up to receive backpacks courtesy of hand2hand.

West Elementary Building Tour &
Spotlight Presentation:

Prior to the Board meeting, members of the WPS Board of Education participated in a guided tour of West Elementary led by Principal Josh Baumbach. The focus of the tour was to provide those in attendance with an overview of some of the programs currently implemented in the building.

Principal Baumbach was in attendance at the Board meeting to share with the group literacy happenings at West Elementary. The three areas highlighted included the HIL Grant, Readers Workshop Book Clubs and Therapy Dogs.

Governor Whitmer's Proposed
Budget:

Last Tuesday, governor Whitmer presented her first proposed budget which included an investment of over \$500 million in education to better strengthen public schools, emphasizing improved student achievement and preparation for college and careers. The proposed budget now moves to the legislature.

Athletic Audit:

Superintendent Hoekstra is working with Secondary Athletic Directors to audit the programs currently offered to our student body. The expected outcome is to ensure program alignment and youth development as student-athletes progress through the District as a strategic plan is developed.

State Assessment Schedule:	The Board was provided a 3-year calendar outlining the testing windows for the Spring 2019, 2020 and 2021 summative Assessments. The majority of these required assessments will start the week of April 8, 2019.
K-4 PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support):	Jason Maas, Student Services Director, and James Los, MTTS Coordinator, have been leading the work to align processes and resources allocated to support students and staff so that instructional opportunities are maximized. A representative elementary team will be meeting on March 11, 2019 to plan forward for a systems-based implementation.
Michigan Supreme Court Visit:	Jacquelin Dolce and 25 AP Government students will be attending the Court Community Connections Program at the Performance Arts Center at East Grand Rapids High School on Wednesday, April 24, 2019. Since 2007, the Michigan Supreme Court goes out into the community twice a year to afford students the opportunity to hear an oral argument and meet local attorneys who discuss the case that the Court will hear. After the argument, students participate in a debriefing session with the attorneys who argued the case. This is another authentic way students can take their class experiences to full application.
WPS Graduate Return Visit Monday, March 4, 2019:	2015 Wyoming High School graduate, Gabby Huizinga, requested to present to the science students to share her journey through Michigan State University and applying for the PhD program. Her message focused on her preparedness entering college, the rigor of the field, goal setting and perseverance. Students and staff were appreciative of Gabby's message, encouragement to work hard and being fully committed to success beyond high school.
Atlanta Curriculum Conference March 18-21, 2019:	Superintendent Hoekstra has been invited to a literacy and mathematics curriculum conference in Atlanta, Georgia, the week of March 18 th at no cost to the District. While away, he will be available remotely to support as necessary.
TEAM 21 Update – Kelloggsville:	The City of Wyoming and Wyoming Public Schools received notice from Kelloggsville Public Schools on February 27, 2019 stating their district intends to withdraw from the partnership that provides TEAM 21 after-school and summer programming. The last day of TEAM 21 programming at Kelloggsville will be May 23, 2019. TEAM 21 programs will continue in other Wyoming districts where it is currently offered: Wyoming Public Schools, Godwin Heights Public Schools, and Godfrey-Lee Public Schools.
TEAM 21 Large Group Meeting – March 20, 2019:	TEAM 21 will hold a large group meeting on Wednesday, March 20 th at Wyoming Public Library.
2019-20 School Year Approved Kent County Common Calendar Agreements:	The Board was provided a copy of the recently approved 2019-20 Kent County common calendar agreement. As in the past, the common calendar allows local districts the opportunity to plan and coordinate county-wide partnerships and programming.

Upcoming Events:**Board Committee Work Sessions:**

Thursday, March 21, 2019 ~ 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building

Thursday, April 18, 2019 ~ 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building

Board Meetings:

Monday, March 25, 2019 ~ 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building

Monday, April 22, 2019 ~ 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building

Other Events:

March 29 – April 5, 2019 – Spring Break

May 21, 2019 – Graduation – 7:00 PM – GR First