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Maturation presentation delivery undergoes changes

Recorded presentation removes potential for going “off script”

Parents attending maturation presentations with their elementary student will notice a slight change in the distribution of information.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Logan Toone said while the presentation itself will not change, the mode used to present the information will. He explained, there are not enough school nurses to give the PowerPoint presentation at each of the 62 elementary schools. In the past, some schools have had to rely on curriculum review committee-approved volunteers.

“Our delivery method right now is personnel heavy,” Toone said. “And while we have not yet had any major issues with people going off script, there is the potential for people going off script.”

To keep the presentation more scripted, the district has opted to record a male and female pediatrician presenting the PowerPoint information, which was approved by the Board of Education in 2012. Also included in the presentation is a video produced by Procter & Gamble and approved by board members in 2016.

Basically, Toone said, the new format will require an administrator at the school to push play.

Several board members said their one concern would be whether that administrator would be prepared to answer questions that may come up during or following the presentation. Toone said a school nurse would be requested if a question and answer period is planned.

“I think that’s critical in terms of our procedure,” Superintendent Reid Newey said. “A Q & A will not be part of the presentation unless requested by the school. ... It just leaves too much variability that we are trying to control.”

Board action is not required for the changes to take place, Toone said, because the curriculum itself is not changing. However, the curriculum review committee will watch the recordings of the pediatricians and approve each.

Parents will still have the option to pull their student out of the presentation. The permission form that goes home two weeks prior to the presentation is an opt in form. The full presentation can be viewed on the district website at <https://www.davis.k12.ut.us/Page/384>.

Board considers future building projects in high growth areas

The west side of Davis County continues to grow.

District Finance and Accounting Director Tim Leffel told Board of Education members as the district looks forward to staffing schools for the next year it must look at growth patterns in the area. That analysis includes new housing projects, types of housing, location and births.

That data will also help decide where the next building project for the 2015 voter-approved bond will be needed.

“This whole process drives bonding, it drives land purchases, it drives FTE (full-time equivalent) counts and the number of teachers we are going to need,” Leffel said. “So the

process is really important.”

The 2015 bond includes the rebuilding of West Bountiful and either two new elementary schools or one new school and one rebuild. In the next eight months or so, he said, a decision will need to be made on where those school projects will be. If the board chooses to only build one new elementary school and rebuild South Clearfield Elementary, it would necessitate some elementary schools going to a year-round schedule.

West Layton and west Syracuse have the potential for the most growth in the next few years, said District Planning Director Steve Snow. In meeting with city planners, he said, it is clear that there are hundreds of new houses coming to those areas and the potential for even more.

Snow said the growth in west Layton could impact three elementary schools — Ellison Park, Bluff Ridge and Sand Springs. In west Syracuse, growth would impact Buffalo Point, Syracuse and Cook elementary schools. Already, those schools are at maximum capacity, he said.

Leffel said the board also needs to discuss and consider when the district will go to voters with the next bond. Elementary schools will not be the only ones reaching capacity in the next few years, he said.

Business administrator Craig Carter said the earliest the district would consider another bond would be the fall of 2019. Most likely it would be the fall of 2020.