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Mesa County Valley School District 51

Board Work Session Minutes ***October 3, 2017***

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1. Nutrition Services Update and Dinner, Mr. Dan Sharp, Director of Nutrition Services
   - Mr. Dan Sharp provided an update on various activities in the Nutrition Services Department. Over the last four years, the department has transitioned from processed foods made from scratch, to equipped cafeterias with salad bars and started using more local providers for produce, including lettuce, potatoes, other vegetables and apples. A community alliance with local partners also allowed students to plant fruit and vegetable seeds this spring and harvest the produce last month in part for our school cafeterias. In addition, they will do some wellness policy updates this year with the help of Ms. Ayme Zortman, who will help form a Wellness Board and improve wellness programming in schools. Mr. Sharp also provided an update on the 2017 summer meal service program, including the Lunch Lizard Mobile Food Truck Program, which delivered over 25,000 meals to students in the neighborhoods, most at risk for childhood hunger. The Lunch Lizard fleet of three trucks is entirely funded by community partners and not District 51.

2. Claire Davis Act, Safe2Tell, Safety Update, Mr. Tim Leon, Director of Safety and Security
   - Mr. Tim Leon updated the Board on the Claire Davis School Safety Act. This Act was passed in 2015 as SB213. The Act went into effect this summer and allows schools to be sued for up to $350,000 for an injury to one person during one incident or up to $90,000 for multiple people injured during one incident. This would happen if a school or its employees did not "exercise reasonable care" to protect students and staff from "reasonably foreseeable" crimes of violence (primarily murder or felony sexual assault) at school or school-sponsored events. The definition of "reasonable care" and "reasonably foreseeable" are unclear at this time. In general, Mr. Leon stated schools are likely to be protected as long as employees act in good faith.
   - Safe-2-Tell is a statewide service which allows people to anonymously report a variety of things, from school threats, to bullying, to mental health concerns. There is an app, website or call line. Since District 51 did a big publicity push in March 195, reports have been made to Safe2Tell in District 51. Those reports include 46 suicide threats, 35 bullying reports, 21 cutting reports, 19 reports of drug use, 17 depression reports and 2 planned school attack reports. All reports prompted law enforcement and school officials to intervene.
   - Currently, there are several school resource officers and four security officers in the District. Two spots are open for school resource officers. The Mesa County Sheriff's Office is trying to fill these positions, which would bring the tally of school resource officers to nine.
   - Mandated drills are required at all schools. Eleven fire drills, two lockdown drills and one shelter-in-place drill are required per year.

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					➢ Threat Assessments are assessed for validity and severity. During the 2016-2017 school year there were 154 threat assessments performed. 3. Board Open Discussion ➢ Mr. Williams discussed the political climate and the need for the Board to be visible within the community. Mr. Williams stated he would like to revisit the school calendar to look at a four-day week or at least for efficiency of less days off for students. ➢ Dr. Haptonstall discussed working on the school calendar and moving forward with the District 51 Learning Model. 4. Adjourn _____ Terri Wells, Assistant Secretary Board of Education	7:25 p.m.