Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Business Meeting Minutes ***April 17, 2018***

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Present	x	x		x	x	BUSINESS MEETING	6:01 p.m.
Absent			x			A. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ➢ Mr. Parrish welcomed attendees to the April Business Meeting and gave instructions for meeting participants to address the Board, *under Item G, Audience Comments*.	
Motion				x		B. AGENDA APPROVAL	Adopted
Second	x						
Aye	x	x		x	x		
No							
Motion		x				C. MEETING MINUTES AND SUMMARY APPROVAL	Adopted
Second	x					C-1. February 20 2018, Board Business Meeting Minutes	
Aye	x	x		x	x	C-2. March 6, 2018, Board Work Session Minutes	
No						C-3. March 20, 2018, Board Business Meeting Minutes	
						[Mr. Williams arrived at 6:08 p.m.]	
						D. RECOGNITIONS ➢ D-1. Recognition for Grand Junction High School Knowledge Bowl State Champions [Resolution: 17/18: 78] • The Board of Education invited the Grand Junction High School Knowledge Bowl Team to come to the front of the room. The Board and Superintendent Haptonstall congratulated the Grand Junction High School Knowledge Bowl for their 19th Governor's Cup and their 20th state championship win! The team, coached by GJHS teacher Mr. Coady Shawcroft, placed first in both the overall competition, and in the Class 5A tournament, which took place last month in Fort Collins. This year, the division championship winners were awarded a $1000 scholarship to Colorado State University. The Board of Education and Superintendent Haptonstall are proud of how hard these students work both in and out of the classroom. o Coach: Coady Shawcroft o Anij Magill, Senior o Matt Chambers, Senior o Samantha Gillaspie, Senior o Amanda Gordon, Junior o Parker Stacy, Sophomore o Anthony Booth, Sophomore o Noah Terlouw, Sophomore o Evan Ancell, Sophomore ➢ D-2. Recognition for 2017-2018 Southwestern League All Conference Girls Basketball Player and Coach of the Year, Fruita Monument High School [Resolution: 17/18: 76]	

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D-5. Recognition for the Briggs and Stratton Master Service Technicians, Career Center [Resolution: 17/18: 75]

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D-6. Recognition for State Speech and Debate Tournament Finals, Palisade High School [Resolution: 17/18: 80]

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E. BOARD REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS/REQUESTS

- Mr. Pitton reported setting time to go to visit the Career Wise interns with Mrs. Andrea Bolton.
- Mr. Williams reported on the Long Range Planning Committee. This committee will be looking at facilities and District capital needs. John suggested considering an academic long-term plan committee.
- Mr. Parrish liked the idea of having a Long Range Planning Committee. He stated District 51 needs to be proactive on conversations across District 51 regarding needs and issues.

F. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

- Mr. Pitton reported on the PERA (Public Employee Retirement Association) Bill, which passed the legislation. He reported there would not be any change to employees pay. He also talked about the new finance bill, which will provide a 3.4 percent cost of living increase to school districts.

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G. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Mr. Parrish asked if anyone would like to comment to the Board:
  Mr. Kirk Huddleston, 459 N. Annabelle Court, Fruita, CO 81521
  Mr. Huddleston is the owner of the Discovery Kids Learning Center. He commented on the 2018-2019 school calendar. He disagrees with moving workdays from Fridays to Mondays. He stated it would be a hardship for his business and families who will not have supervision for their children. He stated Fridays are easier to work around employees absences than Mondays would be. The Board and Superintendent thanked him for his comment.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

H-1. Career-Wise, Mr. Matt Diers, Executive Director of High Schools

- Career-wise students Colby Dunn, a Junior at R5 High School, Gracie Broe, a Senior at Palisade High School, Brock Sanger, a Junior at Fruita Monument High School and Gretchen Kowalczyk, a Junior at Palisade High School, along with CTE Coordinator, Ms. Andrea Bolton, presented the Board with an update on the CareerWise youth apprenticeships. This was the first school year with the apprenticeship program, which matched thirteen students with local businesses. Students get to earn a good wage at a part-time apprenticeship and gain job skills while attending high school and later, higher education after graduation. Five of the current apprentices are graduating next month. Each of the thirteen participating students will continue in the program next year along with ten new students. Apprenticeships are available in advanced manufacturing, business operations, financial services, health care and technology. Four current apprentice students shared their experiences with the Board. The Board thanked everyone for the inspiring report.

H-2. District Accountability Committee (DAC) Board Report, Mr. Tony Giurado, Chief Academic Officer, Ms. Amanda McQuade, DAC Co-Chair

- The District Accountability Committee suggested the Board prioritize budget decisions to make more time available for staff to stay the course. They also suggested new initiatives and building on resources, assessments and initiatives each year, rather than making changes, which require new training. DAC members also said staff would benefit from professional development which makes efficient use of staff time; focuses on the D51 Learning Model, new technology and curriculum resources, social-emotional learning and assessments; and is flexible enough to meet the specific needs of a particular school. For curriculum, DAC suggests updating curriculum resources and providing training on the new resources.

[Recess at 7:45 p.m. Resume at 7:50 p.m.]

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H-3. Central High School STEM Update, Mr. Lanc Sellden, Principal, Ms. Tracey Arledge, Central High School

- Central High School decided in 2012 that a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program would help the school shift education toward the work skills future economy. More than just a focus on the subjects involved, STEM education emphasizes problem-solving, creative thinking and curiosity. The school now has twelve National Institute for STEM Education (NISE) certified instructors and will have twenty-six total by October 2018. The school itself is also the first in Colorado to be a NISE certified STEM campus. In year one, with NISE certification, teachers are voluntarily creating cross-curricular lessons and projects to finding baseline measures, so the school can make evidence-based decisions going forward. Next year, goals will include implementing a new master schedule to accommodate cross-curricular learning, more frequent Warrior Rounds and continuing to track data.

H-4. Bond and Mill Update, Chamberlain Architects, DIA and PHS Gym

- Site plan for Palisade High School changes this summer will include reroofing across the building, restroom flooring and ceiling replacements in some areas, sidewalk and parking lot replacement work and an HVAC replacement. PHS will also get a second gym in the southeast corner of the school, set to open in January 2019. The new gym will be adjacent to a new training room, new restrooms and new locker rooms. Construction of a new gym at Dual Immersion Academy will begin this summer as well. The gym addition will connect to Riverside Educational Center and feature a gym, as well as, a cafeteria, a music room and a ramp into Riverside Education Center. The plan is to get site work done by the start of school in 2018-2019 and finish work by January 2019. At Fruita Monument High School, renovation work is being planned for the summers of 2018 and 2019. Work on the central corridor starting this summer will connect the north and south entrances to the school with one wide hallway, which includes flexible searing, and work areas. Phase I is an entryway addition on the north side, Phase 2 is construction of an addition in the courtyard, and Phase 3 concentrates on the south entrance and hallway. Re-roofing work will be done this summer on the east side of the school and on the west side of the school in summer, 2019. New fire sprinklers will be installed during both summers and parking lot overlay work will be done over the summer.

H-5. Business/Investment Reports, Ms. Melanie Heath

- Property taxes are coming in, including revenue for the bond and mill levy override. Fund revenues are strong and there have been few unforeseen expenses in the budget; however, the budget is expected to be in a good position at the end of the fiscal year.

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						H-6. Expulsion Report ➢ There have been twenty-five expulsions so far this year (as of March 31, 2018.) At this time last year, there had been 36 expulsions. H-7. Communication Report/District Initiatives ➢ The D51 Communications Report for April 2018 includes links to media articles, social media data and advertising, including new initiatives such as a digital billboard ads and advertising before movies.	
Motion			x			I. CONSENT AGENDA	Adopted
Second		x				I-1. Personnel Actions	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	I-1-a. Licensed Personnel [Resolution: 17/18: 81]	
No						I-2. Gifts [Resolution: 17/18: 74]	
Motion			x			J. BUSINESS ITEMS	Adopted
Second		x				J-1. Policy Second Reading and Adoption	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	J-1.a. BEDG, Minutes of Board	
No						J-1-b. EDC, authorized Use of School-Owned Equipment/Facilities	
						K. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION ➢ Mr. Williams discussed the use of cell phones in classrooms and wondered if this is adding to the social/emotional issues with students. He stated there is a study at a middle school who is requiring students to check their cell telephones at the door. He is interested in looking at this line of thinking. ➢ Mr. Parrish stated when he is visiting classrooms; students spend a lot of time on their cell telephones. ➢ Mr. Pitton stated Palisade High School allowed students to use calculators on their cell telephones. He stopped that process. He does not allow the use of cell phones in his classroom. He confiscates them if they are used and they are taken to the office. After a second offence, the parent is required to pick up the cell telephone. ➢ Mrs. Davis would like to see appropriate use and utilization contracts and instruction put into place. ➢ Mr. Levinson, at some time, would like to revisit the all-day kindergarten topic. This will be put on a future Agenda for discussion.	
						L. FUTURE MEETINGS ➢ Reviewed. ➢ Discussed the upcoming negotiations.	
						M. EXECUTIVE SESSION ➢ None at this time.	

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Motion		x				N. ADJOURNMENT	8:59 p.m.
Second	x						
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							

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Terri N. Wells, Secretary
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Recognition:
Ryan Hayden, FMHS
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Recognition: *HOSA students*
State Leadership Conference Winners

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Recognition:
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Briggs and Stratton Master Service Technician Certificate

Board of Education Resolution: 17/18: 75

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Expulsion Report
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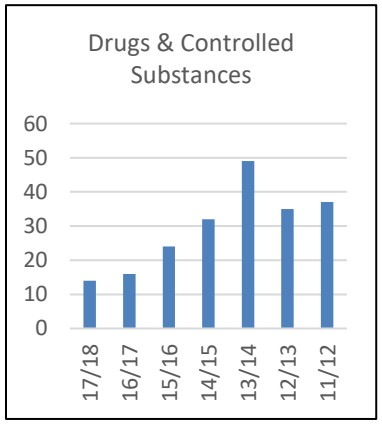
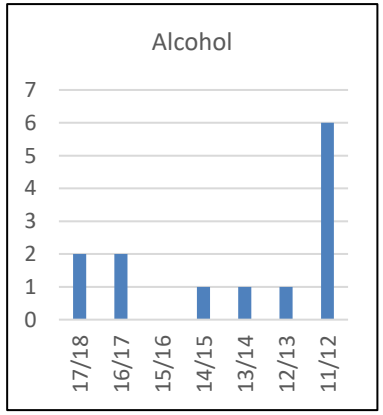
	17/18		16/17		17/18		16/17		17/18		16/17		17/18	16/17	15/16	14/15	13/14	12/13	11/12
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F							
100	14		10	5			1						14	16	24	32	49	35	37
200	2		2										2	2		1	1	1	6
300																			
400						1							1		2	1		4	
500			7			1	2						1	9	2	6	5		6
600																			
700			1											1	1			2	3
DSP																			
VOO	4	1	5		1	1	3						7	8	5	6	10	7	8
Total	20	1	25	5	1	3	6						25	36	34	46	65	49	60

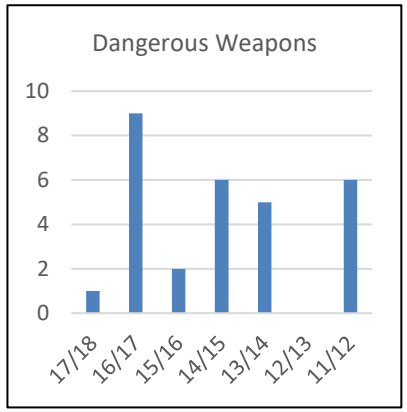
Category Description

100 - drug or controlled substance
200 - alcohol
300 - tobacco
400 - felony assault
500 - dangerous weapons
600 - robbery
700 - other felonies
DSP - destruction / defacement of school property

V00 - other violations







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Social Media Reports

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The Daily Sentinel

March 15, GJ Tigers win state academic competition
https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/gj-tigers-win-state-academic-competition/article_b33ae6a8-2816-11e8-acdc-10604b9f6eda.html

March 15, District mulls health centers at high schools
https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/district-mulls-health-centers-at-high-schools/article_b09da21e-2816-11e8-af9e-10604b9f6eda.html

March 18, Sunshine grades
https://www.gjsentinel.com/opinion/editorials/sunshine-grades/article_04e95072-2a59-11e8-abae-10604b9f6eda.html

March 18, District 51 walkout planned Wednesday
https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/district-walkout-planned-wednesday/article_37ed3704-2a72-11e8-9946-10604b9f7e7c.html

March 21, The school walkout
https://www.gjsentinel.com/opinion/editorials/the-school-walkout/article_84a9d93c-2cb4-11e8-a577-10604b9f1ff4.html

March 21, District 51 takes steps to enhance school safety
https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/district-takes-steps-to-enhance-school-safety/article_afede354-2ccd-11e8-ad38-10604b9ffe60.html

March 22, Students let their voiced be heard on violence in schools
https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/students-let-their-voices-be-heard-on-violence-in-schools/article_73097946-2d8e-11e8-b1d3-10604b9f1ff4.html

March 23, No more walkouts
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March 20, District 51 address safety at board meeting
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March 20, Some D51 students ready for walkout on Wednesday
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/477466833.html

March 21, Some D51 students walkout for Fla. Shooting victims; other stand up for second amendment
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/477579403.html

March 22, D51 considering school based health care
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/477694803.html

March 22, Community Hospital hosts Health Care Career Day for D51 students
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/477686913.html

March 23, These students aren't playing around: Bringing esports to Grand Junction
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/Bringing-the-world-of-eSports-477811583.html

March 23, Kids Count in Colorado Report: Not great for Mesa, Montrose counties
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/Kids-Count-in-Colorado-Report-Not-great-for-Mesa-Montrose-Counties-477794663.html

March 27, D51, Health Dept. collaborating to find trends, solutions to suicide
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/478106983.html

March 28, Seniors and students celebrate Easter together
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/478227853.html

April 5, Plans for new Orchard Mesa Middle School building focus on students
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/478929033.html

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http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/478929873.html

KREX

March 14, School District 51 calendar changes and updates
http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/school-district-51-calendar-changes-updates/1045875497

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http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/students-at-d51-high-schools-walk-out/1066198946

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http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/student-suspended-after-protesting/1066788818

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http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/high-school-students-join-national-gun-control-school-walkouts-others-in-opposition/1066763442

March 26, KREX Golden Apple Award Winner: Mrs. Nancy Slipka
http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/krex-golden-apple-award-winner-mrs-nancy-slipka/1079667691

March 28, BeeHive Easter Dinner
http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/beehive-easter-dinner/1086192956

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http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/teachers-participate-in-code-camp/1091060583

April 2, Students contribute to stingray tank
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Paid Media

GJ Daily Sentinel Ads

The following ads appeared in the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel each Monday in the student/school section

March 19

School District 51
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Did You Know?

D51 has adopted a new calendar for 2018-19

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School District 51
MESA COUNTY VALLEY

2018-2019 School Year
Readopted March 6, 2018

SCHOOLS NOT IN SESSION

Teacher In-service
August 10 & 13, 2018
October 29, 2018

Teacher Work Days
August 9 & 14, 2018
October 15, 2018
January 7, 2019
March 11, 2019
May 31, 2019

Teacher EE Day
August 27, 2018

Elem Planning MS In-Service (HS in Session)
September 17, 2018
December 3, 2018

All Schools Parent Teacher Conferences
October 22, 2018

Elem/MS Parent Teacher Conferences (HS in Session)
October 23, 2018

HS In-service (Elem & MS in Session)
December 17, 2018

Elem Planning Only (MS & HS in Session)
February 11, 2019

Elem Conferences, MS In-service (HS in Session)
February 25, 2019

Elem Planning, MS In-service & HS Non-contact
April 29, 2019

Elem Conferences, MS & HS Non-contact
May 6, 2019

Schools Not In Session

September 3 ..... Labor Day
November 19-23.....Thanksgiving Break
December 24 - January 4.....Winter Break
January 21 .....Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 18.....Presidents' Day
March 18 - 22.....Spring Break
May 27.....Memorial Day

W	**No Schools in Session** - Teacher Work Day
T	**No Schools in Session** - Teacher In-service
EE	**No Schools in Session** - Educator Effectiveness Day
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C	**No Schools in Session** - All Schools Parent Teacher Conferences
E/M C	**HS in Session** - Elementary & MS Parent Teacher Conferences
E	**MS & HS in Session** - Elementary Planning Only
H	**Elementary and MS in Session** - HS In-service
E M	**HS in Session** - Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences, MS In-Service
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E N	**No Schools in Session** - Elem Parent Teacher Conferences, MS & HS Non-contact
•	Last Day of Quarter - School in Session
	No Schools in Session - Non-contract Days

Statistical Record Data
Total number of contact days elementary - 170
Total number of contact days middle - 171
Total number of contact days high - 174

Classes Begin.....August 15 , 2018
1st Quarter Ends.....October 12, 2018 (40 ES/MS – 41 HS)
2nd Quarter Ends.....December 21,2018 (40 ES/MS – 41 HS)
3rd Quarter Ends.....March 8, 2019 (40 ES – 41 MS – 42 HS)
4th Quarter Ends.....May 30, 2019 (50 ES/MS & HS)

The District 51 Board of Education re-adopted the 2018-19 calendar on March 6. New features of the calendar include:

- Five additional school days added by the 2017 Mill Levy Override.
- Staff work days that are days off for students pushed to the beginning of the week to align with holidays off to provide continuity.

Download your copy of the 2018-19 calendar now at www.d51schools.org!

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Did You Know?

District 51 is changing the way we do education

In D51, You Have Options:

- S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) programs
- Online Classes
- Hands-on Career Experiences
- Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate
- Bilingual Schools
- Charter Schools
- Gifted and Talented Programming
- College-Level Classes
- Academic Options
- Project-Based Learning
- Supported Homeschooling
- and More!

District 51 wants you to do what you do best – be yourself! We are changing the way we do education to provide an individualized learning experience to each student. That means allowing kids to learn at their own pace, take charge of their education, and express their knowledge using 21st century skills and technology.

The D51 Learning Model of performance-based learning will help prepare today's students for tomorrow's careers. Learn more at www.d51schools.org.

Follow our transformation to a more individualized learning approach at:

- **Facebook.com/schooldistrict51**
- **Instagram (@d51schools)**
- **Twitter (@district51)**
- **D51schools.org**

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Did You Know?

We have state champions in District 51!

Congratulations

To all 2018 District 51 state champions and finalists, including:

State Knowledge Bowl and Quiz Bowl Champs
Grand Junction High School

State Speech & Debate Tournament Finalists
8 Palisade High students, 1 Fruita Monument student, and 1 Central student

5A State Wrestling Champs
Grand Junction High School

State Girls Wrestling Champ
Myah Arrieta, Central High

HOSA – Future Health Professionals State Conference
13 medalists from D51

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Did You Know?
There are options for every student in District 51

STEAM Programs
More than just Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math concepts, STEAM teaches problem solving and teamwork skills.

Advanced Placement
Classes at all high schools offer college-level learning and the possibility of college credit with a final exam.

Dual Immersion Academy
Students grow bilingual skills by having all classes in English and Spanish in elementary and middle school grades.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program
Palisade High School hosts this globally recognized program that offers college credit and teaches service learning.

Key Performance Program
High school students who need extra time and credits to catch up take online courses and prepare for careers.

R-5 High School
Students enjoy a mix of project-based learning and classroom learning in a building that also offers day care for young moms.

Career Center
Students learn by doing, developing skills in engine repair, construction, animal care, floriculture, health care, and more.

Grand River Academy
This online school hybrid offers online classes with support from teachers in town and required weekly visits to campus.

Career and Technical Education
Each high school has classes that prepare students for specific careers, plus CareerWise apprenticeships.

Challenge Program
East Middle School hosts this program for academically gifted students. It offers rigorous, creative coursework.

Mesa Valley Community School
D51 teachers offer assistance and material support to families that have chosen to homeschool their children.

Independence Academy
This charter school for K-8 students features hands-on learning, small class sizes, and a roster of core subjects and electives.

Academy Program
Hosted at Fruita Monument High School, Academy offers a small setting for juniors and seniors to stay on track to graduate.

Juniper Ridge Community School
A growing charter school, Juniper Ridge offers a Waldorf-inspired, nature-connected education in grades K-10.

Student Learning Centers
Centers at each of the four main D51 high schools help students with credit recovery, test prep, and more.

Summit School Program
Kids in grades K-12 can be referred to Summit for small group learning and/or the Therapeutic Day Program.

Concurrent Enrollment
Students can take college classes at their school or at CMU or WCCC and earn college credit.

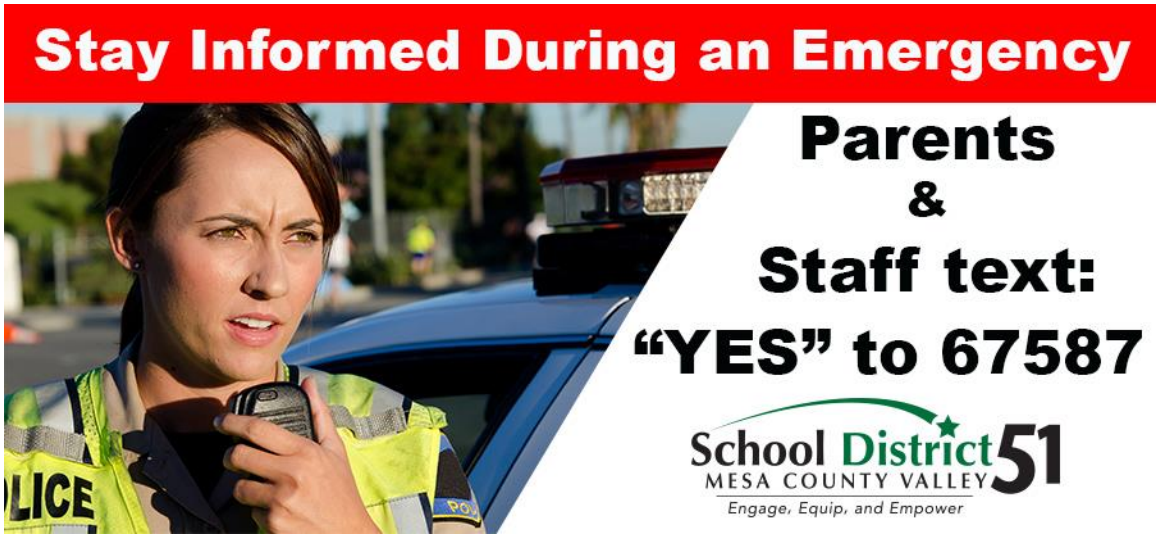
Valley School
Students can attend Valley School in the morning or afternoon in grades eight through twelve and learn independently.

Mesa Mall Coverage

The Communications Department designed and posted its first poster at Mesa Mall in early April. The ad is located on the back of a mall directory outside of Target and will be posted for 12 weeks, minimum. The poster lists various academic options and explains the D5 Learning Model.

Digital Billboard

The district has a new ad on a digital billboard north of the Broadway bridge. The ad encourages parents and staff to sign up for emergency text alerts so that parents, teachers, and, as a result, students will be better informed during an emergency. The district can send emergency calls and emails to anyone, but users have to opt in for text messages. The ad will rotate digital locations every 30 days, and will run April 1 – June 30.



Indoor Billboards

An ad for apprenticeship signups appeared on indoor billboards owned by Local Focus at various places in the community, including Mesa Mall, Kidsplex, Glacier Ice Arena, Graff Dairy, Bananas Fun Park, etc. Starting March 23, the message changed to encourage parents and staff to sign up for text alerts.

Movie Theater Ads

The movie theater will show ads in April, May, and June, in the minutes before every movie at Regal Cinema. The first ad focuses on Academic Options. The second ad, which will run in the summer, will promote the Lunch Lizard.

Welcome Home Packages

100 Homeowners who move into a new home in the Grand Valley during March, April, and May will receive a package that includes two branded stickers, a printed infographic with more information about District 51.

TV Ads

KKCO's Mom's Everyday package will end on April 30 after a year-long contract. The ad in March focused on the D51 Learning Model, and April's ad focuses on Academic Options.

Electronic Direct Communication

Parent Newsletter

District 51 Post

School District 51 Family and Community Newsletter | March 2018

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New 2018-19 Calendar Adopted
The mill levy override passed in November added five days to the school year, starting with the 2018-19 school year. Download the calendar here.

GJHS wins State Knowledge Bowl, three D51 teams compete
Grand Junction High School won its 19th Governor's Cup for highest overall score and got their 20th Class 5A win in a stunning tie-breaker last week at the State Knowledge Bowl Tournament. Coady Shawcroft coached Captain Anij Magill, Matt Chambers, Amanda Gordon, Parker Stacy, Samantha Gillaspie, Anthony Booth, Noah Terlouw, and Evan Ancell to victory. Fruita Monument placed 7th in Class 5A and Palisade placed 5th in Class 4A.

Going bald for childhood cancer
Nearly 40 students and staff had their heads shaved March 8 at Chatfield Elementary to raise funds and awareness for childhood cancer research. This is the third year Chatfield has hosted a St. Baldrick's head-shaving event.

Students win state art awards
Congratulations to the Colorado Scholastic Art Award winners from District 51! Find their names here and check out the Scholastic Art Show March 3-30 at the History Colorado Center in Denver.

From Afghanistan to Fruita
Aoife Turman's dad is deployed overseas, but he still had a front row seat at a reading with parents activity during Read Across America Week at Rim Rock Elementary. Teacher Patrice Clark made sure Dad could be there through a video call.

Sports honors
Congrats to Fruita Monument for making it to the Great 8 round of the Girls State Basketball Tournament and the Sweet 16 round of the Boys State Basketball Tournament! See who else is making sports news below:

- All Conference Girls Basketball
- All Conference Boys Basketball
- All Conference Girls Swimming
- All Conference Wrestling

An option for every student
Have you heard of the D51 Learning Model of performance-based learning? Click on the video above and learn more here.

Family Fun Calendar

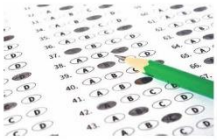
March 28 - Fruita Easter Egg Scramble, 4-5 p.m. at Fruita Civic Center. Free admission.

March 31 - 15,000 Eggs! Easter Egg Hunt, 11 a.m.-noon, Western Colorado Botanical Gardens.

April 7 - A Day in the Orchards, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cross Orchards Historic Site.

April 14 - Palisade International Honeybee Festival, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Palisade. Free.

April 16 - 8th Grade Career Fair and College Day. 10 a.m. at the Colorado Mesa University Center



Spring testing is coming up
D51 students will have CMAS, PSAT, and SAT testing in April. Learn more about assessments and your options as a parent here.

Sign up for text alerts
All D51 parents can get calls and emails during an emergency, but parents need to opt in if they want to receive texts as well. Send "YES" to 67587 to opt in now.

Parents for Healthy Kids event
D51 parents are invited to a free Healthy Kids Workshop from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 14, at Bookcliff Middle School. The workshop will focus on D51 efforts to bring healthy food and activities to schools. Register here.

See where bond and mill dollars are going with website tool
Check out a timeline of bond and mill projects on the 2017 Bond and Mill Levy Override page here, and watch for a new spending chart feature coming soon to the page. The page is updated regularly.

PHS students advocate for career and tech ed at Capitol
Four members of the Palisade High School chapter of Future Business Leaders of America and their advisor visited the State Capitol in March to advocate for Colorado Career and Technical Education organizations.

Meeting of the minds
More than 100 Gifted & Talented students from local middle schools competed in brain games March 2 at the Scholastica Tournament at Bookcliff Activity Center. Congrats to top finishers:

1. Alex Everett (Grand River Academy)
2. Andrea Reyes (East)
3. Rebecca Montgomery (Mt. Garfield), and Paul Steinke (Redlands) - tie

Mock Trial team goes to state
The GJHS Mock Trial Team placed second in the Regional Mock Trial Tournament earlier this month, which earned them a ticket to the state championship March 9-10.

Future health professionals win big at HOSA State Leadership Conference!
D51 students collected 7 gold medals, 8 silver medals, and 39 Top 10 finishes at the HOSA State Leadership Conference in Denver! HOSA, a program for Future Health Professionals, develops leadership and technical skills for high school and college students nationwide. The students who medaled are now eligible to compete at the International Leadership Conference in Dallas this June. See who shined here.

District 51 Insider

School District 51 Staff Newsletter | March 2018

Recognize!

Do you know a student, staff member, or school that has received a State or National award? Send us some information so we can recognize them at the next Board of Education Meeting (if applicable).

March 6 Board Brief

March 20 Board Brief

Communications Report

Every month, the Communcations Department puts together a brief snapshot of what we've been up to. Read the current report here.

EVENTS

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Help Us Out

Do you know of any **Discounts for D51 employees?** *(gym memberships, technology, subscriptions, retail discounts, etc.)* Please send us an email so we can make information available to staff!

Click here to see what we have so far!

Overwhelmed by all the **Acronyms and Jargon?** *(What's an IEP? Or PBL?)* Check out this list, and let us know if we're missing any!

D51 Foundation

The School District 51 Foundation is pleased to announce the reopening of their on-line Professional Learning Grant. Teachers and principals can apply for our

Superintendent's Corner

Watch the video above to hear an update from Superintendent Haptonstall about school safety, resources for employees, and the re-organization.

Human Resources
Did You Know?

In an effort to help with teacher recruitment, District 51 is piloting an assistance program for qualified Support Staff that are pursuing an Alternative Teaching License.

Eligible Support Staff will be eligible for up to $5,000 to help cover the cost of an Alternative Licensure program (program costs typically begin at $2,500)

If you would like more information, please contact Human Resources:

Michael Martinez – extension 11114
Cindy Starr – extension 11131
Sue Guadnola - extension 11240

2018-2019 Calendar

On March 6, The Board of Education readopted the 2018-19 school year calendar to include the five extra student contact days included in the mill levy override measure. Download the calendar here. Staff specific calendars will be available soon.

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Save the Date!

Mark your calendar for the 2018 Salute to Staff celebration! Join us at Two Rivers Convention Center on April 23 to honor retirees and years of service.

D51 is a certified Healthy Business Leader!

Health Links TM, is a signature program of the Center for Health, Work and Environment at the Colorado School of Public Health that recognizes businesses around the state for their excellence in workplace health and safety. To learn more about what School District 51 is doing for worksite wellness, click here.

Summer Institute, 2018

Mark your calendars for May 29-June 1 for a great opportunity to learn and network with your peers! This is a free learning opportunity to connect with colleagues, stay up-to-date on current effective practices, earn CDE Renewal Hours, APL Units and grow professionally! Courses are being posted now, with all courses available for registration by April 13th. Click here and here for more information.

The two top funding priorities for the foundation are technology for students and professional learning for teachers. Grant application deadlines are December 31 and July 31 for payment within 30 days. In February, we awarded our first round of grants totaling over $9,000 for 14 grant recipients. Apply here.

TRIAD
Employee Assistance Program

Triad Newsletter: Living Resiliently

Click here for information on on a webinar about how to live resiliently.

Click here for information about an online financial seminar for budeting and personal finances.

Click here for a calendar of upcoming webinars.

MCSPERA Scholarship Opportunity

School District employees considering going back to school are eligible for extra help. The Mesa County School & Public Employee's Retirement Association is offering a $1,000 scholarship. Apply here by March 31.

Stay Connected

D51 Community - Local events and promotions.

D51 News - Primary source for things happening in District 51.

Staff News - Exclusive information for D51 staff.

D51 Classifieds - A forum for D51 staff to search for or post items for sale.

D51 Communications - Help us get the word out about great things happening in D51!

Give and Grab - Where D51 staff can post items they need for school use, or have items a fellow staff member could use.

safeSCHOOLS TRAINING

Safe Schools Training

Want a chance to win MOVIE TICKETS?

- Go to the D51 Classlink page
- Click on the SafeSchools logo
- Log in with your 5 digit employee ID number
- Complete the assigned "Workplace Injury Prevention" training by May 1st

You'll be entered to win one of ten pairs of movie tickets!

Colorado Christian University Professional Education Program

Click here to learn more about Colorado Christian University's special offer for District 51 employees to continue their education.

Sign up for text alerts

Staff can sign up to recieve text alerts whenever an emergency is happening at their building. Text YES to 67587 to opt in.

Mill Levy Override Curriculum Update

Check out this update from the Curriculum Department on their plan to use funding provided by 3A and 3B to update curriculum materials.

Student Spotlight - GJHS Knowledge Bowl Team

The Grand Junction High School Knowledge Bowl Team, coached by GJHS Teacher Coady Shawcroft, has won their 20th 5A State Championship!! They also achieved their 19th Governor's Cup at the state tournament on March 14. Senior Anij Magill led senior Matt Chambers, junior Amanda Gordon, sophomore Parker Stacy, senior Samantha Gillaspie, sophomore Anthony Booth, sophomore Noah Terlouw, and sophomore Evan Ancell to victory.

District 51 Wellness Program

Wellness Employee of the Month

Debbie Kadel, Emerson Building - Debbie's loyalty to physical fitness is very inspiring!! She spends her lunch time at the gym, knocking out an Insanity class or deadlifting 170 pounds. She often goes to the gym after work to fit in another workout. She is dedicated to this lifestyle and her consistency in showing self-care on a daily basis is very admirable.

Click here to nominate a coworker for the Wellness Employee of the month!

Sign up for the Financial Fitness Challenge on your CHP Wellness Portal! The challenge begins on March 26.

Questions? Forgot your username or password? Contact Gussie Boyd.

Meditation App available for D51 Employees

Headspace, an app that provides guided meditation segments, is available to D51 employees for free for one year. Click here to learn more about the benefits of meditation, Headspace, or to sign up for your free one-year subscription.

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BOARD BRIEFS

March 20, 2018 Business Meeting

Security Update
Tim Leon, Director of Safety and Security, gave the board an update on department goals and functions. The Safety and Security department currently employs seven positions: the Safety Director, Safety Coordinator, four school-based officers, and a newly created Mental Health & Crisis Coordinator position. The department is responsible for the overall safety of schools and government compliance with regulations. They also conduct threat assessments to determine the level of threats (Transient, Substantive, Serious), create a safety plan for the student, and provide ongoing support and monitoring for the student.

School Resource Officers (SROs) from local law enforcement agencies help cover district schools. The Grand Junction Police Department provides three SROs to cover 20 schools. The Mesa County Sheriff's Office provides two officers to cover 16 schools (there are currently two positions unfilled with the MSCO), and the Fruita Police Department provides two officers for five schools. Four fire departments assist with fire and safety compliance. GJPD has agreed to add two more SROs, and the MCSO will add one more officer. The D51 Security department will add two more positions this spring, and then two more in the fall.

Mr. Leon also recapped large-scale incidents his team has responded to in the last year. In 2017, Central High School and Grand Mesa Middle School went in to lockdown in response to a threat made to the high school. Central HS was later evacuated to Palisade High School. The large, multi-agency response was extremely successful and all students were reunified with parents by the end of the regular school day.

In 2018, Fruita Police Department responded to a threat near Fruita Monument and Fruita 8-9 schools. Response included increased security at school, and the postponement of the basketball game. The school shooting that occurred in Parkland, Florida, led to increased security from Citadel Security at the middle and high schools for three weeks. Shortly before spring break, a report of a gunman near Fruita Monument High School resulted in the lockdowns of the high school and Fruita 8-9. Nine different agencies responded, both schools followed a reunification process to release students to parents, and the District Crisis Response Team responded at the schools.

Threat assessments this year have totaled 112 threats. 89 were transient (unfounded), 13 were considered substantive, and 13 were considered very serious.

Safe2Tell, an anonymous reporting tool, was re-introduced to schools in the spring of 2017. Over 403 reports have been made through Safe2Tell in the last year. 92 were suicide-related, 59 were bullying-related, 38 were reports of self-harm behavior, 32 were reports of planned attacks, 32 related to concerns of depression, and 23 reports mentioned drugs. Other topics include general threats, child abuse, gun reports, and fighting.

Overall, the Safety Department would like to increase security at more events, increase the budget for safety resources such as radios, and purchase software to monitor social media more closely. They also hope to see more volunteer involvement in programs like the Watch D.O.G.S (Dads Of Great Students).

A committee of community members, parents, and building staff is forming to review current safety practices and determine recommendations moving forward.

Recognitions
The board recognized the following individuals:

- Grand Junction High School Wrestling Team who won their first state championship since 1994. Sophomore Dawson Collins also earned the state title for the 113-pound weight class, and senior Josiah Rider won his third state championship in the 152-pound weight class. Their coach, Cole Allison, was also named the 5A Colorado High School Athletic Association (CHSAA) Coach of the Year.
- Terrance Williams, a senior at Palisade High School, was recognized for earning the 4A state championship in wrestling in the 182-pound weight class.
- Stewart Collins, a 5th grader at Dual Immersion Academy, was recognized for being selected as the Colorado Winner for the Achieve3000 "Make The Break" contest.
- Students from Palisade High School, Fruita Monument High School, and Grand Junction High School were recognized for having their art work accepted into the Colorado Scholastic Art Competition.

Student Fee Update
Changes to student fee schedules only applied to high schools and include making the fees consistent among high schools for online classes and parking permits. Fees relating to services not being used were dropped.

Kindness is Contagious Presentation
Riley Trujillo and Veniece Miller, both seniors at Fruita Monument High School and co-directors of the Kindness is Contagious (KIC) committee, gave the School Board an update on the KIC Week that took place at all high schools last month. The KIC campaign started at Fruita Monument High School three years ago and has expanded to all of the high schools since. Over 40 students from each high school were part of the executive planning commitee, and over 100 students were deeply involved overall. Watch the video above for a recap of this year's campaign.

Previous KIC events have included an all-student dance in 2015, guest speakers (Kevin Hines in 2017, Austin Eubanks in 2018), community events like a large handprint mural downtown in 2017, and bucket list boards where others were invited to write goals and encouragement on large boards in 2018. This year, the campaign also hosted a benefit dinner to help fund future campaigns.

The mission of KIC is to inspire and empower students and the Grand Valley Community to engage in acts of kindness to spread positivity.

Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee
Jayme Chiaro (Chipeta Elementary), Rachel Butzine, and Jen Schumann gave the School Board recommendations for continuing support for the Gifted and Talented (GT) program. Their two main areas of focus this year were how the GT program works with the D51 Learning Model, and examining state identification standards to better support underserved populations within District 51.

Currently, the GT program correlates with the D51 Learning Model in terms of the Social and Emotional Framework and the Teaching and Learning Framework. There is currently a half-time GT advocate in every buildling, and GT topics are part of a teacher's continued professional learning.

The committee's recommendations included an expectation for more aligned professional development, and staffing changes to better support GT students at all levels.

Mesa Program from West
Heidi Ragsdale and Therese Moran, both from West Middle School, presented an update about the M.E.S.A. (Math, Engineering, Science, Achievement) program across the district. The program aims to support students who have show interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, and/or Mathematics (STEM). The program currently has 14 advisors across six middle schools and three high schools, and has been in District 51 for 29 years. The program recieves a small amount from the district, but sites fundraise separately for their programs.

Approximately 200 students are involved in the program. 70% of participants are from under-represented groups (Free & Reduced, minorities, females, etc.) The program started in 1960 to provide opportunities for more underrepresented individuals in STEM subjects. Students participate in design challenges (mouse-trap cars, milk jug boats, solar cars, etc.) and project-based learning throughout the year.

Calendar Update
A survey will be sent to the public this spring to gather feedback which will help guide the long-range work of a committee to examine future school year calendars.

Bond and Mill Levy Override Updates
Phil Onofrio, John Potter from Blythe + co., and Eric Nilsen updated the Board on current bond and mill levy override projects. They provided visual representations of the gyms to be built at Dual Immersion Academy and Palisade High School. Mr. Potter spoke of installing fire sprinklers at Fruita Monument High School, and creating a new entryway on the north side. The next board meeting will include an update on the new Orchard Mesa Middle School.

Business Items
The board had first reading of policy BEDG which, if adopted, will reflect changes made in state law in regards to keeping minutes. Policy EDC also had its first reading which, if adopted, will reflect current practices for building use agreements.

The board adopted Policy IIJ to reflect current and best practices when purchasing curriculum. They also approved the 2018-19 Fee Schedule.

Alternative Middle Schools
Dr. Haptonstall informed the board that a committee is currently forming to begin researching options for an alternative middle school.

Future Meetings

Saturday, March 24, 9 a.m. - Board Coffee with the public, Harry Butler Board Room

Wednesday, March 28, 5:30 p.m. - Young Entrepreneurs Academy Presentations, Courtyard by Marriott (Horizon Drive)

Tuesday, April 3, 7 a.m. - Board Breakfast, Math and Science Center

Tuesday, April 3, 6 p.m. - Board Work Session, Harry Butler Board Room

Tuesday, April 17, 6 p.m. - Board Business Meeting, Harry Butler Board Room

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BOARD BRIEFS

April 3, 2018 Board Work Session

Bond and Mill Update
Peter Icenogle from Blythe presented designs for the new Orchard Mesa Middle School. The design allows for 100,000 square feet of space (current OMMS is 60,000 square feet), capacity for growth, and energy efficient features. Highlights of the new building, which will go on the southern portion of current OMMS property, include a safety vestibule when students or the public enter the building, two vehicle entrance points for traffic instead of the current one, classrooms for STEM exploration, a gym and an auxiliary gym, flexible furniture on wheels for easy movement, a set of wide steps for students to sit on during lunch or free times, and a two-story media center with glass walls.

School and district staff toured other Colorado middle schools to draw inspiration for the initial design, which will be presented for public view at an open house tonight from 6 to 8 at OMMS. Complete drawings are scheduled for completion in early September, a month after initial construction will begin. D51 should be able to gain occupancy of the completed building in December 2019.

Summer Learning Update

A 10-person team of District 51 staff members organized what is being called Summer ELO, short for Extended Learning Opportunity. The purpose of Summer ELO will be two-fold: students who are a bit behind can have additional time to learn, and educators can develop teaching and administrative skills.

After several years of sparse summer school offerings due to state budget cuts, the district is happy to announce there will be programming for several weeks this summer at four elementary school sites, two middle school sites, and at most of our high schools. Any high school student can register for summer classes through a counselor. Fee-based high school classes in finance, computers, and health and wellness will be offered 8-11 a.m. Tuesday through Friday, May 29-June 29, at Fruita 8/9, Central, Palisade (personal health and wellness only), and Grand Junction (GJHS will also have an AP Physics course). Students must provide their own transportation to the high schools.

Transportation will be provided for the approximately 1,200 elementary and middle school students expected to participate in Summer ELO. Fruita 8/9 and Bookcliff Middle will host 5th- through 8th-graders, and Chatfield, Dos Rios, Nisley, and Rim Rock elementary schools will have K-4 students. Students must be invited to participate and qualify for a READ plan under the READ Act. All middle and elementary school sites will provide free, federally funded school meals during Summer ELO, which will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, June 12-July 20 (no school the week of July 4). Students will focus on literacy and spend their afternoons exploring fun enrichment opportunities.

D51 Learning Model Update
D51's Rebecca Midles and Leigh Grasso presented an update to the board about work currently being done in schools and work that is yet to come with implementation of the D51 Learning Model. There are four themes to implementation of the Learning Model. They are:

1. Shared vision and code
Current Work: All schools have completed a shared vision and code of collaboration that fits with the district's vision to Engage, Equip, and Empower our learning community today for a limitless tomorrow.

Next Steps: Schools will unpack their codes of collaboration to align with D51 Behaviors and supportive standard operating procedures.

2. Teaching and Learning Framework

Current Work: Understand the professional engagement dimension in the framework with connection to the learning community standard and continuum.

Next Steps: Support the other three dimensions of the framework with a foundational support in workshop model and backward by design approaches.

3. Five Steps of Growth Mindset

Current Work: Awareness of the five steps of growth mindset.

Next Steps: Continue work on the five steps of growth mindset with more attention on productive self talk and feedback.

4. Self Awareness and Self Management

Current Work: Focus on understanding self-awareness and self-management quadrants.

Next Steps: Focus on social awareness and social management quadrants.

Robotics Presentation
Robotics and STEM students from Central High School introduced the board to the robot they built and talked about the skills and values they learned in the process. The students learned how to use CAD to create a model of the robot and gained skills in coding, teamwork, and the basics of building. The students said STEM is more than just science, technology, engineering, and math - it's a mindset that it's OK to fail if you learn from that failure and keep going to find the right answer. STEM also teaches drive, determination, doing what you're passionate about, tackling new challenges, and applying knowledge effectively to solve problems. The group requested more STEM and robotics programming at all grade levels, which is something D51 is working to achieve.

D51 Summer Technology Expo

The D51 Technology Department is putting together a Summer Tech Expo that will take place from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, in the Harry Butler Board Room. The purpose of the expo is to show people both inside and outside the district what technology is used in our schools, how it is used, and how it contributes to modern learning. Students nominated by their teachers due to their tech prowess will have booths at the expo. There will be teacher breakout sessions about ClassLink, Chromebooks, Outlook, and the basics of G Suite for Education. There will also be a panel and a Q&A with D51 Technology staff. Sponsors are funding the expo, and all Western Slope districts are invited to attend.

Future Meetings
April 17 - School Board Business Meeting, 6 p.m., Harry Butler Board Room

Libraries Presentation
Just in time for School Library Month, a cohort of D51 librarians presented the board with information about their work. Modern library work includes collaborting units, teaching students about proper research and using credible sources (media literacy), aiding in implementation of the D51 Learning Model, using technology responsibly and politely (digital citizenship), and fostering a love of reading in each student. Libraries now are for reading as well as crafting, games, clubs, and more.

School library budgets were cut during the recession and have fewer staff and half as much funding for materials. The librarians asked for more support and resources for reading materials, credentialed staff, and technology resources.

Social Media

Our posts on Facebook reach 10,845 "fans," an increase of 69 from last month. Posts include The Daily Sentinel's Student of the Week, school events and activities, information for Safe2Tell and crisis numbers, live-streamed board meetings, information during emergency situations, etc.

A full social media report is available upon request, or at this link:
Group Report (Mesa County Valley School District 51) Mar 15, 2018 - Apr 11, 2018.pdf

Profile/Page	Total Fans / Followers	Fan / Follower Increase	Messages Sent	Impressions	Impressions per Post	Engagements	Engagements per Post	Link Clicks
School District 51 @district51	3,000	0.10%	18	11,231	623.9	182	10.1	22
Mesa Coun... ool District 51 @Business Page	10,845	0.62%	83	284,468	3,427.3	5,559	67.0	2,949
School District 51 @d51schools	731	10.42%	3	–	–	97	32.3	–

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Licensed Personnel Action

Board of Education Resolution: 17/18: 81

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Name	Location	Assignment	Effective Date
Retirements			
Baker, Lauri E	Fruita MS	Art	5/25/2018
Barger, Cathy Lynn	Shelledy	Music	5/25/2018
Casey, Letty Ann	Loma	Grade 3	5/25/2018
Chaffee, Karen D	Bookcliff	Language Arts/ Social Studies	5/25/2018
Childs, Vicki L	GJHS	Language Arts	5/25/2018
Chirdon, Kevin R	Fruita 8-9	Science	5/25/2018
Clinkingbeard, Virgil Kent	RMS	Sped – Moderate Needs	4/10/2018
Coburn, Carol A	GJHS	Assistant Principal - Hs	6/8/2018
Corneille, Robert L	FMHS	Assistant Principal - Hs	6/8/2018
Decavitch, Ginger Keahi	Mt Garfield	Social Studies	5/25/2018
Edmiston, Eve A	Mt Garfield	Physical Education	5/25/2018
Gomez, Carlos Mark	Mt Garfield	Social Studies	5/25/2018
Larsen, Sandra Kay	HR	Induction Program	6/8/2018
Lee, Kerry D	Grand Mesa	Computer Tech	5/25/2018
Mitchell, Susannah S	Mesa View	Gifted & Talented	5/25/2018
Morrison, Ann S	Hawthorne	Occupational Therapist	5/25/2018
Morton-Cohen, James A	Rocky Mtn	Grade 2	5/25/2018
Nagy, Barbara L	Fruitvale	Grade 1	5/25/2018
Naski, Sheila M	Risk Mgmt	Risk Manager	4/30/2018
Oberer, Jill	Shelledy	Counselor	5/25/2018
Palmer, Brian James	FMHS	Language Arts	5/25/2018
Peltier-White, Teresa V	Summit	Language Arts/ Sped - Moderate Needs	5/25/2018
Powell, Julie D	Career Center	Horticulture	5/25/2018
Reynolds, Leah V	Rim Rock	Grade 3	5/25/2018
Robbins-Brady, Connie M	BTK/Loma	Visual Arts Coordinator/ Counselor	5/25/2018
Robinson, Peter James	Mt Garfield	Math	5/25/2018
Schuett, Lynn Dale	Central	Assistant Principal - Hs	6/8/2018
Slipka, Nancy	Rim Rock	Grade 5	5/25/2018
Tate, Lon D	Mt Garfield	Computer Tech	5/25/2018
Whalin, Joseph P	Bookcliff	Math	5/25/2018
Resignations/Termination			
Bloxham, Sarah A	Orchard Mesa	6th Grade Social Studies	5/25/2018
Breen, Barbara D	Pomona	Grade 5	5/25/2018
Bryngelson, Brian L	Palisade	Social Studies	5/25/2018

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Chaffin, Amanda A	Chipeta	Grade 3	5/25/2018
Dean, Joseph K	Broadway	Grade 5	5/25/2018
Diers, Matthew Kent	Emerson	Ex Dir, Academic Achievement	6/30/2018
Dunn, Jennifer L	Chatfield	Grade 3	5/25/2018
Fante, Acacia Kayla	Palisade	Language Arts	5/25/2018
Harr, Zachary L	Central	Science	5/25/2018
Hassan, Shannon E	Hawthorne	School Nurse	5/25/2018
Hassemer, Jordan R	Rocky Mtn	Grade 3	5/25/2018
Henderson, Lori K	Hawthorne	School Nurse	5/25/2018
Hitz, Isadora Rose	Fruitvale	Grade 5	5/25/2018
Leane, Brigham B	Fruita MS	Principal, Middle School	6/8/2018
Miller, Kristen S	Hawthorne	Physical Therapist	5/25/2018
Mixon, Anna K	Rim Rock	Kindergarten	5/25/2018
Moseley, Rebecca	Fruitvale	Interventionist	4/19/2018
Murray, Diana L	Nisley	Sped - Moderate Needs	5/25/2018
Paul, Elizabeth J	BTK	Speech/Language Therapist	5/25/2018
Pitton, Paul M	Palisade	Mathematics	5/25/2018
Pitts, Rachel Elise	Bookcliff	Language Arts	5/25/2018
Popp, Jamie R	Clifton	ESL - Elementary	5/25/2018
Pruitt, Adam T	Chatfield	Grade 4	5/25/2018
Romano, Linsi N	Clifton	Grade 2	5/25/2018
Stone, Ellysa R	Thunder Mtn	Grade 2	5/25/2018
Tesone, Ronald A	Central	Business	5/25/2018
Van Pelt, James W	GJHS	English Language Arts	5/25/2018
Wheatley, Lisa M	Rim Rock	Grade 5	5/25/2018
Younger, Leanne G	Rim Rock	Interventionist	5/25/2018

Leave of Absence

None at this time.

New Assignments

None at this time.

I hereby certify that the information contained in the above resolution is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education on April 17, 2018.

Terri N. Wells
Secretary, Board of Education

Board of Education Resolution: 17/18: 74

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Donor	Legacy Wealth
Gift	Eight ski pants
Value	$400.00
School/Department	Prevention Services /Snow shoe and cross country ski program

Donor	Mesa County School & Public Employee's Retirement Assoc.
Gift	Cash
Value	$1,000.00
School/Department	District 51 / Salute to Staff

Donor	Sandra Williams
Gift	Cash
Value	$50.00
School/Department	Loma Elementary School / Mrs. Kimball's & Mrs. Esplin's classes

Donor	Philip Mohler
Gift	Cash
Value	$100.00
School/Department	Loma Elementary School / Books for the library

Donor	Tammy Tallant Law
Gift	Cash
Value	$50.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Speech & Debate

Donor	Bank of Colorado
Gift	Cash
Value	$250.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Speech & Debate

Donor	Bill and Jill Hilty
Gift	Cash
Value	1,000.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Speech & Debate

Donor	Peggy Cutter
Gift	Cash
Value	$25.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Speech & Debate

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Donor	FCI Constructors, Inc.
Gift	Cash
Value	$500.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Speech & Debate

Donor	James Douglass Raley
Gift	Cash
Value	$100.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Baseball

Donor	Linda Jardine
Gift	Cash
Value	$250.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Baseball

Donor	Merlin Reiners
Gift	Cash
Value	$50.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Baseball

Donor	My Massage Store LLC
Gift	Cash
Value	$220.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Knowledge Bowl

Donor	Gary Stetler
Gift	Cash
Value	$25.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Baseball

Donor	DaLayn Barling
Gift	Cash
Value	$150.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Girls' golf

Donor	Bentley Tax Consulting Inc.
Gift	Cash
Value	$100.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Speech & Debate

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Donor	Andy and Amy Mohler
Gift	Cash
Value	$1,000.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Baseball

Donor	Barbara Ormsbee
Gift	Cash
Value	$100.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Speech & Debate

Donor	Home Loan Investment Co.
Gift	Cash
Value	$500.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Speech & Debate

Donor	Alstrusa International of Palisade Co, Inc.
Gift	Cash
Value	$300.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Band, choir and orchestra

Donor	Dare to Care Auto Repair
Gift	1949 Ford F6 Chassis
Value	$0.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Small Engine Repair

Donor	AQUA, The Art Quilt Association
Gift	Cash
Value	$285.00
School/Department	Art Heritage Program / Art supplies

Donor	Shauna Eastman
Gift	“Pigeon Hole” Wood Cabinet
Value	$45.00
School/Department	Broadway Elementary / Classroom mailboxes

Donor	Grand Junction Lion’s Club
Gift	Cash
Value	$6,000.00
School/Department	Central High School / Girls’ basketball

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Donor	Rapid Creek Cycles
Gift	Two person inflatable kayak rental
Value	$45.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Raffle item for IB Project

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education, in accepting the donations listed above, extends their appreciation and acknowledges these important partnerships within the community which support learning for all students.

I hereby certify that the information contained in the above resolution is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education on April 17, 2018.

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Terri N. Wells
Secretary, Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51
BEDG
MINUTES

Adopted: October 10, 1972
Revised to Conform with Practice: Date of Manual Adoption
Revised: November 19, 1996
Policy Manual Review: September 3, 2002
Second Reading/Adoption: April 17, 2018

The secretary of the Board shall keep, or cause to be kept, complete records of the action of Board meetings. The minutes of the Board shall be kept in an official minute book and shall be a complete record including resolutions and motions in full.

Official minutes of the meetings of the Board of Education constitute the written record of all proceedings of the Board. Therefore, the minutes shall include:

1. The nature of the meeting, whether regular or special; time and place, members present; approval of the minutes of the preceding meeting or meetings.

2. A record of all actions taken by the Board, the motion, the name of the member making the motion and seconding it; the record of the vote, with the vote of each member recorded. If a vote is taken by secret ballot, the outcome of the vote shall be recorded contemporaneously in the minutes. Reports and documents related to a formal motion may be omitted if they are referred to by title and date.

3. A record of all business that comes before the Board through reports of the superintendent and others and through communications from the staff and the public.

4. The names of all persons who speak before the Board and the topic of their remarks.

5. A record that an executive session was held, (if the Board convened in executive session), including the names of those present and the topic of discussion, unless including names of individuals would reveal information that should remain confidential, the specific citation to the statue that authorizes the Board to meet in executive session, and the amount of time the topic was discussed..

5. The record of adjournment.

Copies of the minutes of a meeting shall be sent to the members of the Board before the meeting at which they are to be approved. Corrections in the minutes may be made at the meeting at which they are to be approved. Permanent minutes shall be signed by the secretary upon approval.

The secretary shall act as custodian of the minutes and shall make them available to any citizen desiring to examine them during usual office hours of the District.

Legal References:

C.R.S. 22-32-106 (duties of the secretary)
C.R.S. 22-32-108 (5)(d) (board meetings – executive session minutes)
C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(e) (specific duties of the board)
C.R.S. 24-6-402(2)(d)(II) (open meetings law – minutes)
C.R.S. 26-6-402 (2)(d)(IV) (outcome of a secret ballot vote must be recorded contemporaneously in the minutes)

Use By Community Groups

School equipment may be loaned to nonprofit community groups or other governmental entities for educational, civic or charitable purposes when:

1. The group borrowing the equipment agrees to accept responsibility for repairing or replacing any equipment damaged or lost while in its possession.

2. The equipment is not unusually expensive and subject to easy damage.

3. The equipment is in good condition.

4. The group will provide a competent operator for any equipment loaned.

5. The group will assume responsibility for pickup, setup, tear down and return of the equipment to the normal place of storage or to a place of storage designated by the responsible school administrator.

6. Outside use of the equipment will not interfere with the school program.

7. Written approval from the building administrator or appropriate director.

If the group borrowing the equipment does not demonstrate assets or insurance sufficient to repair or replace any damaged equipment, the group may be required to post a suitable deposit, bond or the personal guarantee of one or more of its financially responsible members. The group, and, if the group lacks substantial assets or liability insurance, at least one financially responsible member thereof, will agree in writing to indemnify and save the District, its Board of Education, officers and employees harmless from any and all claims for loss, liability or damage arising from the use of such equipment.

Authorized Use of School-Owned Equipment by School Employees and Students

The Board will permit school equipment to be loaned to staff members when such use is directly or peripherally related to their employment, and to students when the equipment is to be used in connection with their studies or extracurricular activities. Proper controls will be established to assure a proper use and safe return of all such equipment.

Staff members may use school equipment for personal projects at the site or facility that such equipment is kept with the permission of the building administrator. Such equipment may be loaned to staff members for use off-site on the same terms and according to the same procedures allowed for the use of school-owned equipment by nonprofit community groups. Any such loan of equipment to a staff member shall be subject to the conditions set forth in paragraphs 1-6 above relating to equipment use by community groups.

In no event shall school equipment be used or loaned to staff members for commercial purposes.

Use of School Facilities for Personal Projects by Staff Members

The Board recognizes that certain District jobs require staff members to provide their own tools and equipment. Staff members may use school facilities for personal work that is limited to the use of their own tools and equipment provided the use complies with the criteria for use of school-owned equipment by staff members. Staff members desiring to use school offices, school shops, workrooms or classrooms for personal projects will be expected to clear the times and the

projects with the building administrator. The cost of all materials used for these personal projects will be borne by the staff member. The staff member will not acquire materials from District inventories or through the District purchasing process even if reimbursement is made to the District.

Administration

Each building administrator will be responsible for the loan or use of school equipment which is within the area of his/her responsibility and for enforcing and securing compliance with the terms of this policy.
Cross Reference:

KF, Community Use of School Facilities