

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Board Business Minutes

November 15, 2016

Business Meeting Minutes

A - Doug Levinson B - Paul Pitton C - John Williams D - Tom Parrish E - Greg Mikolai						Board of Education Mesa County Valley School District 51 Business Meeting Minutes: November 15, 2016 Adopted: December 6, 2016	
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						AGENDA ITEMS	ACTION
Present	x	x	x		x	A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL	6:00 p.m.
Absent						➤ Mr. Williams welcomed attendees to the November Board Business Meeting and gave instructions for meeting participants to address the Board, <i>under Item G, Audience Comments.</i>	
Excused				x			
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. October 11, 2016, Board Work Session Minutes	
Aye	x	x	x		x		
No							
Motion					x	C-2. October 25, Board Business Meeting Minutes	Adopted
Second		x					
Aye	x	x	x		x		
No							
						D. RECOGNITIONS	
						D-1. All American Games Recognition – Carson Lee, GJHS Freshman [Resolution 16/17: 28]	
						➤ Carson Lee received an invitation to the Football University (FBU) All-American Bowl. The Freshman Football University All-American Bowl brings together the country's best eighth and ninth grade football players to participate in a developmental week and a match-up game between the players who were selected. After participating in several FBU football camps, Carson Lee was selected as one of 70 students nation-wide to participate in this developmental week, and compete in the Alamo dome in January as part of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl event. This is truly an accomplishment to be proud of, and the Board of Education and the Superintendent are pleased to recognize Carson for his accomplishments. We wish him the best in his future.	
						D-2. FFA/Veterinarian Science Team State Champions – FMHS [Resolution: 16/17: 26]	
						➤ In October, a team of four juniors from Fruita Monument High School had the extraordinary opportunity to compete in the National Future Farmers of America Convention in Indiana. Keanna Bonella, Faith Anderson, Natalie McConnell and Kianne Milholland, along with their coach Ms. Jennie Hudson, recently placed twentieth in the National Competition, after winning first place in the state competition earlier this year. The National Competition was a two-day event which tested the participants' ability to apply veterinary science knowledge and skills in practical settings. Students completed written exams about veterinary topics and participated in team activities and hands-on clinicals to demonstrate knowledge about veterinary practices. The	

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						<p>Board and Superintendent congratulated them for their admirable achievements at both the state and national competitions.</p> <p>D-3. Colorado Council of Teachers of Mathematics Outstanding Secondary Mathematics Teacher [Resolution: 16/17: 30]</p> <p>➤ Mrs. Shawna Emmonds, a math teacher at West Middle School, has been awarded the Colorado Council of Teachers of Mathematics Award for Outstanding Secondary Teacher. The Colorado Council of Mathematics Teaching awards are given annually by region and there are seven regions in the state. Each region can have one elementary and secondary teacher award winner. This award is a state award for the Western Slope. Shauna was nominated by her peers for her outstanding work and leadership in mathematics. She demonstrates a love and excitement for learning math and a commitment to the improvement of math education beyond the classroom. District 51 is proud to have great math leaders like Shawna. The Board and the Superintendent congratulated Shawna on this recognition.</p> <p>E. BOARD REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS/REQUESTS</p> <p>➤ Mr. Williams thanked Mr. Schultz for putting together a community team to meet on Suicide Prevention.</p> <p>➤ Mr. Mikolai congratulated the Palisade High School Band for finishing second in the State of Colorado. He shared stories of Mr. Dan Bollinger, Principal at Palisade High School, paying for meals for the Band students out of his own pocket. Mr. Mikolai shared other things Mr. Bollinger has done for the students and parents at Palisade High School.</p> <p>➤ Mr. Pitton reported attending the Title IV seminar, as well as, the Diversity Training (now called Inclusion) at Colorado Mesa University. He stated it was insightful and appreciated the services District 51 provides to students. He stated he thinks the "Pathways Program", as well as other interventions for students are helping reduce expulsions in the District.</p> <p>F. LEGISLATIVE REPORT</p> <p>➤ None at this time.</p> <p>G. AUDIENCE COMMENTS</p> <p>➤ Mr. Williams read guidelines for meeting attendees to address the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary Beth Luedtke, P.O. Box 2569, Grand Junction, CO 81502 <p>Mrs. Luedtke applauded District 51 for taking the lead on the suicide awareness and council during the last few weeks. She stated she appreciates the efforts and would like to be involved in any Community Committee involving suicide prevention. She stated parents are resources for the District and would like to continue the conversation in every corner of the community. The Board thanked her for her comments and offer of help.</p>	

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						H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT H-1. Suicide Prevention Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Superintendent Schultz invited Mrs. Cathy Ebel, Prevention Services Coordinator, Ms. Karin Vermeulen, District 51 Crisis Psychological Support Team Lead, Mrs. Martha Graf, Western Colorado Suicide Prevention Foundation, and Mr. Troy Ward, Mesa County Health Department, to speak with the Board about the response to a recent student death by suicide and community-wide suicide prevention efforts. Ms. Vermeulen stated the Crisis Team has twenty members with other jobs in District 51, who respond to events such as a staff or student death. They offer extra support and counseling. She stated the team has responded to seven events since July 1, 2016. She stated seven events in a year is more typical. Mr. Schultz called together community partners from the Health Department, the Suicide Prevention Foundation, Hope West, Colorado Mesa University, Mind Springs, Hilltop and the District to discuss how to coordinate efforts to be more effective in the fight to end suicide. As a result of these meetings, each high school hosted a Brief Suicide Intervention Training (BSIT) session for the public last week. Grand Junction High School and R5 students received the same training last week. Fruita 8/9, Fruita Monument High School, Central High School and Palisade High School are receiving the training this week. The community group is also looking to form a suicide prevention task force and gather student and parent input through focus groups this winter. In addition, Mrs. Ebel detailed current suicide prevention and resiliency training for all students through "Riding the Waves", for fifth-graders and "Signs of Suicide", for seventh and ninth graders. Middle schools will be expanding "Signs of Suicide" training to all grades six through eight this winter. All high school grades will have gone through BSIT by November 18. Mrs. Ebel stated some students have expressed interest in developing a training which is designed specifically for middle and high school students as BSIT was designed for adults. The Board and Superintendent thanked everyone for their time and dedication to this issue. H-2. Career Wise, Mr. Matt Diers and Ms. Diane Schwenke <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Diers, Executive Director, and Ms. Schwenke, CEO of the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce, reported on local efforts to introduce thirty-five business apprenticeships for District 51 high school juniors next fall. The two-year apprenticeships will offer students the opportunity to work part-time at a local business while attending high school and earning credits. Career Wise Colorado is a state-wide initiative backed by philanthropic organizations and is helping facilitate the creation of youth apprenticeships in District 51, Denver area schools and on the eastern plains. Mrs. Schwenke stated local businesses with which she has spoken have shown great interest in participating in the program and would like to grow their future workforce in-house. Businesses will be able to pick their apprentices and the apprenticeship can end if it is not a good fit for the student or the business. Students will earn money during the apprenticeship and may have opportunities to earn college credit or earn work certifications during their 	

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						<p>apprenticeship. Apprenticeships may be offered in the fields of finance, information technology, manufacturing, business operations and the customer service side of health care. Once businesses have been selected to participate and the District knows which kinds of apprenticeships will be offered, schools will review student ICAP plans to find and recruit students with career interests which will match the apprenticeships. The Board and Mr. Schultz thanked Ms. Schwenke and Mr. Diers for the information.</p> <p>H-3. Governor's Budget and Student Count – Mr. Phil Onofrio, Chief Financial Officer, Mrs. Vi Crawford, Financial Service Director, Ms. Melanie Heath, Budget Analysis.</p> <p>➤ The student count in District 51 has been sent to the State of Colorado. The count increased by 59.7 full time equivalent students.</p> <p>H-4. Expulsion Report</p> <p>➤ As of October 31 nine students have been expelled from District 51. This is down from sixteen students at the same time last year. Mr. Pitton stated he feels the Pathways Program District 51 has in place has been impactful on students with substance abuse issues. Mr. Schultz stated this program is designed to help students continue with their education.</p> <p>H-5. Communications Report/District Initiatives Update</p> <p>➤ The Board reviewed the monthly Communications Report and heard updates from Mr. Tony Giurado on the District's project with Social and Emotional Learning, Rubrics and Performance Based Learning.</p>	
Motion Second Aye No	x x	 x x	 x			I. CONSENT AGENDA I-1. Personnel Actions I-1-a. Licensed Personnel [Resolution: 16/17:25] I-2. Gifts [Resolution: 16/17:]	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No	 x x	 x x	 x x			J. BUSINESS ITEMS J-1. Resolution to Approve District Accountability Committee [Resolution: 16/17:25] ➤ State Statute dictates the Board must approve the District Accountability Committee membership list each year.	Adopted
						K. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION ➤ None at this time.	
						L. FUTURE MEETINGS ➤ Reviewed.	

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						M. ADJOURNMENT	
						Adjourn – 7:38 p.m.	
						Terri N. Wells, Secretary Board of Education	

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The national competition was a two day event that tested the participant's ability to apply veterinary science knowledge and skills in practical settings. Students completed written exams about veterinary topics, and participated in team activities and hands-on clinicals to demonstrate knowledge about veterinary practices.

The Board of Education and the Superintendent would like to recognize these young women and their coach, for their hard work and dedication, and congratulate them for their admirable achievements at both the state and national competitions.

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Shawna Emmons, a math teacher at West Middle School, has been awarded the Colorado Council of Teachers of Mathematics Award for Outstanding Secondary Teacher.

The Colorado Council of Mathematics Teaching awards are given annually by region and there are seven regions in the state. Each region can have one elementary and secondary teacher award winner. This award is a state award for the Western Slope.

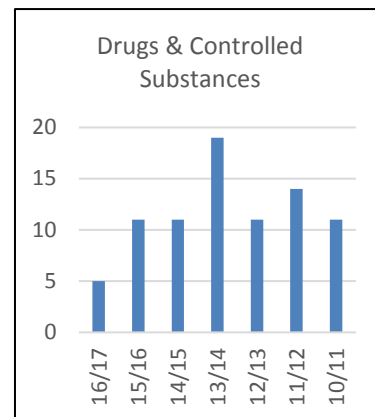
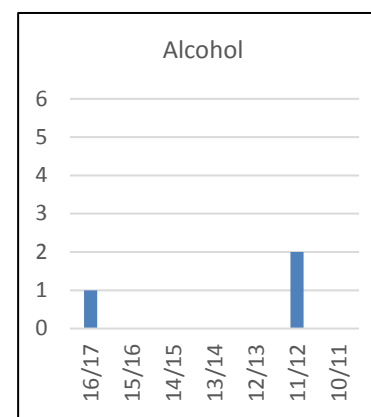
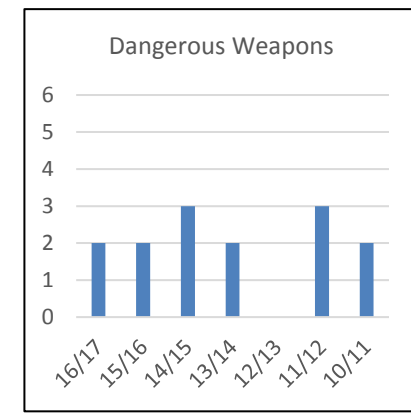
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District 51 is proud to have great math leaders like Shawna. The Board and the Superintendent congratulate Shawna on this recognition and acknowledge her many contributions to math education in District 51.

														Total for previous years as of October 31 of:					
Category	High School				Middle School				Elementary School				Total		14/15	13/14	12/13	11/12	10/11
	16/17		15/16		16/17		15/16		16/17		15/16		16/17	15/16					
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F							
100	4	1	8	3									5	11	11	19	11	14	11
200	1												1					2	
300																			
400			1											1	1		1		
500			2		2								2	2	3	2		3	2
600																			
700																	3		
DSP																			
VOO	1												1		3	4	1	2	2
Total	6	1	11	3	2								9	14	18	25	16	21	15

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
 VOO - other violations



Communications Update

October 20 – November 9, 2016

Includes

Earned Media Coverage

Paid Media Coverage

Electronic Direct Communication

Events

Social Media Reports



Earned Media

The Daily Sentinel

Oct. 20, Firing principal would have cost 100 days of pay

<http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/firing-principal-would-have-cost-100-days-of-pay>

Oct. 22, At prep level, coaches, trainers key to diagnosing concussions

<http://www.gjsentinel.com/sports/articles/at-prep-level-coaches-trainers-key-to-diagnosing-c>

Oct. 26, Policy: students administer own meds

<http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/policy-students-administer-own-meds/>

Oct. 27, D51 praises health savings Community

<http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/d51-praises-health-savings-at-community>

Nov. 1, Former teacher accused of lewd contact with teen

<http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/former-teacher-accused-of-lewd-contact-with-teen>

Nov. 2, Student takes own life on school grounds

<http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/student-takes-own-life-on-school-grounds>

Nov. 5, Partners team up to reduce suicide

<http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/partners-team-up-to-reduce-suicide>

Nov. 7, Suicide intervention takes guts, caring

<http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/suicide-intervention-takes-guts-caring/>

KKCO/KJCT

Oct. 19, Education Matters: District 51 Vision sessions define the future

<http://www.kjct8.com/content/news/Education-Matters-District-51-Vision-sessions-define-the-future-397698361.html>

Oct. 19, School offers new hub for student free time

<http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/397698631.html>

Nov. 2, Police: Former D51 sub accused of sexually assaulting student

<http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/399705071.html>

Nov. 2, GJPD: suicide in Grand Junction High School parking lot

<http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/399726091.html>

Nov. 3, D51 offers support for students in crisis, parents disagree

<http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/School-district-offers-support-for-students-in-crisis-parents-disagree--399932671.html>

Nov. 3, D51 providing counseling and support services to students, staff

<http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/399877321.html>

Nov. 5, LEGOs, robots, and lots of excitement and smiles

<http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/400144411.html>

Nov. 7, District 51 implementing new mental health programs

<http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/400205051.html>

KREX

Oct. 18, Students take part in walk to school day

<http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/a-library-makeover-for-fruita-middle-school>

Oct. 20, A library makeover for Fruita Middle School

<http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/a-library-makeover-for-fruita-middle-school>

Oct. 27, R-5 High School students have locals screaming

<http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/r-5-high-school-students-have-locals-screaming>

Oct. 27, District 51 and Community Hospital Insurance Plan

<http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/district-51-and-community-hospital-insurance-plan>

Oct. 31, Financial Aid Night

<http://www.westernslopenow.com/video?videoid=603810500&carousel=1&index=21>

Nov. 2, Teacher accused of student sex crime

<http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/teacher-accused-of-student-sex-crime>

Nov. 2, GJHS Gun incident

<http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/gjhs-gun-incident>

Nov. 3, D51 reviews crisis protocol

<http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/d-51-reviews-crisis-protocol>

Electronic Media

October Staff Newsletter

District 51 Insider

School District 51 Staff Newsletter | October 2016



View the October 11 Board Brief [here](#)

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).



Community Events

Oct. 1-31, [Studi's Pumpkin Patch](#), \$10 general admission.

Oct. 21-29, [Colorado Parks and Wildlife Monster Mash Carnival](#), Highline Lake. Free admission.

Oct. 22, [Fall Day on the Farm](#), Cross Orchards. \$5 adults, \$3.50 kids, \$15 family.

Nov. 4 & 5, [Culture Fest](#), Mesa County Public Library Central Branch. Free admission.

Nov 11, [Free admission to National Parks](#).



Set up your Voicemail Greeting

[Follow these instructions](#) to set up your voicemail so callers can leave you a message.

Stay Connected

[D51 Community](#) - Local events and promotions.

[D51 News](#) - Primary source



D51 parents, staff, community creating vision for K-12 system

On October 12, District 51 parents, staff, and community supporters gathered to brainstorm their vision for District 51 graduates. [Read more](#) about the process and find out what participants said.

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.](#)

[Click here for the D51 Discount for Powderhorn Season Passes](#)

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!

Human Resources

Did You Know?

- [Click here](#) for updates from Human Resources regarding **Sick Leave Bank Open Enrollment** (for Administrative & Nutrition Services Staff), and **Vacation for year-round employees**.
- [Click here](#) for the 3 Things to Keep In Mind When You Need a Substitute



District 51's bid for a grant that would benefit staff

Over the summer, several District 51 staff members spent countless hours on an application for the Teacher Incentive Fund, a grant that would provide much needed support to staff as we transition to a 21st century district. [Read more about the TIF grant \[here\]\(#\).](#)

Hospital Partnership benefits staff

School District 51's partnership with Community Hospital is resulting in several benefits for the staff members and their families who are part of the Community Hospital Partnership plan. For example, medical insurance premiums will hold steady for the 2017 benefit year, at a time when many other premiums are increasing. [Read more about the benefits \[here\]\(#\).](#)



[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.

United Way of Mesa County 2016-2017

Did you know that District 51 is the largest workplace campaign in Mesa County? 100% of dollars raised locally stay here in the county. This year's campaign will run from October 18 to November 16. [Click here for more information](#) and watch the video below!



Employment

[Click here for job openings](#) available to internal applicants.

Mount Garfield Middle School's Principal

Recently, District 51 has been under public scrutiny for how a situation with an employee was handled. Between several news articles, we felt that it was important for staff to have full information about the situation and sent a staff email addressing the issue. In case you missed it, [click here to read the memo](#) that was shared with staff.

Student Spotlight



and was part of the All State Band and Orchestra last year.

Congratulations to Grand Junction High School senior, Joshua Foutz, for receiving 36 points (a perfect score) on his ACT!! Joshua credits this achievement to pushing himself in difficult classes, and having passionate teachers! He also participates in the GJHS Knowledge Bowl (which went to nationals last year),

District 51 Wellness Program

[Click here for information](#) about the next Wellness Challenge: The Hold the Holidays Weight Maintenance Team Challenge!



Questions? Forgot your username or password? Contact [Gussie Nishi](#).



Join the D51 Foundation Board

The Foundation board is looking for parents, business owners, retired teachers, community leaders, or anyone who has a desire to raise funds for academic growth and achievement, and connect with our community. The Board of Directors meets monthly and works directly with key D51 leaders.

Please submit a letter of interest to [Catherine Foster](#), and learn more about the Foundation's efforts and mission at [their website](#).



Congratulations to the September Alpine/CMU Students of the Month

The Student of the Month luncheon honors two outstanding eighth- and twelfth-graders from each District 51 middle and high school. CMU and Alpine Bank fund a \$500 scholarship, which can be renewed annually, for each Student of the Month if he/she chooses to attend CMU or WCCC. Honorees are listed [here](#).

Did we miss something?

We want to hear from you! Staff are welcome to ask questions about the information you read, or provide suggestions for future articles.

Submit your ideas/feedback/comments to [Cat Foster](#), or try the [online submission form](#).



October Community Newsletter



School District 51 Family and Community Newsletter | October 2016



GJHS student gets perfect score
Congratulations to Grand Junction High School senior Joshua Foutz for earning a perfect ACT score!



D51 parents, staff, community creating vision for K-12 system
The results of Community Visioning meetings Oct. 12 and Nov. 2 will help shape our schools and how they approach education. See some of the ideas people had for what a District 51 graduate should know and be able to do after he or she finishes high school [here](#).



Kids enjoy Walk to School Day
Students from a handful of D51 elementary schools (including Tope, above) participated in [Walk to School Day](#) Wednesday.



Math Day at Orchard Mesa
OMMS hosted its first-ever Math Day on Oct. 14. Students enjoyed math-related activities and learned how professionals from 11 different

2017 marks the end of our five-year plan - see how we're doing District 51 set out to meet five goals in five years starting in 2012. Track our progress [here](#).



Lunch with a cop
Orchard Avenue Elementary students got a chance to chow down with some of Grand Junction Police Department's finest this month as part of the new Lunch with a Cop initiative. Officers will dine at a couple Grand Valley schools once each month.

Q&A
Q: What's going on with the principal position at Mt. Garfield Middle School? How can the district afford to have an interim principal and reassign the old principal to a new job?

A: Bill Larsen, former D51 Chief Academic Officer, is filling in as the interim principal at MGMS until a new principal can be hired for the 2017-18 school year. The former principal, Hal Templeton, was placed on administrative leave on Sept. 19, then started a job in dropout retrieval and recovery on Sept. 30. The district is able to pay both men's salaries because Mr. Templeton's was already built into the 2016-17 budget, and Mr. Larsen's position will be paid for using funds that had been budgeted, but not yet used, for jobs that D51 was unable to fill this year. Both jobs are temporary. [Learn more in this letter to staff.](#)



Check out New Emerson's video
All District 51 learners know about Habits of Mind. But did you know they could be so catchy?

Fun for the whole family!
Oct. 22 - Fall Day on the Farm at Cross Orchards, 3073 F Road. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Oct. 28 - Trick or Treat Street Carnival in downtown Palisade. Starts at 6 p.m. Free.
Oct. 29 - Truck N Treat in downtown Fruita. Starts at 10 a.m. Free.
Nov. 5 - Culture Fest at Mesa County Central Library, 443 N. 6th St.

Calendar contest voting open
Check out the student artwork of finalists for the 2017 Bank of Colorado calendar. Vote for your favorites either at the bank or on its [Facebook page](#). Hurry, the deadline is Oct. 28!



Come to Coffee with the Board!
Come chat with School Board members about any school topic you wish at 9 a.m. this Saturday, Oct. 22, in the Harry Butler Board Room at [455 N. 22nd St.](#)



career fields use math at work.



Hospital partnership saves taxpayer money, staff premiums
District 51's self-insurance program debuted a Community Hospital-centric health plan last year and ended up cutting costs while other insurance plans battle rising prices. Read more [here](#).



Picks for SWL Boys Tennis Team
The 2016 Southwestern League Boys Tennis Team includes 13 students from District 51. The roster is available [here](#).



Marching Band Festival winners
All four D51 high school marching bands competed Sept. 24 in the Colorado West Marching Band Festival, including Central (above) and Fruita Monument (below). Check out who won awards [here](#).



Community Hospital helps teachers stock classrooms
The average U.S. teacher spends \$500 a year on school materials. Community Hospital is pitching in with a \$5,000 grant fund for health- and science-related equipment and supplies. The applications of 20 teachers have been approved!

LEGO League Jr. teams forming
For the first time ever, local kids in kindergarten through fourth grade can participate in [FIRST LEGO League Jr.](#) A few teams have started but are full. Interested in forming a team of up to six students? Please [email Andrea](#).



Five D51 schools get huge school supply donations
Office Max and Office Depot surprised kids at Lincoln Orchard Mesa Elementary last month with \$17,000 worth of school supplies! The stores are donating a total of \$80,000 in supplies to Lincoln OM, Mt. Garfield Middle, Orchard Mesa Middle, Appleton Elementary, and Broadway Elementary this year.



Fruita Middle School library is nothing to shush about
Librarian and Instructional Leader Mindy Woodworth is making the library at her school a welcoming place for students to use their imaginations, collaborate, and discover a passion for reading. Take a peek inside [here](#).



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Board Brief, October 25



Hiring and termination board policy

Attorney David Price presented the board with information about hiring and firing policies as they relate to different categories of

employees. He said the authority to terminate personnel is granted by state statute, and that public sector employment differs from private sector employment, which is generally covered by state law. There are four categories of district administrators: superintendents, classified administrators, and administrators with or without a Colorado teaching license. Which category an employee falls into determines the processes for hiring and termination.

Health Insurance Update

The 2016 D51

Health Plan is in good health. There will be no insurance premium increases in 2017 for those on the district's insurance, which is a self-funded plan

offered to district employees and their families. The district's partnership with Community Hospital has helped keep health care costs down, alongside an emphasis on prevention and wellness and bargaining and dealing with health care providers for the best deals possible. Plan offerings include employee health screenings, a diabetes management program, a lifestyle management program, free prescriptions on the most commonly prescribed generic medications, and a clinic system that encourages people to seek treatment early.



Business/Investments Report

Student enrollment in District 51 is up approximately 30 students year-over-year. The district will provide an official count to the state Nov. 10. The district budgeted for flat enrollment, but expenditures will likely exceed revenue by \$355,986. That amount will have to come from reserves. Pre-paid property taxes paid at the end of the year worth \$1.2 million allowed the district to restore school intervention budgets for one year. Also, the district saved \$118,239 in 2015-16 compared to 2014-15 by switching from diesel-fueled buses to propane buses.



Truancy Report

Truancy Case Managers Lupe Navarro and Jessie Hererra told the board truancy is often indicative of another, deeper problem. Case managers and attendance advocates in the

district try to address those problems by working with families and providing support before a student develops chronic attendance issues or drops out. In 2015-16, truancy workers had contact with 420 students. Of those 420, 54 were involved in the truancy court process.

The district has two case managers and four attendance advocates. There were six attendance advocates until a four-year grant ended last year, but the district felt the advocates' work served a valuable purpose and were able to squeeze four attendance advocate positions into the 2016-17 budget.

Business Items

The board had second reading and adoption of the following policies:

- * IKF(2), Graduation Requirements
- * JLCD, Administering Medicines to Students
- * AC, Nondiscrimination
- * GBA, Equal Opportunity Employment

Recognitions

The board recognized the following people at Tuesday's meeting:

* Greg Mikolai, for earning the McGuffey Award for his commitment to and passion for board work for the last seven years.

* Dylan Ford (Central), Joe Webb (Fruita Middle), Brett Argo (Fruita 8/9), Ryan Crabtree (Fruita Monument), Isaac Lavadie (GJHS), Scott Davis (Mt. Garfield), Jeff Mason (Palisade), Sarah Kamstra (Redlands Middle), and their bands for earning state-level Exemplary Band Awards from the Colorado Bandmasters Association.

* TIF Grant Writers Vi Crawford, Leigh Grasso, Paul Jebe, Colleen Martin, Rebecca Midles, Heather O'Brien, Phil Onofrio, and Diane Raine, for their work applying for a grant that would have aided staff development, strategic compensation, and infrastructure needs. Unfortunately, D51 was not selected for the TIF grant.

* GJHS senior Joshua Foulz, for earning a perfect 36 on the ACT exam.

Expulsion Report

As of Sept. 30, the school district has had one expulsion, down from eight expulsions at that marker in 2015. The sole expulsion this year falls into the drug or controlled substances category.

Communications Report/District Initiatives Update

The district's monthly Communications Report contained local news coverage, information about events, including the Oct. 12 Community Visioning meeting, and a social media update. The district's Facebook page received 179 new likes between Sept. 13 and Oct. 19.

The initiatives update covered design labs, inservice, and how educators have a choice in their professional learning.

Future Meetings

* Nov. 2, 4 p.m., Harry Butler Board Room, Community Visioning Meeting.

* Nov. 16, 6 p.m., Harry Butler Board Room, Board Business Meeting.

Events

Student of the Month, October 18

This monthly recognition program is a collaborative effort between CMU, Alpine Bank, and District 51 to honor outstanding students with a luncheon that includes their parents and school leaders.



Community and Student Brief Suicide Intervention Training (BSIT) Opportunities

In response to events at Grand Junction High School on November 2, District 51 partnered with community organizations (Hilltop, HopeWest, the Mesa County Health Department, Colorado Mesa University, the Western Colorado Suicide Prevention Foundation, and Mind Springs) to provide a Brief Suicide Intervention Training (BSIT) to students in D51 high schools, and to the Grand Valley community.

BSIT is an hour-long suicide prevention skills and awareness class offered by the Western Colorado Suicide Prevention Foundation. The free training covers how to approach someone who may be suicidal, what questions to ask them, and how to help them connect with available resources.

The community meetings were offered at each of the high schools, starting at 6 p.m.

November 7, Grand Junction High School
November 9, Fruita Monument High School
November 10, Central High School
November 10, Palisade High School.

Students at each high school also received the training at school assemblies. The assemblies were given by grade level to make it easier for facilitators and staff to gauge how individual students were coping with the training, and offer support as needed.

District 51 partnered with several community organizations to make these trainings available, and helped in the communication process of the details of each training opportunity.

Social Media

We gained 122 new “likes” on Facebook between October 20 and November 9. Our Facebook posts followed the trend of announcing school events, posting information about school shelter in places and lockdowns, information and resources about suicide awareness and prevention, Sentinel Student of the Week information, sign up information for the parent/community newsletter, articles from the newsletter, acknowledgments to community partners for donations, employment opportunities, etc.



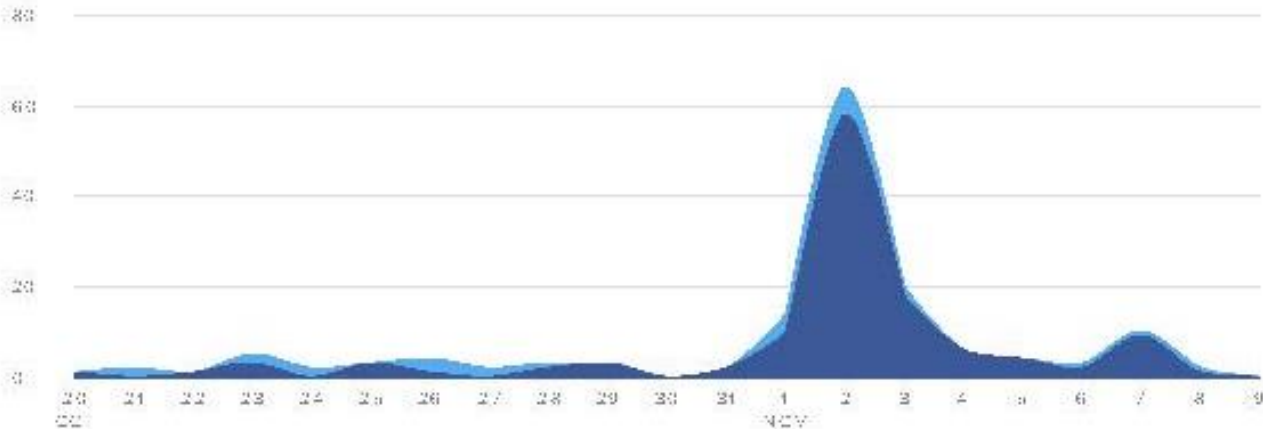
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Stats by Profile/Page

Profile/Page	Total Fans / Followers	Fan / Follower Increase	Messages Sent	Impressions	Impressions per Post	Engagements	Engagements per Post	Link Clicks
 Mesa County School District 51 Facebook page	7,994	1.56%	36	226,460	6,291	4,058	112.7	4,819
 School District 51 @district51	2,573	0.94%	17	10,025	590	185	10.9	103

Audience Growth

AUDIENCE GROWTH, BY DAY



AUDIENCE GROWTH METRICS	FACEBOOK		TWITTER	
	TOTALS	CHANGE	TOTALS	CHANGE
Total Fans	10,567	▲ 1.4%		
New Facebook Fans	122	▲ 121.8%		
New Twitter Followers	21	▲ 300.0%		
Total Fans/Gain	143	▲ 139.3%		

Total fans increased by

▲ 1.4%

since previous date range

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Name	School/Assignment	Effective Date
Retirements		
None at this time.		
Resignations/Termination		
Mulford, Robert	Orchard Avenue/SPED Moderate Needs	November 4, 2016
Hoisington, Tonja	Thunder Mtn/2 nd Grade	November 11, 2016
Leave of Absence		
None at this time.		
New Assignments		
None at this time.		

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Secretary, Board of Education



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Donor	Steve Moats
Gift	Accordion
Value	\$500.00
School/Department	Music Department / Clifton Elementary music classes

Donor	Mark Dalton
Gift	Fender electric guitar
Value	\$150.00
School/Department	East Middle School / Jazz band and music classes

Donor	Bill Wilson
Gift	Backpacks
Value	\$335.87
School/Department	Prevention Services / R.E.A.C.H. Program

Donor	Donorschoose.org (Anonymous donors)
Gift	Cash
Value	\$1,200.00
School/Department	Valley School / Denver Colorado Close-Up field trip

Donor	David and Nancy Lange
Gift	Cash
Value	\$500.00
School/Department	Scenic Elementary / Mr. Worth's 5 th grade class

Donor	Walmart
Gift	Notebook paper
Value	\$269.90
School/Department	Prevention Services / R.E.A.C.H. Program

Donor	Carville's Auto Mart
Gift	Cash
Value	\$200.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Cheer Program

Donor	Mavs Sports Club Basketball Division
Gift	Cash
Value	\$250.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Girls basketball



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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.

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District Accountability Committee (DAC) Membership
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<i>Current Member Name</i>	<i>Representative Area</i>
Irene Almond	ELL Coordinator
Lee Carleton	Administrator, Middle School Representative
Brenda Chandler	D51 Staff/Community Representative
Vickie Fay	Parent, Administrator, Elementary School Representative
Arthur Gardner	Community Representative
Deb Lamb	Administrator, Elementary School Representative
Amanda McQuade	Parent, Community Representative (co-chair)
Jessica Mulvey	Parent, Community Representative (chair)
Andy Nikkari	Parent, Community Representative
Jin Pack	Parent, Community Representative
Tisha Petelo	Parent, Community Representative
Ellen Price	Parent, Community Representative
Randall Reitz	Parent, Community Representative
Allison Ripple	Elementary School Representative
Gary Roahrig	Community Representative
Shawn Wilson	Administrator, Elementary School Representative

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