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Board of Education
Mesa County Valley School District 51
Board Work Session: June 4,
2019 Adopted: August 20, 2019

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Present	x	x	x	x	x	BUDGET MEETING A. Call to Order ➢ Mr. Parrish asked if anyone present would like to speak about the 2019-2020 proposed budget. No one came forward. B. Adjourn	6:06 p.m.
						WORK SESSION 1. Recognition for 5A State Champion in 800 Meter, David Cardenas, Central High School. [18/19:108] ➢ Mr. Pitton noted David Cardenas, a Central High School senior who graduated this year, was not able to be present. David won the 800 meter relay at the Colorado 5A State Track and Field Competition. David finished over a second ahead of the second-place finisher. 2. Bond Update, Mr. John Potter ➢ Mr. John Potter, Blythe Group Vice President, reviewed construction projects scheduled for the summer of 2019. There are various projects scheduled at twenty-five schools with most of the projects already having started. Some general projects include installing new flooring, roofing, fire alarms and heating and cooling systems. Some specific projects include installing security vestibules at East Middle, West Middle and Mt. Garfield Middle Schools, remodeling the entryway area at Fruita Monument High School, adding a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) classroom and outdoor classroom at Central High School and remodeling restrooms at Grand Junction High School. Mr. Potter reviewed the costs and funding sources for the projects. ➢ Mr. Eric Nilsen, Director of Maintenance, reported some projects have received supplemental funds to cover the cost of items not included in the bond. The District will save money by doing the supplemental projects now, while contractors are already on site. ➢ Mr. John Sisco, Blythe Group Project Manager, noted Central High School's campus is closed and will remain closed to staff and the public during construction. He displayed a site plan for the Central High School campus showing the location of the STEM classroom and the outdoor classroom. He explained aspects shown in the architectural rendition of the outdoor classroom, noting the area would be completely fenced. Staff, students and an architectural team worked together to design the STEM classroom and outdoor classroom. 3. Summer Maintenance Projects, Mr. Eric Nilsen ➢ Mr. Nilsen recapped a portion of summer projects have already been deferred to contractors already on campus sites. District 51 staff will be working at some schools in preparation for all day kindergarten. The schools requiring remodeling, to accommodate all day kindergarten, are Pomona,	6:07 p.m.

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Chatfield and Tope Elementary Schools. Mr. Nilsen reported some capital money was invested in a facility assessment report being prepared by the Cunningham Group. A summary of the report will be presented at the June Business Meeting with the complete report being released in July.

4. Public Opinion Survey Results, Mrs. Emily Shockley
   - Mrs. Emily Shockley, Public Communication Officer and Mrs. Catherine Foster-Gruber, Communication Specialist, reviewed the results of a public opinion survey conducted by the District in May. The survey was available to staff, parents, students and the public. The survey was advertised on the District's web page, through press releases, advertisements in the local paper, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and through emails and texts to staff and parents. Survey questions rated various aspects of the District on a scale of one to five stars, with five stars being the best rating. Survey results showed the importance of a good public education with a 4.79 star rating, changes to the calendar including a later start with a 3.83 star rating, transparency on the 2017 bond and mill levy with a 3.57 star rating and the condition of school buildings with a 2.7 star rating. Results from the survey question asking if participants would support a $175 million bond measure to rebuild Grand Junction High School and make improvements to the other three main high schools, showed 52.94% very likely or likely to support a bond, 20.64% unsure and 26.41% unlikely or very unlikely to support. Of the 5,202 responses to the survey, 1,728 responses included comments. Some common themes in the comments were leadership and trust; building conditions; bullying, discipline and behavioral issues; calendar and academics issues (grading, class size, etc.); and timing, planning, alternatives and money management in regards to bond funding.
   - The Board thanked Mrs. Shockley and Mrs. Foster Gruber for creating and overseeing the survey.

5. District Accountability Committee Report
   - Dr. Scott Cooper, Assistant Superintendent, was available to answer questions regarding the District Accountability Committee (DAC) Report. He highlighted a format change, this past year, in the School Improvement Plan presentations. Dr. Cooper complimented Mr. Andy Nikkari, DAC Chairman, for all his hard work and dedication and Mr. Paul Jebe, Executive Director of Site Leadership, for bringing fresh ideas to the committee.

6. Expulsion Report
   - Superintendent Sirko spoke on interventions in place to help students with drug or alcohol issues. Statistics show good success with the Pathways Program.
   - Cathy Ebel, Director of Academic Options, shared information on community interventions utilized in working with students.

7. Communication Report
   - Reviewed

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						[Recess 7:06 p.m. Resume Meeting 7:15 p.m.]	
						BUSINESS MEETING	
Present	x	x	x	x	x	a. Roll Call/Call to Order	7:15 p.m.
Absent							
Motion			x			b. Agenda Approval	No Action
Second		x				➢ Motion to approve agenda	
Aye							
No							
Motion			x			➢ Motion to amend the agenda to add an executive session and an agenda item to consider the purchase of a property.	No Action
Second		x					
Aye							
No							
Motion					x	➢ Motion to approve the agenda with the amendments of adding an executive session and an agenda item to consider the purchase of a property.	Adopted
Second		x					
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion		x				Resolution to Approve the Sale of a Property [18/19: 90]	Adopted
Second	x					➢ Mr. Phil Onofrio, Chief Operations Officer, presented the Board with a current Appraisal of Real Property for residential property located at 520 W. Main St. and a copy of Resolution 18/19: 90, tabled at the May 7, 2019 meeting. The current appraisal values the property at $125 thousand dollars. The property is located near Dual Immersion Academy and, if acquired, would accommodate additional parking spaces and play area for Dual Immersion Academy.	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion		x				Motion to Move to Executive Session	Moved to Executive Session 7:26 p.m.
Second	x					➢ Executive Session pursuant to section 24-6-402(4)(f)(I), Colorado Revised Statutes, to discuss a personnel matter, namely the Board's employment of the Superintendent of Schools, including discussion pursuant to section 24-6-402(4)(e), may be subject to negotiations in connection with the Superintendent's employment contract, to develop strategy for such negotiations; and to instruct negotiators with regard to such contract.	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	➢ Present at the executive session was Dr. Davis, Mr. Levinson, Mr. Parrish, Mr. Pitton and Mr. Williams	
No							
Motion	x					Motion to Adjourn Executive Session	Adjourn Executive Session 7:37 p.m.
Second		x				➢ Time spent on executive session: 11 minutes	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion		x				c. Resolution to Approve Superintendent's Contract [18/19: 111]	Adopted
Second	x					➢ Board conversation continued in open session regarding a conflict between following previously stated process and current perceived best practice. The Board previously reported Dr. Sirko would serve as interim superintendent until a nationwide search could be conducted, to find a permanent	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							

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						Superintendent. The Board has not completed a formal evaluation of Dr. Sirko's performance, but through personal interaction and public feedback, the Board feels she has done a remarkable job. Dr. Sirko has rebuilt trust with staff and the community and the Board would like to see her continue as Superintendent.	
Motion		x				d. Personnel Actions – Administrative New Hires	Adopted
Second			x				
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
						Board Discussion ➢ Mr. Parrish noted he would not be able to attend the Business Meeting on June 18. ➢ Mr. Williams expressed a need for all Board members to be at the planned Special Meeting on June 25 to hear the presentation from the Long Range Committee. ➢ Dr. Davis requested time allotted at the Business Meeting to listen to a presentation from the Gender and Orientation Acceptance League. ➢ To accommodate a schedule where all Board Members could be present and to avoid the need for two meetings, the Board Business Meeting will be moved from June 18 to June 25, 2019.	
Motion		x				e. Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.	Adjourn
Second					x		
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
						Bridget Story, Assistant Secretary Board of Education	

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Recognition: David Cardenas
5A State Track & Field Champion
800-meter Dash

Board of Education Resolution: 18/19: 108 Presented: June 4, 2019

The Board of Education would like to invite David Cardenas to the front.

On May 17, at the state track and field championships in Jeffco Stadium. David Cardenas emerged as a state champion in the 800-meter dash.

David recently graduated from Central High School, where he was involved in four sports. Together with Central's running coach, Ted Leblow, David developed a strategy for the race that played to his strengths. 150 meters away from the finish line, David kicked into gear and passed two other runs to win the race in 1 minute and 53.47 seconds, over a second ahead of the second-place finisher.

David's running career has spanned several years, and has taken him all over the world. Last year, he represented the United States at the World Mountain Running Championships in Andorra.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Sirko are proud to recognize David and his coach for their exemplary work and discipline in training and competition. Congratulations.

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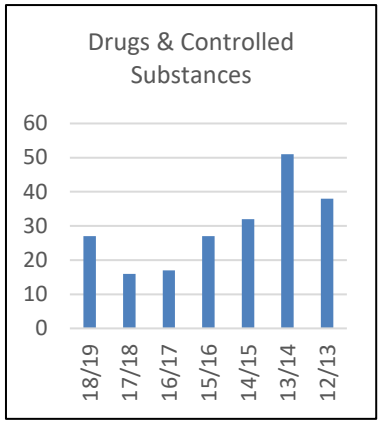
Every student, every day, learning for life!

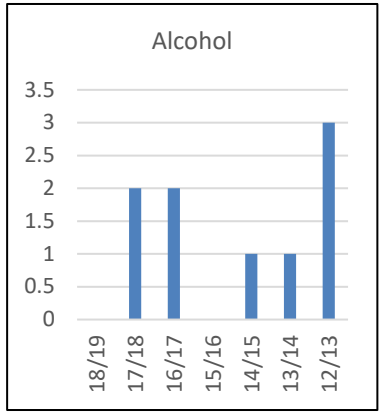
Expulsion Report
2018-2019 School Year
As of April 30, 2019
Presented: June 4, 2019

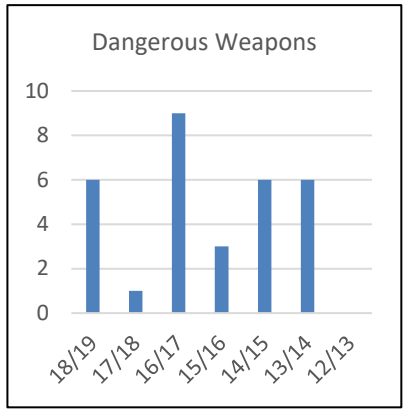
Category	High School				Middle School				Elementary School				Total		Total for previous years as of April 31 of:				
	18/19		17/18		18/19		17/18		18/19		17/18		18/19	17/18	16/17	15/16	14/15	13/14	12/13
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F							
100	19	5	15	1	2	1							27	16	17	27	32	51	38
200			2											2	2		1	1	3
300																			
400	4							1					4	1	1	2	1		4
500	4	1			1			1					6	1	9	3	6	6	
600																			
700															1	1			2
DSP																			
VOO	9	3	5	1	4	1	1	1			1		17	9	10	6	6	10	8
Total	36	9	22	2	7	2	1	3			1		54	29	40	39	46	68	55

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







Communications Update
April 10 – May 29, 2019

Includes

Earned Media Coverage

Paid Media Coverage

Electronic Direct Communication

Social Media Reports

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Media Coverage

The Daily Sentinel

April 12, Teachers' union leader has eye on future

April 14, Recording of teacher investigated

April 16, Senator asks about teen suicide rate in county

April 21, Brainiacs square off for GJHS fundraiser

April 22, Today, words like "lockdown" feel almost normal

April 23, The future of food - aquaponics at R5 High School

April 24, State grant allows District 51 to test schools for lead

April 26, High school-to-college alliance gets high marks

April 29, Youth Climate Strike planned Friday

April 30, District 51 Theatre One Act Showcase

May 2, The Valley's Best

May 4, Spellbinders enthrall young kids with a well-spun yarn

May 6, Fresh lunches only a part of D51 emphasis on wellness

May 8, Kids wilderness excursion looks to grow

May 13, District 51 surveys for $175 million bond measure

May 14, Overcoming optics

May 14, Classes for the masses

May 19, District 51 schools show off their speed at state track meet

May 21, 282 turn Central High tassels

May 21, 'The world is run by those who show up,' grads are told

May 22, 282 Grand Junction High students receive diplomas

May 22, Fruita Monument sends off 425 grads

May 23, Dad: Teacher cut son's hair without permission

May 23, Petroglyph area scarred by graffiti vandals gets TLC

May 24, No cliques in Gateway graduating class of 2

May 24, Speedy future

May 24, Mesa Valley Community graduates excel already

May 26, Reaching our potential

KREX

April 10, D51 hosts parent info sessions

April 11, Thunder Mountain Hoops

April 17, D51 parent info sessions

April 17, Assessing threats in D51

April 18, Insulin prices on the rise

April 18, International Wrestling on the Western Slope

April 22, Earth Day Celebration at R5 High School

April 29, Palisade High School parent education event

April 30, How measles spreads and how to contain it

May 6, Elementary principal wins Golden Apple Award

May 8, Ute Heritage Day

May 9, Rim Rock Elementary Senior Walk

May 13, Shelter in pace lifted for two schools

May 14, Grand Junction boy bullied for ethnicity and appearance

May 19, School safety

May 22, District 51 prepares for full day kindergarten

KKCO/KJCT

April 10, New bill aims to raise school vaccination numbers

April 10, D51 talks bullying with parents

April 11, School District 51 granted exclusive chartering authority

April 12, CMU donates basketball hoops to Thunder Mountain

April 12, D51 moving forward with full-day kindergarten, regardless of what happens at capital

April 12, PHS students given Daniels Fund scholarship

April 12, Video indicates Fruita Monument teacher made student 'blacklist'

April 13, Local high school students offer "sources of strength" to peers in unique color run

April 15, Senator Gardner holds teen suicide prevention round table

April 16, Students protest 'blacklist', teacher put on leave

April 17, Second D51 parent meeting: pot and opioids

April 17, A look at D51 security amid front range school threat

April 22, Sustainability initiatives launched at R5 High School

April 22, High School Seniors recognized for GPA

April 30, Local robotics team makes it to quarterfinals at worldwide competition

May 3, Fruita Monument seniors receive $2.2 million in scholarships

May 5, MESA solar car race

May 6, Spring into summer resource fair

May 8, Teacher Appreciation Week

May 13, Two schools put on shelter in place

May 13, Crews making progress on new Orchard Mesa Middle School

May 14, FMHS students support special athletes

May 16, District 51 Foundation raises money for Angel Lunch Fund

May 16, D51 considers bond measure for GJHS

May 17, Elementary students learning about different countries for "Culture Day"

May 20, CHS graduation

May 21, Parent says D51 teacher cut son's hair without permission

May 22, School District 51 is working to combat student vaping

Paid Media

Indoor Billboards

The following ads 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.

Welcome Home Packages

Each month, 100 Homeowners who move into a new home in the Grand Valley receive a package that includes two branded stickers and pens, a printed infographic with more information about District 51.

TV Ads

KREX does a monthly segment highlighting a teacher who receives the KREX "Golden Apple Award." The channel advertises the award to bring awareness to D51, and to garner nominations. KJCT provides audience targeting to supply relevant information to demographics who may benefit from our information as they browse the web.

GJ Daily Sentinel Ads

April 13

Math Resources Community Night

Thursday, April 18, 2019

5 - 7 p.m.

Harry Butler Board Room

455 N. 22nd St.

Preview math resources that teachers are considering for classrooms!

Ask questions about District 51 math curriculum and instruction!

Preview new technology and see how it supports math learning!

Questions? Contact the D51 Curriculum Department at 970-254-5302.

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April 20

Are you graduating from high school this year?

Come to a Senior Walk at your elementary school!

Senior Walk for Class of 2019 grads who went to Rim Rock Elementary School

9:30 a.m. on May 9 at Rim Rock

Senior Walk for Class of 2019 grads who went to Rocky Mt. Elementary

3 p.m. on May 9 at Rocky Mountain

Senior Walk for Class of 2019 grads who went to Mesa View Elementary

3:15 p.m. on May 17 at Mesa View

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April 27

Did You Know?

This year, 124 graduating D51 seniors earned a 4.0+ in high school!

Palisade High School
Sandesh Adhikari
Ana Aguinada Arellano
Brendon Anderson
Nathan Briner
Haley Carver
David Costello
Mawusi Danso
Sage Frontella
Justin Gumone
Zane Haas
Jacob Hemard
Dyllon Hoaglund
Anne Kessler
Annika Kitzman
Kylee Kragenbring
Maura Lake
Marcin Latek
Alexa MacAskill
Jessie Mello
Victoria Mendoza
Emily Moore
Katherine Norell
Aidan Padyk
Kamryn Peltier
Garteth Rader
Lauren Shearer
Riley Sleigh
Kayla Smith
Frankie Spiller
Hannah Stockemer
Jessica Stouder
Logan Tarman
Kaleb Teetsel
Levi Van Pelt
Presley Virden
Teagan Yake

Central High School
Josue Acevedo Matias
Kia Holton
Madisen Jensen
William Jessop
Scottland McPhail
Corben Miller
Janae Parsons
Yaima Rosado Marte
Aislyn Sharp

Congratulations to all of your 2019 Superintendent Scholars!

Mesa Valley Community School
Evan Piper
Adrienne Propst
Joshua Thompson
Daniel Walgren

Fruita Monument High

Stilen Adams	Cole Haupt	Lance Palmer
Lindsay Anderson	Bouiey Hin	Alexander Phillips
Michael Ash	Justin Jolley	Allison Price
Bryce Boggs	Kaden Jolley	Joshua Riley
Molly Bollinger	Kathryn Kennedy	Tyler Speer
Seth Brinton	Sean Kennedy	Laurel Storheim
Abigail Brown	Kaden King	Brody Swenson
Gaither Bynum	Grace Koppenhafer	Anna Taets
Trystan Carruth	Morgan Laing	Reagan Thompson
Jacob Christensen	Hannah Larson	Lilly Tierney
Claire Conkling	Marcus Lee	Preston Vance
Emma Cook	Augustus Luedtke	Spencer Wells
Cassandra Dodson	Kennedy Marshall	Danielle Welsh
Aryanna Farabee	Zackary Mason	Maggie Williams
Charlize Geer	Torin Murphy	Alexa Willms
Gabriella Gorrino	Zackary Nehm	Michael Wilson
Kaci Hanks	Jared Nelson	Brock Yeager
Landri Hansen	Aspen Packard	

Grand Junction High

Samuel Adamson	Shelby Leatherman	James Rasmussen
Amanda Gordon	Benjamin Luker	Cooper Riddell-Brosig
Jenna Greenlee	Donovan Marshall	Kylee Shiekh
Cal Hegstrom	Makayla Moran	Breck Smith
Arielle Hurley	Jaedyn Nishiya	Beau Thornton
Indiana Jones	Mallory Raimer	Hannah Tuck
Kathryn Kearney	Wyatt Raimer	Bodin Wilson
Brooke Laffler		

D51

May 4

Did You Know?

D51 honored 59 retirees at the annual Salute to Staff celebration

Julie Armbruster, *Tope*
Monica Audino, *Payroll*
Terry Ballantyne, *Taylor*
Fred Binggeli, *Palisade*
Sarah Bradburn, *West*
Diane Carver, *Thunder Mt.*
Ronald Cline, *Maintenance*
Anne Djokic, *Clifton*
Annemarie Dodd, *Chatfield*
Mimi Donnelly, *Technology*
Robin Ely, *Induction*
Jolene Esquibel-Archuleta, *Admin*
Donna Farlow, *Palisade*
Karen Franklin, *Fruita 8/9*
Mary Garner, *Thunder Mt.*
Hilda Gonzales, *Migrant*
Leigh Grasso, *Site Leadership*
Stephen Hellmann, *Palisade*
Tori Hellmann, *Palisade*
Clayton Hilbish, *Maintenance*
Mary Hoefling, *Special Education*
Barbara Hollingsworth, *Tope*
Elizabeth Inskeep, *Taylor*
Thomas Ivie, *Grounds*
Heather James, *Clifton*
William Johnson, Jr., *Fruita Mon.*
Rena Kimball, *Loma*
Roberta King, *Dual Immersion*
John Law, *West, Grand Junction*
Jeanne Lelonek, *OT*
Kristi Lenard, *Wingate*
Rosanna Lewis, *Pomona*
Janet Lloyd, *Shelledy*
Lucia Lopez, *Loma*
Angela Lovato, *Appleton, Rim Rock*
Janet Magoon, *Central High*
Nancy Maier, *Grand Junction High*
Debbie Mast, *Wingate*
Kathryn McEvoy, *East*
Dexine McKenzie, *Orchard Ave.*
Kimberly Morelli, *Appleton*
Linda Motz, *Palisade*
Catharine Mudd, *Fruita Monument*
Linda Pawley, *Pear Park*
Mindy Prinster, *Rim Rock*
Conwynn Pyle, *Dual Immersion*
Vernann Raney, *Dos Rios*
Cynthia Reed, *Custodial*
Monte Riggle, *West*
Kimbrell Roberts, *Maintenance*
Sandra Rowe, *Human Resources*
Jacalyn Rudolph, *Lincoln O.M.*
Dixie Sargent, *Mt. Garfield*
Kimberly Schaper, *Palisade*
Barbara Smith, *Clifton*
Carmen Smith, *Mesa View*
Christopher Starr, *Palisade*
Kristian Stephens, *Bookcliff*
Theresa Stoddard, *Orchard Ave.*

**Retirees announced as of 4/5/19.*

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May 11

Did You Know?

The D51 Public Opinion Survey ends May 17

Have your voice heard – take the survey today!

In English:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/D51survey2019

En Español:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/D51survey2019ESP

Curious how your 2017 Bond and Mill dollars are being spent?

Count every penny at d51schools.org. Just click on the icon pictured below.

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May 18

Did You Know?

The District 51 Class of 2019 is graduating this week!

Central
8:30 a.m.
May 20
Stocker Stadium

Palisade
6:30 p.m.
May 20
Stocker Stadium

GJHS
8:30 a.m.
May 21
Stocker Stadium

FMHS
7 p.m.
May 21
Stocker Stadium

Grand River
10 a.m.
May 23
Avalon Theater

Mesa Valley
2 p.m.
May 23
CMU Ballroom

Gateway
6 p.m.
May 23
Gateway Community Center

R-5
9:30 a.m.
May 24
CMU Brownson Arena

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Lunch Lizard

LEAVE YOUR MARK...
WESTERN COLORADO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Did You Know?

The Lunch Lizard delivers free meals to kids every summer

Grand Junction/Orchard Mesa Route June 3-Aug. 2 (M-F)

Monument Ridge	2680 B ½ Road	10:45-11:00am
Eagle Rim Park	2746 Cheyenne Dr.	11:10-11:40am
Eureka! McConnell Science Museum	1400 N. 7th St.	Noon-12:20pm
Tope Elementary Park	2220 N. 7th St.	12:25-12:35pm
Orchard Ave. Elem.	1800 Orchard Ave.	12:40-12:55pm
Lincoln Park	1340 Gunnison Ave.	1:45-2:15pm (1:45-2:30pm Wednesdays)

Clifton Route June 3-Aug. 2 (M-F)

Columbine Park	544 28 ¼ Road	10:50-11:05am
Applewood Estates	516 31 ½ Road	11:20-11:40am
Clifton Elementary	3276 F Road	11:50a-12:10p
Mesa Ave. Park	3216 Mesa Ave.	12:20-12:50pm
Kimwood Park	3240 White Ave.	12:55-1:10pm
Candlewood Community Center	424 32 Road, #279	1:20-1:40pm

Palisade Route June 3-Aug. 2 (M-F)

Palisade Mobile Homes	131 N. Bowers Ave. near basketball hoops	11:30-11:55am
Veterans Memorial Park	120 W. 8th St. Skate Park	12:05-12:25pm
Community Pool	571 W. 5th St.	12:35-1:15pm

- Free for all kids 18 and under!
- All sites closed July 2-6

School Sites (not mobile) June 17-July 19 (M-F)

Chatfield Elementary	3188 D ½ Road	12:15p-1p
**Chipeta Elementary	950 Chipeta Ave.	Noon-1p
Clifton Elementary	3276 F Road	12:15p-1p
Dos Rios Elementary	265 Linden Ave.	12:15p-1p
Pomona Elementary	588 25 ½ Road	Noon-1p
Rim Rock Elementary	1810 J 6/10 Road	12:15p-1p
Bookcliff Middle	540 29 ¼ Road	12:15p-1p

**Chipeta service June 3-Aug. 2 (M-F)

Route times may adjust after the first week – check bit.ly/lunchlizard

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Electronic Direct Communication

Staff Newsletter

District 51 Insider

School District 51 Staff Newsletter | May 2019

Communications Report

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Superintendent Update

Human Resources

Did You Know?

D51 Staff Concern Line

2019-2020 Calendar Changes

Congratulations to Retirees and Years of Service Staff

Summer Technology Updates

District 51 Wellness Program

D51 Foundation Back-to-School Home Run Game

Promises Made, Promises Kept

Gmail is Coming!

2019-2020 Staff Calendars

Community Hospital Newsletter

Help Us Out

Stay Connected

Want more D51 news?

D51 Welcomes New Assistant Superintendent

D51 Alumni Connection

Summer Benefit Reminders

Looking for a change?

Second Annual D51 Tech Expo

Summer Events

TRIAD - Employee Assistance Program

Congratulations, Class of 2019!

Did we miss something?

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District 51 Post

School District 51 Family and Community Newsletter | May 2019

Bond projects this summer
More than $43 million of the 2017 Bond Measure has been spent - all on maintenance, new construction, security and technology upgrades. Click here to see what's coming to your school, and track all bond and mill spending here.

Lunch Lizard returns June 3
The Lunch Lizard is back starting June 3! District 51's innovative summer food truck program brings free lunches to all kids 18 or younger in neighborhoods that need help most. See the schedule here, or find it at bit.ly/lunchlizard.

Seniors revisit elementary
Graduating seniors returned to their elementary schools for one last walk through their elementary during Senior Walks at Mesa View, Pomona, Rocky Mountain, and Rim Rock this month. Pear Park Elementary will host its Senior Walk at 3 p.m. on May 28.

Bilingual students recognized
D51 students who can read and write fluently in both English and Spanish, German, or French can earn a Seal of Biliteracy in 5th, 8th, or 12th grade. Seals of Biliteracy were awarded on May 15.

Calendar 2019-20: Know what's new before summer is over
Next year will be filled with changes to start times, student days off, and early release, thanks to your input. Learn more about what's new in 2019-20 here.

Public Opinion Survey results
Did you take the D51 Public Opinion Survey? More than 5,000 people did. Watch the School Board discussion of the survey results live at 6 p.m. on June 4 here.

Rim Rock observes Police Week
Rim Rock students celebrated Police Week (May 12-18) by presenting them with a banner and donuts to officers (including K-9 Merlin) from Fruita and Grand Junction police departments last Monday. Thank you, officers, for all you do to keep our schools safe!

MGMS students honor Utes
Bead making, bear dancing, weaving, petroglyph creation, and plant identification were all explored by Mt Garfield Middle School eighth-graders at Ute Heritage Day on May 8. MGMS teachers earned a grant that made the day possible.

Celebrating STEM at Central
Central High STEM students presented Capstone presentations on April 29. CHS is a Nationally Certified STEM School and home to a burgeoning STEM program. Learn more here.

Annual Book Give-Away in June
The D51 Book Give-Away for no-longer-needed books will be June 18-19 in the Grand Mesa Middle School cafeteria from from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Bring bags and boxes to haul out your finds!

Around the globe with Pear Park
Pear Park students celebrated a variety of countries last Friday during Culture Day. Festivities included visiting with this wallaby from Crocodile Reef, who was there to represent Australia.

Promises Made, Promises Kept
Voters were promised multiple projects at multiple schools when the 2017 Bond Measure passed. See how those projects are impacting students in the videos above and below.

Important Dates

May 30: Last Day of School

Summer Learning: June 3-28 for high school, June 17-July 19 for K-8

Aug. 12: First Day of School

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D51 Foundation Update
Join the D51 Foundation for the Back-to-School Home Run with the GJ Rockies sponsored by Anna Rickenbach with ReMax 4000 on July 30! Discounted tickets available for D51 students, teachers, and staff here.

Music Festival results
See the outstanding award-winners from the 94th annual Colorado West Invitational Music Performance Festival here.

D51 honors retirees, staff with years of service milestones
District 51 honored 59 retirees (or soon-to-be retirees) and dozens of employees who hit years of service milestones at Salute to Staff. See their names here.

SNAP at the farmers market
Spend your SNAP dollars at the Downtown Market June 20-Sept. 12 and double your dollars with Double Up Food Bucks! Visit downtowngj.org for info.

D51 hosts 2nd Design Challenge
Nine teams of D51 students crafted solutions to problems for this year's Design Challenge on May 9. All teams earned $300 in seed money. Learn more about the challenge and see who won the overall and audience choice awards here.

Sports honors
Congratulations to the D51 athletes on the 2019 GWL All Conference Girls Soccer Team!

Artists celebrate new materials
The D51 Foundation gave out prizes this week for winners of an art contest. Entries will be turned into thank you cards for new curriculum materials funded by the 2017 mill levy override.

Come to the Tech Expo!
The first District 51 Tech Expo was such a hit last summer, we're back for another one from noon to 5 p.m. July 22! The expo is free and features D51 students and teachers showing how they use technology. Learn more here.

FMHS Academic Signing
Fruita Monument's annual Academic Signing Day on May 2 honored 80 students who earned a combined $2.2 million in college scholarships.

Happy 60th, Taylor and Pomona!
Taylor Elementary had an ice cream social on May 14 and Pomona Elementary had a picnic May 16, each to celebrate turning the Big 6-0!

Superintendent Scholars
The Class of 2019 includes 124 students who earned a GPA of 4.0 or higher throughout high school. See who made the grade here.

MESA races solar cars
D51 students in MESA (Math Engineering Science Achievement) raced solar cars they designed and built themselves during the group's last competition of the year May 4.

D51 Alumni: Stay connected
If you graduated from a D51 high school, please consider adding your information to our growing engagement with alumni by click here: D51 Alumni Connection.

Congratulations, Class of 2019!

- Central High School
- Fruita Monument High School
- Gateway School
- Grand Junction High School
- Grand River Academy
- Mesa Valley Community School
- Palisade High School
- R-5 High School

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Social Media

Our posts on Facebook reach 11,748 “fans,” an increase of 212 from last month. Posts include, information for Safe2Tell and crisis numbers, live-streamed board meetings, school announcements, weather delay information, etc.

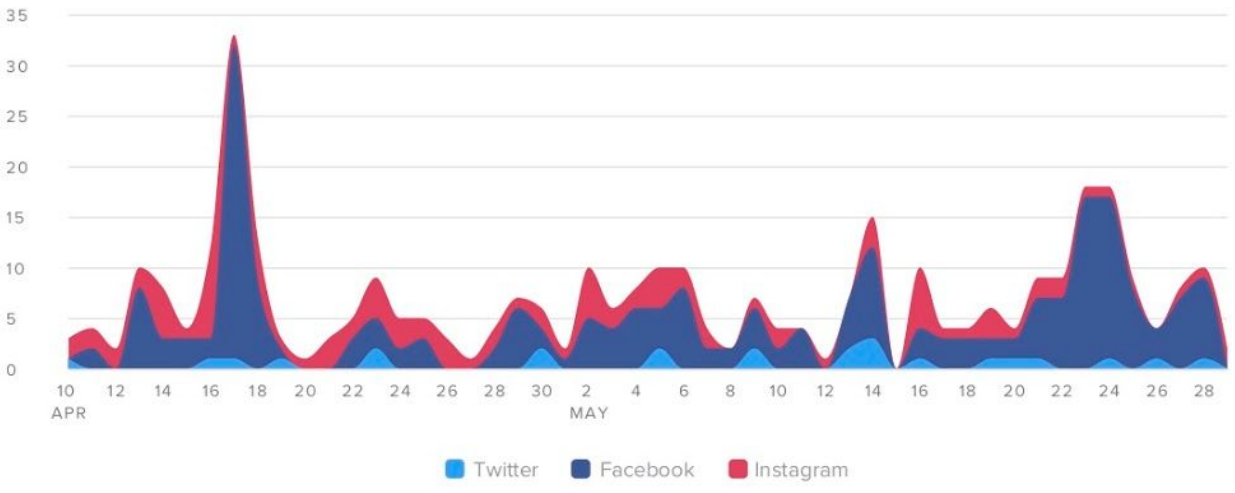
A full social media report is available upon request.

Group Stats by Profile/Page

Profile/Page	Total Fans / Followers	Fan / Follower Increase	Messages Sent	Impressions	Impressions per Message Sent	Engagements		
School District 51 @district51	3,094	0.23%	65	28,209	434	439	6.8	117
Mesa Coun... ool District 51 Business Page	11,748	1.83%	232	1,124,955	4,848.9	17,772	76.6	5,890
School District 51 (Business) @d51schools	1,572	5.79%	20	26,589	1,329.5	1,097	54.9	–

Group Audience Growth

AUDIENCE GROWTH, BY DAY



Audience Growth Metrics	Totals	Total Followers % Change
Total Followers	**16,414**	↗ 1.9%
Twitter Followers Gained	7	↗ 0.2%
Facebook Fans Gained	215	↗ 1.8%
Instagram Followers Gained	101	↘ 25.2%
Total Followers Gained	323	↗ 1.9%

Total followers increased by

▲1.9%

since previous date range

Mesa County Valley School District No. 51
Resolution For Approval of Employment Contract-
Superintendent of Schools

Board of Education Resolution: 18/19: 111

Adopted: June 4, 2019

WHEREAS, Board President and legal counsel have negotiated with DIANA SIRKO to secure her services as the District's Superintendent of Schools beginning July 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, DIANA SIRKO has indicated her willingness to enter into an employment contract with the Board in the form attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the terms of said employment contract are acceptable to the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 shall employ DIANA SIRKO as the Superintendent of Schools for the District as of July 1, 2019, under the terms of the employment contract attached hereto, and authorizes and directs the Board President and Secretary to execute said employment agreement on behalf of the Board.

I hereby certify that the information contained in the above resolution is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 Board of Education on June 4, 2019.

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Bridget Story
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education

Board of Education Resolution: 18/19: 110

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Jennifer Marsh	**Executive Director of Curriculum & Learning Design**

Ms. Marsh has served as Principal of GMMS for the past three years. Prior to that, she was Assistant Principal of Palisade High School for two years and Special Education Coordinator for six years. Ms. Marsh began in District 51 in 1998 as a Special Education teacher.

Ms. Marsh received her B.A. Degree in Social and Behavioral Sciences in 1995 from Colorado Mesa University and her Master's Degree in Special Education in 2001 from the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado.

William Pfaffendorf	**Pomona Elementary School Principal**

Mr. Pfaffendorf has served as Assistant Principal at Chipeta Elementary School for the past two years. He joined D51 in 2015-16 as a Learning Facilitator. Prior to that, he worked in Lindsay Unified School District in Lindsay, California as a Blended Learning Specialist for two years and in Westminster School District in Westminster, Colorado as an Instructional Coach for 10 years.

Mr. Pfaffendorf received his B.S. Degree in Elementary Education in 2000 from St. Cloud State University and his Master's Degree in Curriculum Development in 2005 from the University of Phoenix. Mr. Pfaffendorf also obtained a second Master's Degree from the University of Colorado, Boulder in 2010 in Special Education and Linguistics.

Jennifer Smyth	**Rocky Mountain Elementary School Principal**

Ms. Smyth has served as Assistant Principal at PHS for the past 3 years. Prior to that, she was Principal of Chatfield Elementary School for a year and Assistant Principal at CHS for three years. Ms. Smyth began teaching in District 51 in 1998 and has taught both elementary and middle school levels.

Ms. Smyth received her B.A. Degree in Psychology in 1995 from the University of North Carolina, UNC - Charlotte and her Master's Degree in Educational Technology in 2005 from Lesley University, Cambridge, MA.

Susan Birdsey	**Orchard Mesa Middle School Principal**

Dr. Birdsey has most recently served as an adjunct professor at Colorado Mesa University for the past year. Prior to that, she was Garfield Re-2 School District Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent for seven years and principal of Rifle Middle School for three years. Dr. Birdsey was a teacher and assistant principal in Creede School District nine years before joining Garfield Re-2.

Dr. Birdsey received her B.A. Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Texas, El Paso in 1988 and her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Colorado, Denver in 2004. Most recently, Dr. Birdsey received her Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership from Walden University in 2013.