

WASHINGTON ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting
September 28, 2020
Principal's Report

Items of notice:

- 1. The WIAA annually supports the Wisconsin Association of Athletic Director's nomination and award of their WISCONSIN ATHLETIC SERVICE AWARD. This award is intended to recognize individuals who serve a school district in a capacity other than a coach or assistant coach. It is an award that honors an individual who has provided support to a team or teams simply because of their dedication and love of high school athletics and the student-athletes they follow. I am pleased to announce that the WISD nominated Jim Rose for his service for years to the WI Bucks, the coaching staff and student-athletes. He has supported these programs with his photography, newspaper highlights and statistics; his assistance to Shawn Young, and his general positivity of high school athletics over the years. Thank you, Jim for your years of service to the WISD. Please accept this award on behalf of the WISD staff, students and community.**
- 2. We received a communication from Amy Rose, of the WICHP and WI Food Pantry for the \$172.00 donation that we received from the WI Retired Teachers Association for meals for school aged children of Door County.**
- 3. Altrusa International (DoCo chapter) mailed the WISD a gift card of \$35.00 for the purchase of school supplies. Nicolet Bank waived the \$4 fee for each gift card. Maureen Fear mailed me the information.**
- 4. The WISD School Security Assessment After-Action Report was completed on 9/16/20. The plan was emailed to you, with a number of corrective actions that were reported. I have also indicated that a number of them are done, and/or being worked on presently.**
- 5. The HS Academic Decathlon Team is organizing its 3rd year of competition. Ms. Dahlke is the Head Coach, with Ms. Grzelak assisting the team this season. The WI state Academic Decathlon research topic this season is the COLD WAR.**
- 6. The Middle School students will participate in the Journey North Symbolic Monarch Migration program sponsored by the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Ms. Dahlke wrote the grant to get the program into the school. Students will partner with other**

middle school students from Mexico, which is where the monarch butterflies travel to during this migration period.

- 7. These same Middle Schoolers will also participate in a Junior Phrenology Program funded by a grant program offered by the Wisconsin Society of Science Teachers, that Ms. Dahlke secured. (phrenology: the study of cyclic and seasonal natural phenomena especially in relation to climate, plants and animal life).**

- 8. This district invested in several new systems that are dedicated to our ongoing intervention work with students in the area of reading. This program is called FastForward. We are also utilizing a new universal screening tool called Fastbridge. This will also be employed as our progress monitoring program that is used three times a year, to assess our student's academic progress in the areas of reading and mathematics. The first screening is slated for October. Data gleaned from these two programs assists the district in curriculum development and academic services.**

- 9. Please continue to check out the district webpage. We add photos, resources, information, articles and much more each week. We are now adding a MENTAL WELLENSS MOMENT link. This link takes you to 5 activities that can be used at home for your whole family. We use weekly tools during our morning announcements.**

- 10. The Mark Cuban Foundation is sponsoring an INTRODUCTION to ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE BOOTCAMP through a cooperation with Northeast WI Tech College of Green Bay and Sturgeon Bay this fall. The program was open to all 9-12th grades students. It is free, but was delineated by application. Students work interactively, but virtually on Saturdays, using Chromebooks, and Zoom and Microsoft Azure platforms. Senior, Max Johnson was selected to represent the WISD in this exciting event.**

- 11. Governor Evers sent a Welcome Back to School letter to all staff and school employees. It was heartfelt and genuine, thanking us for our service, especially during this challenging time.**

- 12. The 1:1 Computing Initiative was sent out to all WISD families. Ms. Zuza is fielding information and questions.**

- 13. I emailed you the WIDA score sheets from the ACCESS testing given to our EL students this past late winter. It is important data for our staff regarding educating English learners in our building.**

- 14. The Gathering Ground and WISD staff have been meeting to continue to work on the first phase of the creation of a forest path from the school to Gathering Ground site. The hope is to create a multi-curricular education pathway for community members, visitors, students and their families. The goal is to create a positive, educational and visible connection between the school and GG. Students would drive much of the creation of this pathway, with staff creating**

a competition between grades 6-12th graders designing this outdoor space. This would be the definition of PBL (problem based learning), and the Voyages that have been done in past years. A framework is being planned to start the process of endeavor.

15. Mr. LeBrun has a Tech Ed classroom! The equipment purchased through district money, donations from the Lions of WI and the WI Education Foundation, as well as the money from the WI Fab Lab grant award helped to purchase the new machines, tools, equipment and the likes. The room looks fantastic: hammering, sawing, and drilling are now a part of our regular hallway noise. Students are working on many things depending upon their class. Thanks to Don R and Leif T for their support and hard work.
16. The WISD Student Handbook and the Athletic-Extra Curricular Activity Code of Conduct have been reviewed, with COVID-19 guidelines added, as well as corrections and updates added for final approval.
17. The WISD Employee Handbook has also been reviewed and updated, with addition of the COVID-19 (pandemic) added for your perusal and final approval.
18. The WISD Safety and Security Plan was reviewed and revised by the WISD SS team on Sept. 16th. This plan has also been emailed to you for your perusal and approval.
19. The WISD staff are competing in a WCA Group Health Fitness Challenge. 12 staff are not only competing against each other (in teams) but also competing with other WI schools.
20. Margaret Foss has created a Title I newsletter that she will send out monthly, which will be part of our work toward family engagement in the school.
21. The third Friday count is included for your review. The student count for this fall marker is listed at 59 students.