

SCHOOL BOARD SUMMARY

Board Meeting of January 14, 2008

*The Mission of School District Fremont RE-1 is to develop
compassionate, responsible, independent, and productive citizens
through a quality education provided in a safe environment.*

Kudos:

Lincoln Team Congratulated:

The Administration and School Board would like to congratulate several members of the Lincoln Elementary team for outstanding collaboration and cooperation in fostering a positive culture for students especially in the cafeteria and on the playground. Implementing **Ms. Joanie Carson's** ideas, the team has built a positive culture in the dining area, encouraged students to make healthy food choices, fostered staff participation with a "Lug-o-Mug" social time during student breakfast time, and promoted students as role models via a "VERB/Peer Mediator Program during recess. The team members implementing **Joanie Carson's** ideas are: **Mary Ann Smith, Sally Oswald, Jan Neisius, Cindy Kline, Cindy Rollo, Abe England, Kim Myers, and Garilyn Adamic.**

In introducing this team, Dr. Gooldy took the opportunity to compliment the Lincoln Staff as a whole, saying that the positive atmosphere is evident every time he visits the school. When the District Advisory / Accountability met last month at Lincoln, Ms. DeWolfe had an opportunity to show many examples of how the "Shared Decision Making" process has worked to improve the school. For these team members to be recommended by their peers for recognition is a great compliment.

Harrison Kitchen Manager Recognized: *(Postponed from last meeting)*

The Board and Administration congratulated Mrs. Robin McCluskey, Kitchen Manager at Harrison. Her program was highlighted in the November, 2007 issue of *School Nutrition*, a national magazine stressing solutions and strategies for K-12 Food Service. Robin was interviewed about the many ways she works to promote the school's breakfast program.

Information Items:

1. Notification Procedures for School Cancellations or Delayed Starts:

Dr. Gooldy discussed the process and procedures for determining whether or not school will be delayed or cancelled during inclement weather. He reported that it is a judgment call, and that when snowstorms come, he and Transportation Director Mr. Brad Kemper actually drive the roads and jointly decide if buses can safely run their routes and if children can safely walk to school. It is difficult to predict, and if parents disagree with the decision, they have the option of keeping their children home and students can have an excused absence. When the decision is made for a snow day or a 'delayed start', Dr. Gooldy enters the information into the online service to which the district subscribes, Flashnews.net, and it immediately goes out to area media to be broadcast to parents, and onto our district website. He also calls the local radio station (KRLN). Dr. Gooldy and the superintendent of RE-2 schools try to coordinate their decisions when possible.

The 'delayed start' option is fairly new, but has been quite effective for days that start out snowy but clear up mid-day.

Both Dr. Gooldy and Mr. Kemper complimented district bus drivers on the excellent job they do, and the board concurred.

2. District Accreditation:

Dr. Gooldy gave a brief update on a recent report from the Colorado Department of Education that recommended continued accreditation for our district. The District recently received its "Sixth Annual Accreditation Assessment Report" from CDE's Pikes Peak Regional Manager, Ms. Jackie Webb. In the report, Ms. Webb complimented the District on its efforts in data-driven decision making, which affects instruction, achievement, budget and other general practices and procedures. She also noted that the District received five "High" ratings on the 2007 School Accountability report compared to three "High" ratings in 2006. Other areas of commendation were the work of the Secondary Task Force, the Middle School work to align curriculum, the Safety Summit conducted last year, and parent/community involvement in District Accountability Committees.

3. Cañon City Schools To Participate in Study:

Director of Instruction and Assessment Carole Brown informed the Board that Cañon City Schools has been invited to participate in a study being conducted by Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences (CIRES) Education and Outreach U. of Colorado at Boulder. The project aims to gain an understanding of the factors influencing whether and how teachers approach publicly controversial topics in science classrooms.

Board Members' Reports:

- John Evans reported enjoying holiday travel with his family, and attending Truancy Board on Thursday, January 10th.
- Ken Cline went to Hawaii over Christmas Break.
- Charlene Seaney reported visiting CCMS and CCHS, and attending wrestling matches and girls' basketball games.
- Mike Near had a chance to visit almost all schools CCHS to extend holiday greetings to each building staff and thank our employees for doing a good job.

Action Items:

The Board Approved:

- A resolution certifying the revised/updated ad valorem tax levies for the calendar year 2008 for the General Fund and the 2003/2004/2006 General Obligation Bond and Interest Fund.
- Designating the front window of the Administration Office at 101 N. 14th St. as the official place to post agendas of School District RE-1 meetings.
- Accreditation of schools that comprise Cañon City School District based on their meeting of the requirements necessary for accreditation, and based on the recommendation of the District Accountability / Advisory Committee approving the Education Improvement Plans at their meeting on November 1, 2007.
- The CCHS Course Offerings for the 2008-09 School Year.
- The purchase of anti-virus software for district computers – Bid awarded to CounterTrade, Inc. in the amount of \$9,588 for the purchase of Kaspersky Anti-Virus and Mail Gateway software.