

NOTES TO KEY COMMUNICATORS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thursday December 10, 2009

KEY COMMUNICATOR NOTES AVAILABLE ELECTRONICALLY

If you do not wish to receive this newsletter in the future or have an e-mail address that we can use, **this would help save the district postage and supplies.** Just send an email requesting the publication electronically to

Cindy.Burkgart@ksd391.org or call Cindy at 784-1348.

JOB OPENINGS

Certified Openings

None

Classified Openings

Part-Time Certified Physical Therapist
Part-Time Occupational Therapist
Special Ed Paraeducator - SES
1 Part-Time One on One
Student Companion- SES
Part-Time Library Aide – CES
Part-Time Paraeducator for Computer
Enrichment Classes – SES & CES

Coaching Openings

JV Wrestling Coach – KHS

ENROLLMENT REPORT

School	Total Monday of this week
Canyon Elementary	61

Pinehurst Elementary	250
Sunnyside Elementary	247
Kellogg Middle School	329
Kellogg High School	407
KHS Dual Enrollment	18
Silver Valley Alt. High School	11
Pre-School	14
TOTAL	1337

Our enrollment was **down one-half student count** from last week. We are **down 20** students from the same school day last year.

WEB SITE CHANGES

Our website is updated regularly thanks to Gwen Johnson. Be sure to check it out for the latest information at <http://www.ksd391.org/>

HOW TO SUBMIT KEY COMMUNICATOR QUESTIONS

Letter:

Key Communicator Question
Kellogg School District Superintendent
800 Bunker Avenue
Kellogg, ID 83837
Be sure to sign the correspondence.

E-mail:

Call the district at 784-1348 before e-mailing so we can give you the address and arrange to retrieve your mail from our filter.

FINANCIAL FORUMS IN JANUARY

Spring 2010 brings another election to replace the current supplemental levy. Prior to the election, the Financial Advisory Committee will present the current financial status of the district, offer possible options for the community to consider and seek the opinion of the community through a survey. With these forums, the input from people attending them and from the survey results, the committee plans to provide recommendations to the board for the upcoming levy.

A forum for district staff will be held at Kellogg Middle School library, 3:30 pm on Jan 14th. If you cannot make this forum, there will be three similar community forums at 6:30 PM at the following locations:

- Tuesday, January 19 at Canyon Elementary School
- Wednesday, January 20 at Pinehurst Elementary School
- Thursday, January 21 at Kellogg Middle School

The survey will be available during the week of January 25.

HOLIDAY SEASON

Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly merry Christmas."

~ Peg Bracken.

As I recuperated from my broken leg, the kind actions of my friends and coworkers reminded me how important gifts of time and love are to those who are hurting and in need. My situation was not exceptionally needy as I am lucky to have a loving family and quality friends to support me. Unfortunately, there are some students who do not have these gifts that we need to consider. Their

needs heighten during this holiday season and the stress often shows on their faces and actions. Please give them the gift of loving patience and understanding during this time.

I also want to wish each of you and your families a peaceful and renewing Christmas break and Happy New year!



Merry Christmas

REVIEW OF THE DECEMBER 9 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The review of the meeting is not the official school board minutes. The minutes are published later.

- The regular meeting was held at Kellogg School District Office.
- Chairman George Blickenstaff called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- Chairman Blickenstaff welcomed Mr. Pfeifer's Government class.
- The board approved the minutes of the previous meetings.
- The board received the Business Manager's report. Terry Rinaldi stated that the auditor had recommended approval of a scholarship investment.
- The board approved the Parson's Scholarship stock investment.
- The auditing committee made a recommendation to pay bills for \$ 544,928.03 and the board approved payment.
- The board approved to appoint Susan Costa as the new trustee for Zone 2 until after the board elections are held in May. Mrs. Costa will be sworn in at the January board meeting.

- The board received the curriculum, instruction and assessment report. January 11-15, grades K-3 will take the Winter IRI. In January, representatives of grades 3-5 teachers will work on a study in preparation for development of standards based report cards.
- The board received the technology report. The department is reviewing options for digital IP based solutions to school intercom and similar digital concerns.
- The board received the special education status report from Dr. Christy Castro. We had special education teachers for the Silver Valley Cooperative attending training in Assistive Technology.
- The board received an Academic Achievement report for Canyon Elementary School from Melanie Joslyn. She reported on the schools success as a science magnet and the types of instruction used. The board received Canyon's School Improvement Goals including focus on math and reading, science magnet activities, and participation in capacity building.
- The board approved the superintendent's prior action on a field trip request for KHS student council to attend a convention in November.
- The board approved open enrollment requests according to the principals' recommendations.
- Under Miscellaneous:
- The board received the Tech Prep Status report.
- The board received the Buildings and Grounds Status Report.
- The board received energy total cost comparison tables.
- The board received a copy of a commendation letter from City of Kellogg for the volunteer work of the KMS National Junior Honor Society.
- The board received a copy of the water rights application information for our three wells.
- The board received a reminder of the SPEAK meeting opportunity to talk to legislators. The meeting will be held on December 17, 6:00 PM at the Coeur d'Alene School District Midtown Center.
- The board approved to hold a workshop regarding Teeters Field.
- Meeting Adjourned

QUESTIONS FROM KEY COMMUNICATORS

QUESTION

Is the biomass facility working and is it saving money?
 Will the biomass facility be expanded to the Water Park and/or Sunnyside Elementary?

ANSWER

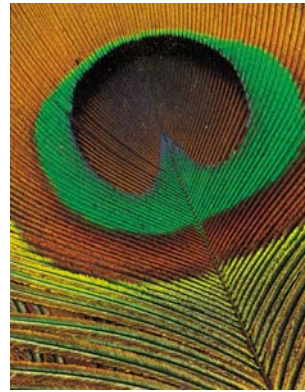
The building temperatures are monitored regularly and the gas boiler backup is used to even things out in extreme temperatures and during the maintenance times needed with a biomass unit.
 Money is being saved and reported monthly to the board of trustees in an district-wide energy cost report. Generally, energy costs across the district are lower due to the efficiency of new boilers, windows, lights and sensors.
 Extension of the biomass facility was only an option during the time of the initial installation and is no longer possible. Eagle Crest made a decision at the time of our initial project planning to not connect with us for the Water Park.
 A biomass connection to Sunnyside was only a worthwhile option if we were already piping to the Water Park. The piping cost might have been offset if it were in combination with an extension to the Water Park. Future expansion of the biomass is not likely as it would require a completely new bond, bigger boiler and new project. Additionally, Sunnyside also has fairly efficient and newer boilers, making it not cost effective to extend to Sunnyside.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (for more information, <http://www.ksd391.org>)

Race to the Top Presentation at North Idaho College campus – Meyer Health and Science Building, Room #106	Monday December 14, 7:00 PM
SPEAK Session with legislators at CDA Mid Town Center	Thursday December 17, 6:00 PM

Christmas Break	December 19- January 3
Regular Board Meeting @ District Office Conference Room	Wednesday, January 13, 7:00 PM
Financial Forum for district staff at KMS Library	Thursday, January 14, 3:30 PM
Financial Forums for Community, 6:30 PM	Tuesday, January 19 at CES Wednesday, January 20 at PES Thursday January 21 at KMS

2009-2010 THEME



Physically & Mentally Present

VISION STATEMENT

The vision for the future of Joint School District 391 is to be a district of exemplary quality by providing strong leadership, the motivation to succeed, the tools needed for success, and a safe and healthy environment for our students.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Kellogg School District in a partnership of students, parents, educators, and community members is to ensure a safe, nurturing environment where people are challenged to achieve:

- Individual responsibility
- Academic excellence
- Personal success, and
- Life-long learning