

BOARD BRIEFS

October 19, 2021, Board Business Meeting
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Strategic Plan Update

The Strategic Plan that District 51 is drafting in collaboration with the Colorado Education Initiative is about 80% done, according to CEI representatives who presented to the board on Tuesday evening.

The Strategic Plan is a set of goals and measurable targets based on feedback collected at a series of listening sessions. Themes emerging in the plan focus on prepared and supported students, staff, and community partners.

Priority areas for students include goals around student wellness, academic success, and robust and aligned options for learning experiences. Priority areas for staff include focusing on staff wellness, professional learning opportunities, and creating diverse and growing pipelines for teachers and leaders.

The plan also focuses on having transparent and effective resource allocation, overcoming language and other barriers to have effective communication and connection with families, and growing effective community partnerships to advance strategic goals.

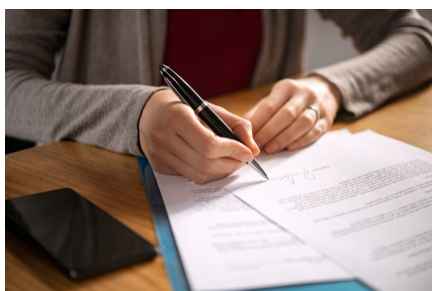
A Strategic Plan Steering Committee that is working on drafting the plan will meet for the fourth time this Thursday to continue work on the plan, and a draft will be presented to the D51 School Board at their Dec. 14 meeting. Board adoption of the plan will likely take place in January.

COVID Update

The district will begin offering free, voluntary Binax rapid testing this Thursday, Nov. 11, to staff who register for and consent to testing. Information about how to register for testing was emailed to staff Tuesday night. The third-party administrator of the registration system is working on online registration and parental consent forms for voluntary student testing, which schools hope to roll out soon.



Access to free rapid testing has been limited. That is part of the reason why the district announced Friday that D51 schools are pausing a protocol that had previously required unvaccinated middle and high school students and staff to present a negative test result to return to school if there had been three cases of COVID-19 in their classroom or cohort. The district was not seeing many asymptomatic positives as a result of that testing, which is another reason for pausing the protocol.



Board Training Grant

D51 will apply for a state grant for a yearlong training for School Board members. If the application is successful, the training will begin in February 2022. There are three goals to

the training: increase understanding of effective governance practices and board member roles and responsibilities, increase board member understanding and support of district improvement efforts, and develop an action plan for improvement of academic outcomes.

Business Items

D51 School Board members approved the following resolutions:

- * [Resolution to Purchase Lots at Dual Immersion Academy.](#)
- * [Resolution to Approve Lease of Property.](#)
- * Policy Second Reading/Adoption - [GBEB: Staff Conduct \(And Responsibilities\)/Conflicts of Interest](#), and [FG: Acquisition of Land](#).



Recognitions



Diana Sirko

Girl Scouts Women of Distinction Recipient



Softball Honors

Windi Serrano, GJHS (pictured above) - SWL Softball Coach of the Year. The board also honored SWL Softball Player of the year Kennedy Vis, CHS.



Bond Campaign

Citizens for School District 51 Campaign Co-Chairs Sarah Shrader and Tim Foster



Chatfield Elementary

Recognition for Improving from Turnaround to Performance



PHS Marching Band

Class 3A State Marching Band Bronze Medal

Future Meetings

Nov. 13 - Board Coffee, 9 a.m., University Center Room 222, Colorado Mesa University

Nov. 30 - School Board Organizational Meeting and New Member Oath of Office, 6 p.m., Harry Butler Board Room

Dec. 14 - Board Business Meeting, 6 p.m., Harry Butler Board Room

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