

Community Coffee Recap

April 17, 2018

Pawsitivity Story - The purpose of a Pawsitivity Story is to share something positive. The school is promoting “Pawsitivity” with staff, students and the community.

- 6th Grade Dance was a “pawsitive” experience.
- 7th and 8th grade boys and girls basketball game came together and was a lot of fun.
- “Pawsitive” MAP scores.

2018-2019 Calendar Update

The 2018-19 School calendar has been approved and is posted on the website. The five half day early dismissal days will be on Wednesdays. The change to Wednesday allows for more learning opportunities and less four day weekend pull-outs.

Drinking Water

The school is required by law to test the water. We have performed these tests. Results will be posted on the website and given to the Board of Education.

Academic Programs

A survey was sent to get feedback from parents and students about the academic programs offered at Prairie Grove school. The future modifications will mostly take place in the Junior High. Next year, all sixth grade students will have a digital citizenship class to help understand social media and the footprint they are putting out there forever on the web. The changes will progress over the next three years. Communication on the changes will be rolled out over time. Other possibilities in the future: more time dedicated to foreign language, eighth graders able to receive high school credit in math, and in 2019-2020, a Family Consumer Science offering will be available. Next year’s schedule is in its final stages of preparation.

There will be another Needs Assessment survey rolled out in the fall to obtain further perspectives for growth in the school.

Responses to questions previously asked by participants:

Will the chromebooks go with 8th graders on to high school?

Chromebooks will not go with the 8th graders, they will be recycled for use in younger grades. D155 provides technology to their students.

The drinking water does not taste good out of the drinking fountains.

The water is tested for safety, the taste is not something we can change.

Follow-up on August dates, meet the teachers, supply drop off, etc., to possibly coordinate PTO Book Fair event tentatively scheduled timeframe of August 7- 10.

Administration is working on the dates to coordinate these events. The dates will be communicated as soon as possible.

Consider staggering dismissal of events after school to alleviate parking lot congestion.

Unfortunately, there is not a solution to alleviate the parking concerns. In time, would like to move the traffic entrance and exit off of Valley View road.

Possibility of a co-op with other districts for enrichment summer classes.

There is only one district offering enrichment classes this summer and they are not interested in opening the program up to other districts.

Sport Teams travel without training staff and/or additional coaches. What happens if a student is injured and we have no assistance or added staffing?

This topic has been addressed at the Administrative level. To consider having another person travel either as a coach or a trainer with the team would need further evaluation of the cost effectiveness and coach to student ratio. Another option, could be a parent volunteer.

Will Trimesters continue?

Trimesters will continue with the possibility of six week mini courses offered. The digital citizenship is a six week course with a grade.

Rave review from Panther Press - Where does the information go?

The email is received by the building principal, then sent to the person receiving the review.

Group feedback: Would like to carry it further, announce at a Board meeting, give kudos on the TV monitors, or tweet. Somehow give more recognition to the person receiving the review.

Announced new Band teacher, Jeff Crylen. There will be summer band, and he is hoping to attend band recruitment night.

Other topics from participants

- **Possibility of an activity pass to cover games and events held at the school.**
This topic is under consideration.
- **What is the deciding factor about printed materials going home? (Report cards are not sent home, but PTO pages are, sport spirit wear flyers are.)**
- **Sport spirit wear, does the school get any funding from it?**
- **Would like a more streamlined online sport process.**
- **Teacher contract.** *The contract is in negotiations now, current contract ends in August.*
- **Teacher assignments for next year.** *We are currently interviewing for positions that are open, once open positions are filled there is a domino effect with internal staff. Assignments will be set once the hiring process is complete.*
- **New school website with easier accessibility from a mobile phone.** *This is currently being developed. We are loading data to the app and it is in the testing phase. It will be rolled out as soon as it is ready.*
- **Further follow-up for traveling sport team required: What is the protocol if there was an emergency? Possible to follow high school protocol? Need to be ready for a worst case scenario. Possible to have athletic trainer at home games in the conference so there is always someone at an event?**