

Our Path to First Choice No. 11 2019/20

Everyone,

Here's Our Path note. Thank you for all you do for our students!

Our Path Topic

Over the last several months, the WASD has been working to secure a house. The purpose of the house is to provide our life skill students and others an opportunity to learn and practice daily chores and life skills in a real house instead of a classroom. It also provides the students the opportunity to practice such skills in the midst of, and be a part of the community itself.

The District had to apply for a variance from Borough of Waynesboro, because the house is in a zone that requires a variance for the purpose of a school in that neighborhood. Prior to the Zoning Board approval, the Planning Commission also needed to approve the proposed use of the house. Last Thursday, the Zoning Board approved the variance, so WASD put an offer on the house. The school board approved a provision that a bid up to \$128,000 could be made for the house. The bid was made, and the offer accepted.

This process started about a year ago. Carlisle Area School District, Shippensburg Area School District and IU 8 in Altoona all have similar programs. The Waynesboro Area School District will have one, too.

Various people and groups donated to the house. Over \$200,000 was donated and/or pledged. There was over \$160,000 donated up front with \$10,000 to be donated over the next four subsequent years. Other grants and pledges have been made that are not included in this amount. The donors were clear that the money must be spent on this particular project.

There is work that needs to be done to the house in order for it to be handicap-accessible inside and out. However, we believe the costs can all be covered with the donated money.

More information will be shared over time, but WASD wanted to make sure everyone knows about the exciting project. It is also important everyone know that people in the community wanted this special learning opportunity to happen for the students of WASD.

Board Information and Policy Updates

- Next School Board Meetings.
 - November 4th at 1pm will be the next Policy Committee Meeting.
 - November 12th is the next Board Meeting held at the high school auditorium to recognize fall athletes, musicians and others.
 - November 21st will be the Budget Committee's Town Hall Meeting for the purpose of explaining the actual costs of things beyond the District's control.

You may check out District policies by going to this site: <https://www.boarddocs.com/pa/wayn/Board.nsf/Public>

Early Learning Center and WellSpan Convenience Center Ribbon Cuttings

Both the Early Learning Center and WellSpan Convenience Center Ribbon Cuttings will be held this coming Friday at 10am and 10am respectfully. Many WASD partners, local leaders and dignitaries will be attendance at the high school's west campus area for the ceremony.

The New WellSpan Clinic

Located at the high school in the new Early Learning Center, the WellSpan Walk-In Clinic.

Hours starting October 28th:

- **Monday and Friday- 7am to 11am.**
- **Thursday- 3am to 6pm**

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A Challenge for You

How is our school board made up?

Piece of the Puzzle

This week's Piece of the Puzzle is Barb Fox. Barb has been the English as a Second Language teacher at the elementary division for the past two years. She has sought out trainings to assist her in this role and has been an advocate for the English Learners for their needs both in and outside of the school day. Examples include ensuring necessary school paperwork is translated into the learner's home language, facilitating field trip permissions, advocating for community supports for families, and providing tutoring on her own time. Ms Fox is always willing to provide a helping hand in the school and main office. This is going beyond expectations. Congratulate Barb Fox for being the Piece of the Puzzle this week.

***Challenge Answer (Important to Know)**

Our school board is made up of nine individual citizens from three areas of the Waynesboro Area School District (North Area—Mont Alto/Quincy, Borough of Waynesboro, and Washington Township). Every odd year, there are five elected seats, and four elected seats two years later. The candidates hold the seat for four years. There is no pay for those holding the office.

Final Thoughts

- *Leadership is not about the next election, it is about the next generation.*—Simon Sinek.
- *Every election is determined by the people who show up.*—Larry J. Sabato.
- *If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.*—John Quincy Adams.
- *The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humor, but without folly.*—Jim Rohn.

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Enjoy the rest of your week!

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