

Superintendent Newsletter October 2023

Kim Woolf



Recognitions/ Announcements:

Thank you to the patrons, parents, and staff who completed our survey online, and those who attended our Strategic Planning sessions to offer input. Two great evenings of hearing concerns, questions, and celebrations.

KUDOS to Kennedy Amrein and Gracie Sterling who worked diligently to revise our Dress Code Policy and talk to students about the changes. [Dress Code Policy: Board Submission](#)

Shout out to **Cody Bradley** who received recognition from Representative Tracey Mann for his commitment to Ag and his leadership with Ag Day.

USD 432 Vision: Together We Inspire eXcellence

Together-

Professional Development was district wide in the afternoon for October 9th: High Impact Instructional Practices & Strategies. This will help strengthen our Tier 1 teaching for ALL students to be the best possible with the evidence based, Learning by Design strategies that have the highest effective impact according to Hattie's research.

We-

Awesome response from 42 participants for the two evenings of Strategic Planning! Followup will be next Monday, October 16, 2023 with Board direction. Mrs. Woolf and Mrs. Lichter will be sharing the outcomes and updates with the participants after securing goals and strategies with teacher input.

Inspire-

-Benjamin Dome and our FCCLA leaders have been representing us well!
-FFA represented VHS well at the Ag Days; Several compliments from people who saw them present there at FHSU.
-Our building atmosphere has been very positive and productive, especially at the JH HS building. We see major improvements in student engagement with the new cell phone policy. (We are still having good conversations about Peripheral Devices that we've discovered.)

eXcellence

-Less students on the low and failing!
-Five applications from staff were approved for the Patterson Family Foundation Grant to work on his/her Master's programs or attendance in professional development activities.

- Brooklyn Pfeifer- working towards Master's of Instructional Technology
- Amber Deutscher- working towards Masters in Education Administration
- Kelby Parton- working towards Masters in Instructional Technology
- Kim Woolf- USD 432, Building & Operations Leadership Development, BOLD 2.0
- Jess Lang- working towards Masters in Reading Specialist
- Rochelle Kuhn- working towards Masters in Special Education

Other:

VHS Library: Speakers/ Sound system being installed for presentations and board meetings. Ceiling speakers, hand and lapel microphone. Three connectors for varied positions in the library to hook up to the screen and sound source.

Fire / Smoke Detector Systems: Upon our Fire Marshal Visit, a couple of items to note that we will have to have a semi annual inspection done- more costs. This has been a code for years, but not enforced by all "inspectors." Additionally, Mrs. Woolf proposed adding the monitoring system/ Emergency 24. It will call the Fire Department and Police, etc. If no one is in the building, this will help with early detection.

Finally, Fire Alarm Specialists will install smoke detectors (4 in the main area) of the basement at VHS.

Erate: District erate funds requested to fulfill Phase 2 of our Technology Plan to have separate networks for Teachers/ Students, as well as update and add 6 Aruba access points between the two buildings.

Roof Needs: Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 11th to review a districtwide free assessment. A board committee may be formed to help decide how to move forward.

Fall Sports Pictures: Tuesday, October 17, 2023
Fall Student Pictures: Thursday, October 26, 2023