

Superintendent Report for Meeting

Aaron Rex

2/23/21

- I attended a meeting this past week with Mike Watt and Angie Sparks where we discussed the upcoming solar project in Allen and Auglaize Counties. Along with county commissioners and school officials, we attempted to learn more about a PILOT (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes), compared to traditional taxes that would be collected from the project.
- Next Saturday, February 27, our staff will be receiving the first shot of the Pfizer vaccine. This is great news for our staff and with the new guidelines, if they are exposed to a positive individual at work they would not have to quarantine for 3 months after receiving the vaccine.
- We have been seeing a decline in the number of students and staff testing positive at the school. There is also a decrease in the number of cases in the region. Due to this, we are going to start allowing our students to take field trips that they would normally take within 30 minutes of the school. It is important to continue to allow our young people to have these additional school experiences.
- We are now at the halfway point of the 3rd nine weeks. It has been so rewarding to get into our classrooms and see our staff and students hard at work. There is no doubt that we have faced our challenges, most recently with the weather, but we continue to persevere. I want to thank all of our staff members, and with all of the snow, a special thank you to our maintenance and custodial staff. This is a lot of extra work for these people and they do an excellent job!
- As you know we did receive \$300,000 back from the State that was cut last spring. In addition we learned that we will receive \$1,216,808.09 in ESSER funds to help with costs. These additional funds will be used to help offset costs from the general fund.

WAPAKONETA CITY SCHOOLS

Monthly Activity Report-Mike Watt, Director of Operations

February 19, 2021

- **The control boards have been replaced at WES... Munters was here for two days to replace boards and rewire the system. Perfection is programming the unit to have access through our building automation system.**
- **Our IT department has done a great job rebuilding the schools network (Backbone switches) and next will be replacing access points throughout the district. Most of this funding was aided by ERATE**
- **Working with Insurance Adjusters for the fire at the football field.**
- **Met with several contractors for estimates. Schwartz contracting and Hume Supply will be submitting quotes**
- **Lots of road checks.**
- **Smart boards have arrived for the various buildings. These are being prepped for install over the next couple of weeks.**
- **Worked with our ERATE consultant for the next phase of Cat 1 funding. (Mostly Internet Access, in the past awarded to NOACSC.)**
- **Attended sporting events.**
- **Working on Classified Negotiations**
- **Investigated a harassment complaint. Provided the summary to Mr. Rex.**
- **Maintenance and Mechanic Staff and Custodial Staff have done a great job with the snow removal.**
- **Bus drivers have been great transporting the students in this weather.**

Thanks,
Mike

1/23/2021

-KINDERGARTEN 2021/22-

Just a reminder in case you are asked about registration. Kindergarten Registration will be online this year. It worked well last year this way. This also gives the parents a little more flexibility with time and keeps the Board Office staff safer without so many visitors.

How to become part of the Wapakoneta CLASS OF 2034*

*Child must be 5 years old on or before Aug 1, 2021

STEP 1:

Mark your calendar for March 8th - March 19th to complete Steps 2 & 3

STEP 2:

Gather Required Documents:

- Proof of Residency (Current utility bill, deed or rental lease, bank statement, check stub, etc)
- Any custody or divorce papers if applicable (including shared parenting)
- Child's Birth Certificate
- Child's Immunization Records

STEP 3:

Submit Information Documents and following information (1) current email and (2) phone number, (3) building preferred Wapakoneta Elementary or Cridersville Elementary, and the (4) name of the parent that will be completing the online enrollment need to be submitted in one of the following ways:

Email - schnch@wapak.org

(If you do not have access to a scanner, you should be able to take a picture with your smart phone and email to the above.)

Fax - 419.739.2918 Attn: Charlotte

Copies may be placed in the drop box located to the right of the front door at the Administration Office (1102 Gardenia Drive, Wapakoneta).

ONLINE ENROLLMENT PROCESS

Once the required documents are received and reviewed, you will receive an email or phone call with an access code to begin online enrollment.

Online enrollment cannot be completed with a cell phone. It must be done on a tablet, chromebook or personal computer.

If you are unable to complete this at home, call 419-739-2905 and an appointment will be set up to do the enrollment via telephone.

If your residence is not in the Wapakoneta City School District, an open enrollment form will be sent to you.

HEALTH CONCERNS

A school nurse will review your child's immunization record and medical concerns disclosed on the enrollment form and contact you, if additional information is required. Additional concerns can be discussed at the screening appointment.

SCREENING APPOINTMENTS

Once your enrollment is processed, you will be contacted via email to schedule a screening appointment.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Schnippel at 419-739-2905.



Kindergarten registration

This information can also be found at <https://www.wapak.org/EnrollingYourChild.aspx>

-STATE TESTING-

I fully anticipate that we will be participating in state testing this Spring. The federal government has not offered a waiver on required tests, and without a waiver the tests will proceed.

We've recently learned that ODE has online "practice" tests available for the students to take right now. This will help our teachers get some great data and be able to adjust instruction. We are piloting this with a couple of groups right now and then we will roll it out to all teachers in tested grades.

-CURRICULUM-

We have made plans to align the Career Planning course to the requirements for earning the "Ohio Means Jobs" graduation seal. This would mean that most of the students would earn the Ohio Means Jobs Seal. Not only would that be great in terms of graduation requirements, it would be even better for preparing for the workforce.

We have also made plans to meet with 7th and 8th grade science teachers to look at the standards that they share and plan for vertical alignment. This is in response to the winter benchmark testing data.

The elementary and middle school principals, Kassie, and I have been looking at Reading Instruction and Interventions. This is in response to the winter benchmark testing data.

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Wapakoneta Virtual School Grades 8-12

- We currently have 130 students enrolled into virtual school as of Wednesday February 17th.
- We had 17 students enroll into virtual school at the beginning of the third nine weeks. We had 28 students withdraw from virtual school and return back to school at the beginning of the third nine weeks.
- We currently have 23 Seniors, 22 Juniors, 35 Sophomores, 22 Freshman and 28 Eighth Graders enrolled into virtual school as of Wednesday February 17th.
- We currently have 620 classes active at this time.
- We have 19 honors classes being taken at this time.
- We are currently serving 13 students on an IEP or 504 plan.
- We continue to make communication a priority with our students. We have made contacts home via email or phone conversations.
- We continue to contact parents to update them about their child's progress and grades. Parents have the ability to receive a weekly progress report if they provided us an email address.
- Our guidance department receives weekly progress updates on all virtual school students and has been very active in communicating with families.

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Wapakoneta High School Board Report:

I would like to congratulate our 8th grade Power of the Pen team for winning 1st place at the District Power of the Pen tournament, which was held virtually on Saturday, January 23, 2021. The team consists of members Kerrigan Lenhart, Brooke Frost, Gabriella Raney, Riley Szelagowski, Julian Jordan, and Griffin Block, and is coached by Erika Eley. These talented writers competed against 11 other schools and 47 other 8th grade writers. Three of our writers placed in the top 12 and received medals, and most of our team is moving on to the Regional Tournament, which is held virtually, but is hosted by Lourdes University in Sylvania, Ohio, on Saturday, March 20.

We began scheduling meetings with our students this week for next school year. This is always an exciting time for the students as they begin to plan their course requests.

Our Principal/Student Advisory Council met on February 4 for the second time. During this meeting we discussed items that we can do throughout the building to support student mental health. We have used many of the students' suggestions to implement positive change within the building. We plan to meet monthly with this group and hope to continue to have open dialogue with the students in order to make a positive impact on the high school.

Finally, we are planning to hold prom on May 15 in the high school courtyard. We are also planning to hold the graduation ceremony at the football field on May 28. As a school district, we are excited to be able to offer these wonderful experiences for our students. It is nice to see that we are starting to get back to some normalcy.

Scott Minnig
Principal



Will Snyder, Principal
Kyle Cutnaw, Assistant Principal

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Middle School
February 23, 2021

Updates:

Teacher Clarity Update: "When teachers are clear in the expectations and instruction, students learn more." The building is halfway through the reading of the *Teacher Clarity Playbook*. We will finish the book over the next five weeks and will be prepared to use these items with our growth plans for next year.

PBIS Update: On February 3, the PBIS team utilized grant money for professional development and took a group of 5 people to meet and tour two buildings that achieved bronze status for PBIS implementation. The grant money was used to cover the cost of substitute teachers for the day. The morning session took place at Indian Lake Middle School while the afternoon session took place at Elida Middle School. The collaboration reinforced the practices we have in place and identified potential areas for improvement. The team has a second event planned, a virtual meeting with Upper Sandusky Middle School. Mr. Cutnaw recently wrote another grant to cover additional costs for teacher professional development and work completed outside of school hours.

TBT Update: WMS teachers have used TBTs to have split sessions with Mr. Snyder and Mr. Cutnaw. Mr. Snyder used this time to review testing data with grade level departments to identify areas of improvement and proper alignment to state standards. Mr. Cutnaw used this time to train teachers on how to create their own classroom stores for PBIS. Students can now use their PBIS Rewards points to purchase incentives/privileges that teachers have implemented across their teaching teams.

MAP: As a building, we have been studying the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Assessments throughout the course of the year. Through these assessments, which are administered in the fall, winter, and spring, we are able to assess our students' growth as well as their levels of proficiency. We have studied several different types of reports and analyzed the student data to help us plan for the needs of our students. Most recently, we looked at the student achievement and growth report.

Upcoming Events:

February 24, 2021 - BLT

February 25, 2021 - Band of Brothers Meeting

February 2021 Report to the Board of Education

Thank You:

- We would like to thank our custodial crew and our maintenance staff for working so diligently to clear the sidewalks and parking lots during these heavy snowfalls. It was amazing how well these areas looked, considering how much snow we received in such a short period of time. As always, they do an amazing job with the upkeep of our facilities.

Skating Unit:

- On Monday, February 22, we began our Roller Skating Unit in PE. Our PE teacher, Mrs. Burke, helped to kick off this unit with the help of Mrs. Cottrell. Our students always love this unit, and it is amazing how well they skate! We want to thank both Mrs. Burke and Mrs. Cottrell for everything they do to support our students during this unit. We would also like to thank our PTO for helping to sponsor this unit for our students.

MAP/DIBELS Assessment Discussions in TBTs:

- In January, we took the opportunity to analyze our MAP data (in grades 1-4) and our DIBELS data (in Kindergarten). Through these reports, our teachers could analyze both the students' growth and the students' proficiency levels. There were many great discussions on how to best support students' learning. Many of these discussions were around interventions. Therefore, we will continue to learn about how to best provide interventions to students in need.

BLT Meetings:

- At the beginning of each month, we meet with our BLT (Building Leadership Team). In these monthly meetings, we discuss progress made towards the action plan that we created prior to the beginning of the school year. We appreciate our monthly meetings with these team members, as they provide us with valuable feedback on both the progress of our action steps and help us to plan for future action steps.

Valentine's Day Parties:

- We are grateful for our PTO members and other volunteers for helping to sponsor classrooms for the annual Valentine's Day parties. These volunteers provided games, crafts, and activities that were held in the classrooms with our students. Our PTO committee also provided snacks for the students and the parties. We truly appreciate everything they do to help our students and our staff.

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Cridersville Elementary Board Report - February 2021

Cridersville Elementary recycling efforts have proven to be noteworthy once again. According to the Auglaize County Waste Management District, CES diverted 9,000 lbs. of waste from entering the landfills and into recycling for 2020.

Guys in Ties was started back up, with lessons focused on the word KIND. Each grade level had a slight difference in perspective, but overall the message was the same. On that following Friday, nearly 2/3 of the boys had received their red bow ties and long-sleeved dress shirt. I'd like to thank Miller's Textiles for washing, bleaching, drying, and pressing the white dress shirts each week for us as a thank you for conducting this program. Every male student by the next dress-up Friday will have obtained their red bow tie.

Girls in Pearls is a new program that is focused on the young ladies of CES. Since the return from Christmas break, the focus of their meetings has been on RESPECT. The reception from the community for this program has been very supportive. Mommies and Grandmas have been asked what they think should be discussed during these meeting, and Mrs. Stubbs, Mrs. Fields, and Mrs. Brown have received several suggestions.

Mrs. Stubbs will be kicking off Kids Heart Challenge next week. Letters will be going home to parents explaining the program. Students will be raising money for the American Heart Association to help fund educating Doctors and Physicians about new heart advancements. Each year the school raises nearly \$1,500 to donate. We hope to top this goal this year. Mrs. Stubbs has agreed to be SLIMED in the gym if we can top this total.

March 1-5 CES will be having Right to Read Week. Each day a new holiday will be celebrated. Students will dress up for the holiday and reading activities will take place throughout the day.

Monday - St. Patrick's Day (Wear Green)

Tuesday - 4th of July (Red, White, and Blue)

Wednesday - Halloween (Wear school-appropriate costume; no masks of the scary kind)

Thursday - Christmas (Wear Ugly Sweater)

Friday - Be a Book (Teachers and students dress up as their favorite book character and teachers will read to the students from their favorite book)

We are looking forward to seeing the new incoming numbers beginning March 8 for the kindergarten registration. We are hoping for similar numbers as last year. Keep your fingers crossed for the next generation of Redskins.

ATHLETICS
2/23/21

- W- The swim teams had a great day at the WBL Meet with the boys capturing the WBL Title and the girls finishing as the WBL Runners-Up!

- W- Nate Roa - 126 - WBL Champion
Colin Mellott - 113
Gavin Hall - 132
Ean Kramer - 195
Jayden Rampulla - 182 - WBL Runner-Up

- W- The boys bowling team won the WBL Championship! Both the boys and girls teams will compete this weekend at Astro Lanes in the Sectional Tournament.

- W- The girls' basketball team will play in the sectional final at Home vs. Mansfield Madison - Saturday at 1pm. The boys will face Celina Tuesday night at home, 7pm start in the sectional semi-final.