

Board Buzz

Weekly Superintendent Update for the FBISD Board of Trustees

Friday, March 19, 2021 - Volume 1; Edition 9

TIME FLIES WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FUN!

....and every day this week was a blast! We have accomplished so much and have more to look forward to! I, once again, thank you for your contribution to the *WORK!* The hours that we dedicate to the *VISION* that we all have will be rewarded by the *OUTCOMES* that we will see in the future! Please keep in mind that if you are not available to join us for some of the activities we plan (i.e. Listening and Learning Tours) there will be other opportunities in the future. The Listening and Learning Tour kicked off this week with High School students. We will add other opportunities to the calendar and will reach out to you to see if you are available to join. The information that is gathered will be shared with the Board of Trustees as we progress. Have a wonderful weekend and I hope to see you out and about as we attend evening sporting events or other activities that showcase our wonderful HORNETS! "THE HIVE IS ALIVE!"

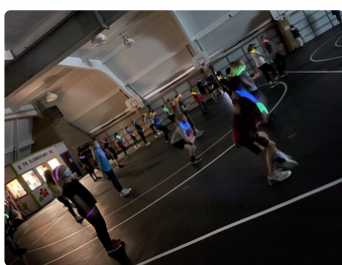


MY WEEK "BUZZING" AROUND THE DISTRICT



Elementary Dance Fit!

My visit to the Elementary Campus Monday, March 15 included a cardio session with students participating in the Elementary Dance Fit!



I can tell you that wearing a dress and heels was not a good idea, but it was fun!



Spirit Friday Buses Release!



FINANCE UPDATES

TEA Extends Hold Harmless Through The End Of The Year

Districts are eligible for TEA's hold harmless ADA through the end of the school year. The determination is based on the actual in person attendance in the 6th six weeks. To be eligible, in person attendance in the 6th six weeks has to exceed the October snapshot in person attendance of 51.7% or be at least 80%. Our current in person attendance is over 70%.

Budget Meetings with Department Leaders

This week we (Louise & I) started holding meetings with Department Leaders regarding remaining 2020-2021 funds and expenditures. We plan to meet with all departments over the next several weeks.

HIGH SCHOOL END OF YEAR EVENTS

Prom

Meetings with Linda Medley, Interim HS Principal have been conducted to discuss end of year events. High School administration and sponsors have plans to have a prom. The prom will be held at the FB Athletic Indoor Facility! Many thanks to Athletic Director Chris Steinbruck for helping us with the logistics! Students are excited and we are so glad to be able to offer our students this opportunity, since we were not able to hold prom last year.



Graduation

Linda Medley met with American Bank Center to discuss graduation plans. The district had paid for the rental of the facility last year and we were able to roll those funds over to this year. The following is a side-by-side comparison that we have discussed in determining a traditional graduation at American Bank Center vs. Football Stadium. The most important aspect to consider is the number of guests that students would be allowed to invite to either venue. It is my recommendation to hold graduation at American Bank Center.

Graduation Dates	
• May 27 th	
• Rehearsal 5:00pm - 11:00pm	
• Ceremony 6:00 - 8:30pm	
Safety/Restrictions	
• Hand sanitizing stations around the American Bank Center	
• Masks are required	
• Graduates will be seated 3ft apart	
• Guests socially distanced in groups of 4	
• COVID screening to the district's responsibility	
• Seating on stage 20-25 people (10 ft apart)	
• Seating before and after rehearsal and ceremony	
Seating	
• Guests	
• 4 ft. Distance	
• Seating in groups of 4	
• 1,675 total seats	
• 1,642 lower seats	
• 333 2 nd floor seats	
• Graduates	
• 500 seating area	
• Approximately 400 graduates	
• Extra seats will be used for staff and SPD parents	
Technology	
• Live stream	
• Connections are already established	
• Visualizer IT	
• Rick Wray	
• 800-525-5580 or R.Wray@gradbankcenter.net	
Tickets	
• Tickets printed through ticket master	
• Delivered to school in Apr.	
• Personal 4 tickets for each graduate	
• 1,675 limited tickets	
• 1,675 tickets	
• Proposed to give staff a ticket	
• First come first serve	
Special Needs	
• Send out Google forms for special needs of guests	
• Prioritize seating	
Insurance	
• \$1,400 paid	
• \$180 owed	
• Funds will be forwarded to 2022	
Graduation at ABC	
• 1,675	
• 1,675	
• 1,675	
Parking	
• 1,675	

Football Stadium		American Bank Center
(Total Graduates 400)	Seating Availability: Group of 4-400 Seating in groups of 4-100 Staff seating to attend Technology and microphone team Has late to change invitations to Football Stadium All maintenance, technology and IT staff required to setup entire set up Last year we had no students	Seating Availability: Group of 4-400 Group of 4-400 Staff seating to attend Live stream facilities Graduation invitations have already been printed All setup taken care of by ABC staff
	Responsible for COVID protocols No rehearsal Weather permitting Limited parking Hours of graduation costs	ABC responsible for COVID protocols Rehearsal No weather restrictions Unlimited parking Already paid for



TEA WAIVER FOR MISSED SCHOOL/WORK DAYS APPROVED



The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has approved a waiver submitted by FBISD for the missed school days due to the winter weather our area experienced in February. Therefore, the five days (February 15-19) students were out of school due to winter weather and widespread electrical and water outages will not have to be made-up, nor will the missed days have any impacts on students' attendance.

This waiver also applies to the staff work-days that were missed. Staff will not have to make-up the five missed days due to the closure of the district. All great news for our students and staff!

With the approval of the waiver, the District's Official School Calendar will remain with one weather make-up day built in for students and a staff weather make-up day on Friday, May 28, if it is needed.



STRATEGIC PLANNING - SETTING BELIEF STATEMENTS

This week marked the beginning of the process for FBISD to set belief statements that will lead us to a strategic plan for the upcoming years. The Board of Trustees and Superintendent participated in Team of 8 training and Self-Analysis Team Trust Exercise with Dr. Greg Gibson and Dr. Buck Gilcrease from Moak, Casey and Associates. The District's Senior Cabinet and Campus Administration also participated in a workshop Thursday, March 18. The weeks activities culminated with our first evening meeting with the FBISD Community Action Committee (CAC) Setting the Belief Statements process. Many thanks to our Board of Trustees for nominating community members to the CAC! Tentative dates have been set for the next session. An email was sent to Board members with the following dates:

Wednesday, April 14: Part II Team of 8/Team Trust

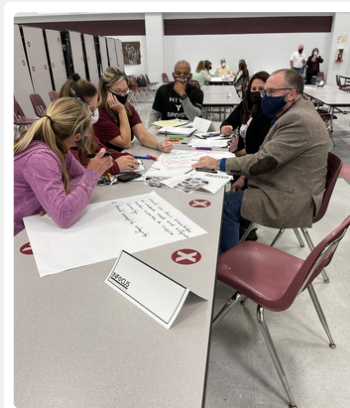
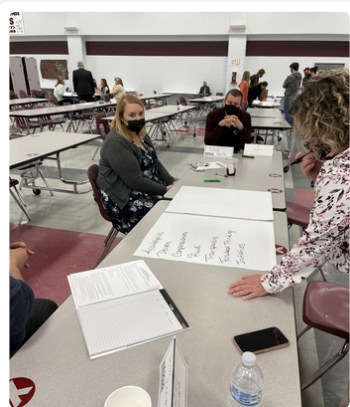
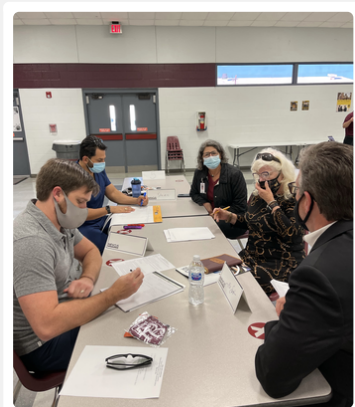
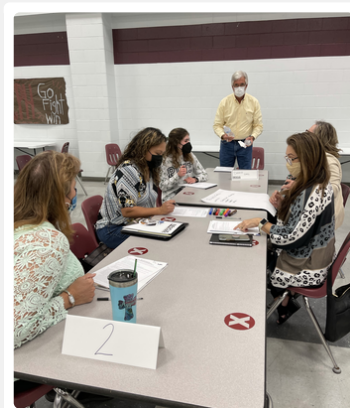
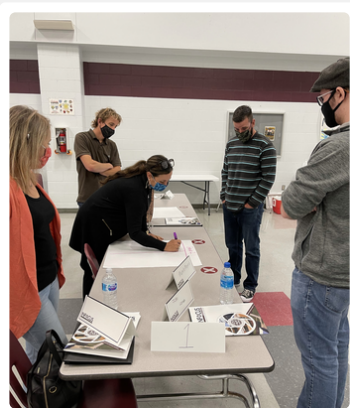
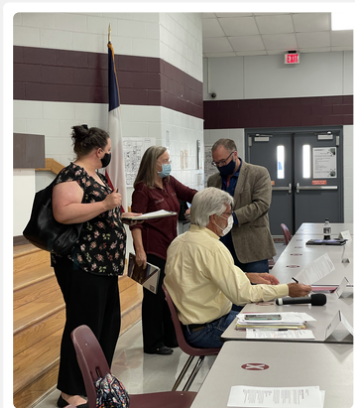
Thursday, April 15: Community Action Committee/Board of Trustees:
Setting Belief Statements

or

Wednesday, April 21: Part II Team of 8/Team Trust

Thursday, April 22: Community Action Committee/Board of Trustees:
Setting Belief Statements

Please let me know which dates work best for you and we will do our best to accommodate as many as possible.



SUPERINTENDENT'S STUDENT AMBASSADOR COUNCIL

The High School Student Ambassador Council met with Superintendent, Soliz-Garcia and Board President, Shirley Thornton Friday, March 19. The council discussed the Strategic Planning Process and conducted a SWOT analysis. The HS Student Ambassador Council shared experiences and great ideas! This information will be presented to the Board of Trustees and the Community Action Committee in April. The Junior High Student Ambassador Council will meet with Superintendent, Soliz-Garcia and respective Board members on Tuesday, March 23. These meetings will be held every month.



DISTRICT CALENDAR COMMITTEE UPDATE

On March 17, 2021, the district calendar committee met for the fourth time at the HS teaching theater. At the meeting, committee members reviewed the survey results from staff, parents, and the community posted March 5th through March 17th. Results from the survey indicated that Calendar B (Traditional Calendar) was the calendar of choice with 987 votes, compared to Calendar A (Intercessional Calendar) with 874 votes.



Even though Calendar B garnished the most votes, some voting committee members still had concerns with Calendar B. One major concern some committee members had was the student's winter break (December 17th through January 7th) being too long. Due to this concern, some committee

members were not comfortable recommending Calendar B as the final recommendation to the Superintendent. Additionally, committee members felt that perhaps the marginal count in votes between the two calendars was due to not fully communicating and explaining what an intercessional calendar meant for the district. Therefore, this conversation initiated another vote at the meeting to determine whether Calendar B would or would not be recommended to the Superintendent. The outcome of the vote was 6 to 6; therefore, the decision was to be determined by the Superintendent.

Based on the outcome of the vote, the Superintendent suggested that committee members be given an opportunity to rewrite Calendar B, specifically concerning only the week of January 4-7, 2022. Instead of having 4 days of professional development that week, they could move them to other dates in the school year calendar. Professional development days need to be grouped by two.

The committee will reconvene on March 24th to review resubmissions of Calendar B and will narrow it down to two calendars to re-poll staff, parents and community. The calendar with the most votes will then be submitted to the Superintendent to present to the Board of Trustees for approval at the next board meeting.



ENROLLMENT UPDATE

The current district enrollment count is 5,463. This is down by two students since it was last reported on March 4th. In addition, we have not had any new student transfers since March 5th.

OCEANS PROGRAM AT FLOUR BLUFF ISD

Many thanks to Mr. Jeff Rank for his recent *VISIONary* presentation at the February Board Meeting! Dr. Allison Schaum and teacher representatives from each campus will be meeting in the upcoming weeks to start the design phase of a Year-at-a-Glance for an aligned PK-12 Curriculum for our Oceans Program. At the same time, Dr. Schaum and Kim Sneed will be working on a marketing campaign to inform our community and perspective students of this wonderful and unique opportunity!



Flour Bluff NJROTC COMPETITION HELD AT FLOUR BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL

On March 6, 2021, Flour Bluff High School's Navy Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps unit hosted the Sea Hornet Classic JROTC Drill Meet (Covid-19 Edition). This year we had about 300 cadets from Air Force and Navy JROTC units from across the state, including Rockport-Fulton High School, Moody, Miller, W.B. Ray, and Carroll High Schools from Corpus Christi, Smithson Valley and Southwest High Schools from the San Antonio area, and Caney Creek and Waller High Schools from the Houston area. Due to Covid-19, many schools that would have attended in a "normal" year were not allowed to participate.

The real success of the meet was that Flour Bluff ISD and our NJROTC unit were able to offer the participating cadets the opportunity to do what they love most about being a member of their JROTC programs: showing their determination, commitment, and excellence while competing in Drill, Physical Fitness, and Academics. The overall champion for this year's Sea Hornet Classic was the Air Force

JROTC unit from Waller High School, who used our meet as a tune up for the upcoming Air Force JROTC Texas State Championship in April.

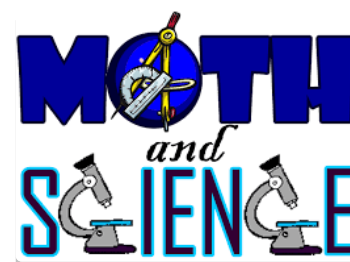
With the perfect weather, the meet was deemed a complete success, something that could not have happened without the dedicated support of personnel from Flour Bluff ISD that allowed the meet, and assisted throughout the day ensuring it was conducted safely and securely.



STATEWIDE 5A TEXAS MATH/SCIENCE ASSOCIATION QUALIFIER MEET

Last Saturday our Flour Bluff Junior High and Intermediate Math and Science students competed in a state wide 5a Texas Math/Science Association Qualifier meet. Over 1000 students from across the state competed this day so the competition was very strong. I am proud to say that our Hornets did an amazing job winning 3 of 4 Team trophies and winning the overall sweepstakes by over 1000 points. Our amazing Hornets took home 7 of 12 possible 1st place individual events. We also had 37 students get a score in the top 10 in their event. If you see Nathaniel Puumala around please give him a big high five for winning all three of his individual events. I couldn't have been prouder of their accomplishments.

Team and Individual Results are below.



Results from State Wide 5A TMSCA Qualifier

Place	Sweepstakes	Points
1	Flour Bluff	5325
2	CROSS TIMBERS MS	4318
3	LAWLER MS	3792

Place	TEAM NUMBER SENSE	Points
1	Flour Bluff	1292
2	CROSS TIMBERS MS	768
3	LAWLER MS	646

Place	TEAM CALCULATOR
1	Flour Bluff
2	LAWLER MS
3	PINE TREE

Place	TEAM GENERAL MATH	Points
1	CROSS TIMBERS MS	944
2	FLOUR BLUFF	904
3	LAWLER MS	808

Place	TEAM SCIENCE	Points
1	Flour Bluff	718
2	PIONEER HERITAGE	646
3	CROSS TIMBERS MS	611

Place	

Place	Number Sense 7th Grade
2	DALLAS A. LIZCANO
4	JOHN G. MINNERS
6	MASON J. EVANS
16	EVEY DOMINIQUE B. ILUSTRISIMO
17	LOLA S. FISHER
21	JOURDAN A. OLAES
44	JINYI WANG

Place	Number Sense 8th Grade
1	NATHANIEL J. PUUMALA
2	TRISTEN L. CORPUZ
3	CONNOR J. MURPHY
4	JOONIE PARK
5	MARIAH K. HOLLINGSWORTH
6	JACKSON A. TAYLOR
12	CARSON D. PAPE
60	EMILY G. CHAPA

Place	Number Sense 6th Grade
1	KAYLEE XU
6	LIU, JOEY
8	ETHAN JORDAN
40	GALINDO-BURNETT, ISABELLA
53	EDWARD, DAVIN

Place	Calculator Application 7th Grade
1	MASON J. EVANS
4	DALLAS A. LIZCANO
9	EVEY DOMINIQUE B. ILUSTRISIMO
13	JOURDAN A. OLAES
16	JOHN G. MINNERS
19	LOLA S. FISHER
24	JINYI WANG

Place	Calculator Application 8th Grade
1	NATHANIEL J. PUUMALA
2	CONNOR J. MURPHY
3	CARSON D. PAPE
4	JOONIE PARK
5	TRISTEN L. CORPUZ
6	JACKSON A. TAYLOR
13	MARIAH K. HOLLINGSWORTH
16	EMILY G. CHAPA

Place	Calculator Application 6th Grade
1	KAYLEE XU
10	ETHAN JORDAN
15	LIU, JOEY
32	GALINDO-BURNETT, ISABELLA
41	EDWARD, DAVIN

Place	General Math 7th Grade
5	DALLAS A. LIZCANO
13	MASON J. EVANS
18	LOLA S. FISHER
31	JOURDAN A. OLAES

Place	General Math 8th Grade
1	NATHANIEL J. PUUMALA
3	TRISTEN L. CORPUZ
8	JACKSON A. TAYLOR
10	JOONIE PARK
12	CARSON D. PAPE
16	EMILY G. CHAPA
17	MARIAH K. HOLLINGSWORTH

Place	General Math 6th Grade
3	KAYLEE XU
13	LIU, JOEY
45	GALINDO-BURNETT, ISABELLA

Place	Science 7th Grade
1	FERNANDA MENDOZA
2	MASON J. EVANS
9	KAYLIN BURNETT
10	WILLIAM CHEN
16	MELODY MCCORMICK

Place	Science 8th Grade
1	LYDIA HARRIS
4	ELI COOPER
5	BRANNON CHAPMAN
13	TJ WILSON
26	BAILEY ELWOOD

Place	Science 6th Grade
5	GLORIA HARRIS



Math-Science Results.pdf

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UIL LONE STAR CUP STANDINGS UPDATED MARCH 18TH

Standings Include: Team Tennis, Cross Country, Marching Band, Volleyball, Robotics BEST, Football, Congress, Spirit, Swimming and Diving, Film, and Basketball

Currently 19th in Class 5A is Flour Bluff, College Station, SA Alamo Heights, Magnolia and Comal Canyon who are all tied with 31 total points.

HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

Human Resources Update – 03/19/2021

Teacher Job Fairs

- Working on dates and locations of teacher job fairs to attend for recruiting

TASB Staffing Study

- Continue to collect and submit needed data

Emergency Paid Sick Leave for COVID-19 Vaccinations

- Many employees are applying for this as they complete their vaccinations

Substitutes

- Continuing to complete substitute orientation and hire-in additional substitutes weekly
- Distributing bags as subs come in with personal protective items – FB face mask, hand sanitizer, etc.

Contract Renewals

- March 25, 2021 Board Meeting – Assistant Principals, Counselors, Curriculum, Diagnosticians, and any others that were not on the list for the February Board Meeting
- April 29, 2021 Board Meeting – All teacher contracts

Current Posted Positions:

Professional

- Special Education Functional Academic Teacher – High School
- Special Education Teacher for Social Intervention/ SDGC – SDGC/ High School
- Special Education Teachers
- Police Officers
- Chief of Police
- High School ELA
- High School ELA & Asst. Softball Coach
- High School Principal
- Director of Finance

Auxiliary

- PE Aide – Intermediate
- Educational Aide – University Prep
- Special Education Aides
- Reading and Math Tutors
- Child Nutrition Positions
- HVAC Lead Maintenance Technician
- Pest Control Specialist
- Day Custodian
- Night Custodian
- Grounds Maintenance Worker
- Bus Drivers
- Bus Aides
- Substitute Teachers

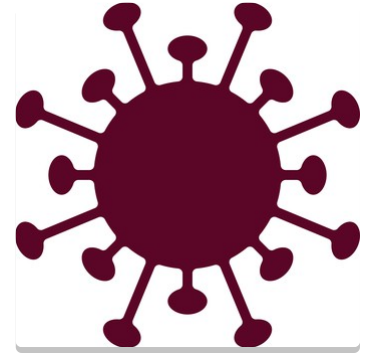


There is good news on the COVID-19 vaccine front. Benavides I.S.D. is having a clinic next week and will have one hundred extra Moderna vaccines. Chief Robert Rocha with Corpus Christi Fire Department has committed six of his staff members to come to Flour Bluff I.S.D. to administer vaccines to any of our employees who still need the vaccine on Friday, March 26. We currently have sixty employees who indicated a desire to be vaccinated. We just received this great news this afternoon. We will be working out the logistics early next week.



COVID-19 UPDATE

As student and staff members came back to school after Spring Break, the district has reported to the Nueces County Health Department a total of 6 students and 3 staff members who are positive for COVID-19. The students and staff members are quarantined and we anticipate some of them to be back at school in the next few days. Since Wranosky Gym has opened to "Little Dribblers" there have not been any COVID-19 positive cases reported to the district at this time.



COVID-19 Online Tracker

The Online Tracker is updated each day as new cases are received and students/staff recover from COVID-19. To review the COVID-19 Online Tracker and Re-Opening Plan, click the link below...

<https://flourbluffschoools.net/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/>

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

[Click here](#) to keep up-to-date on progress of all House and Senate Bills and other legislative activity.



FBISD Calendar of Events

Regular Meeting of the Flour Bluff ISD Board of Trustees

When

Thursday, March 25th, 6pm

Where

FBISD Board Room



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