

Board Buzz

Weekly Superintendent Update for the FBISD Board of Trustees

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HAPPY FRIDAY!

TEAM,

T-8 days! It has been a fast and furious week with many activities and celebrations! Students, teachers, and staff can see the light at the end of the tunnel! As you look through this Board Buzz you will see that the Flour Bluff culture of Class, Pride and Heart are alive and well. We have our sleeves rolled up and are working, and having fun until we reach the finish line. While attending the pinning ceremony this week, I reflected on the celebration we planned for our students to highlight their accomplishments. We are so blessed to be able to celebrate in person! Blessed beyond measure!



EVENING CHAT WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

3rd Community Listening Session with Superintendent Soliz-Garcia

The third listening session with parents and community members was held at the FBISD Indoor Athletic Facility on Monday, May 10 at 6:00 p.m. At each session, parents were given an opportunity to share their thoughts regarding programs, curriculum, and feedback on each area of the SWOT analysis. This information was shared with the Community Advisory Committee on Tuesday, May 11.





Superintendent Parent Meet & Greet Recap



BENEFITS COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Benefits Committee met Monday, May 10th. The committee reviewed UHealth Employee Assistance Plan the district is considering providing to all employees. They also reviewed Picwell - a tool to assist employees on selecting the best plan for them. The program is in demo mode and does not have our plans loaded. It can be tested at <https://demo.picwell.com/>. We had continued discussions about our plan offerings. The committee has asked for additional plan considerations that will be presented at the next meeting on Tuesday, May 18th. Once plan considerations are determined, there will be a final meeting on Tuesday, May 25th to consider rate recommendations.

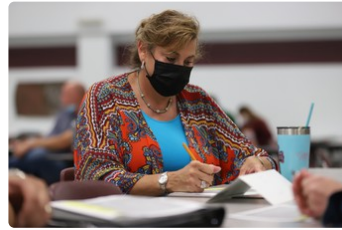
PTECH GRANT

P-TECH Grant- Making it rain!

The District just received some awesome news! We were awarded the P-TECH grant we applied for previously this year. This grant will provide \$150,000.00 to support the expansion of our construction trades program in partnership with Del Mar College.

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Community Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, May 11 to finalize the FBISD Belief, Mission, and Vision statements. This collaborative effort has brought us to a draft recommendation that will be presented to our Board of Trustees Thursday, May 20. Mr. Derrick Gray, Mr. Joe Holder, and Mrs. Amy Seeds will present the recommendation to our Board.



COASTAL BEND FOOD BANK/FLOUR BLUFF ISD FOOD DISTRIBUTION

FBISD and Coastal Bend Food Bank had their 2nd food distribution on May 11, 2021 at the Intermediate parking lot. Total food packages were distributed to 190 families. We are hoping to schedule the next food drive in June. A big thank you to the FBISD Girls Soccer and Girls Basketball representatives as well as National Honor Society for helping distribute food packages at the event.



AWARDS ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

The Early Childhood Center had their end of the year awards this week. On Thursday the Kindergarten awards were held at the High School auditorium and then on Friday the Prekindergarten awards were held at the ECC Cafetorium. For many students this was the first time to walk on stage and receive an award and they did a wonderful job. Parents were invited to watch their students receive their awards and after the program many parents thanked the staff for having the awards ceremony this year.



HIGH SCHOOL PEP RALLY

During our Superintendent Advisory Committee meeting, our students expressed their concern for the lack of school spirit and "fun" activities due to COVID. Many high school students also expressed how much they missed our pep rallies. In addition, Mrs. Soliz-Garcia mentioned she would love to have a community pep rally to bring our Hornet community together. After considering all of this feedback and speaking with my team, Coach Steinbruck, Don Youngberg, Mr. Crenshaw and Mrs. Soliz-Garcia it was determined that we could safely hold a pep rally outdoors. Our focus was to bring back tradition, school spirit and a unity between our school district and the community. I was impressed with how quickly our High School staff pulled together to make this a memorable event. Our students dressed up and expressed how they thoroughly enjoyed this pep rally. Students took to social media and explained how "lit" it was that we are the only school in Corpus Christi to hold a pep rally this year. This couldn't have happened without the support of everyone involved including our school board. Thank you for allowing us to host this memorable event!





HOMELAND SECURITY SPECIAL AGENT HARDWICK CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION FOR STUDENTS AT INTERMEDIATE

Special Agent Hardwick will be presenting to students at the Intermediate and Junior High on May 14th. His presentation will address talking to strangers online, or by cell phone, sending harassing text messages in school, cyber bullying, chat room, and online gaming safety tips. As a district, it is always a priority to ensure that we continue to work toward the protection and safety of children. Educating them about cell phones and online apps is one way to help them make good decisions and protect themselves from predators.



HOMELAND SECURITY SPECIAL AGENT HARDWICK CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS

We are excited to bring back Special Agent Heath Hardwick to the district to present to our parents on May 13th at 6 p.m. at the Intermediate Campus Cafeteria. The topic of his presentation is "Cyber Safety", He will discuss what child pornography is, as well as the state and federal statutes regarding the sentencing for violations of each law. In addition he will also discuss problematic social media apps children are dealing with today. As a district, it is always a priority to ensure that we continue to work toward the protection and safety of children. Educating them about cell phones and online apps is one way to help them make good decisions and protect themselves from predators.



ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' MEETING WITH DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT

An assistant principals' meeting was held Friday on Friday May 14th at 10 a.m. Topics discussed were:

1. Changes to Chapter 37 from the 87th Legislative Session.
2. Review of Chapter 37 Discipline Chart from TASB.
3. Round Robin to Discuss What Information/Support Assistant Principals Needed in Future Meetings.
4. Discussion on Qualities of a Good Assistant Principal from <https://online.mills.edu/blog/assistant-principal>.

1. Takes Initiative
2. Practices Active Listening
3. Adopting a Growth Mindset
4. Demonstrates a Willingness to Challenge the Status Quo
5. Actively Promotes Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
6. Advocates for Teachers and Students
7. Takes Ownership When Things Go Wrong and Gives Credit When Things Go Right
8. Leads with Compassion and Empathy
9. Communicates Effectively
10. Uses Critical Thinking to Solve Problems Creatively

UPDATE ON STUDENT INCENTIVE ALLOTMENT (TIA) COMMITTEE MEETING

The TIA Committee kicked off their first meeting on May 12th at 4:15 in the High School Teaching Theater. All members were present. The agenda for the meeting was an introduction to the TIA local designation system process that the committee is tasked at developing for our district. Members of the committee were excited to be a part of the committee. Many committee members expressed that teachers deserved to be recognized for their hard work. In addition, others expressed rewarding teachers in other content areas such as PE, and special education. Mr. Crenshaw stated that this is not an easy task, but we have a year to get it accomplished. We will keep the committee updated over

the summer, via zoom. We also shared with the committee the proposed resolution that would be going to the board next week.

HEALTH SCIENCE PINNING CEREMONY

On May 13, 2021 the FBISD Health Science Program had their annual pinning ceremony at the FBISD Auditorium. The event is usually held on the Del Mar Campus but because of the restrictions due to COVID-19 the event location was moved to Flour Bluff. Forty-nine students were recognized for participating in the EKG, Phlebotomy, Certified Medical Assistant, and Patient Care Technician programs. Of the forty-nine students, twenty-one received their certification pin denoting they had passed the appropriate test to become certified in one of the above-mentioned programs.



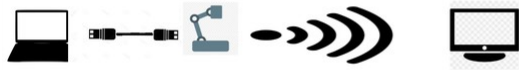
TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

We have completed our campus technology committee meetings for each campus. Every meeting was insightful and well received by all. Each meeting began with an explanation of the role each member has in representing their peers. We were able to answer questions and share upcoming projects. These meetings also offered the opportunity for feedback concerning how teachers would recommend technology arranged for their classrooms in the future. Smartboards are being replaced with TVs for Junior and High School with great reviews, but the remaining campuses need the interactivity function. A solution was offered which we are planning to test and arrange as a model classroom for teacher feedback before implementing.

The following diagram shows the options we want to make available for classrooms:

Options for presentation

Option 1 Laptop & document camera connected to TV



Pros:

- Simplicity while meeting all tech requirements for daily use requiring no moving/rearranging of station

Option 2 Laptop w/ monitor & document camera Connected to TV



Pros:

- Dual monitor setup allows user to have one screen for their eyes only while second screen is for student viewing
- Laptop is able to be easily disconnected for use outside of classroom

Cons:

- Laptop screen may be small for teacher. Second monitor can compensate

Option 3 Laptop w/ monitor & document camera connected to TV as well as presentation tal



Pros:

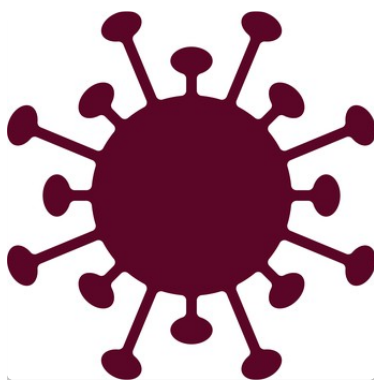
- Allows fullest use of provided technology
- User is able to switch between PC & presentation tablet as needed
- Tablet allows for screen interaction for teacher and students

Cons:

- Requires minor training for use of tablet and laptop

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Safety Tip: Keep vehicles locked and valuables out of plain view.



COVID-19 UPDATE ON CASE NUMBERS

There are currently seven Covid-19 positive cases in the district. All of the positive case are face to face students. The Rapid Testing Site we have in the district for staff and students continues to be utilized. We will continue the service until the end of the school year.



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://flourbluffschools.net/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/>

HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

Work Day Calendars

- Work Day Calendars are being finalized and will be shared out with staff on Monday.

Letters of Reasonable Assurance

- The letters will be sent out through Talent Ed to all staff members that do not receive a contract – paraprofessionals, cafeteria staff, bus drivers, maintenance, custodial staff, and substitute teachers.

Summer School

- Selections for the K-6th grade program, the Extended Year Program, and the Academic Reinforcement Program.
- Summer School contracts will be sent out Monday.

TASB Staffing Study

- Continue to collect and submit needed data.
- Data requests for specific staff data has been sent to principals and directors.

Job Postings – Many of these positions have a candidate that has been recommended, but not finalized.

Professional



- Primary Music Teacher
- Elementary Librarian)
- Junior High Social Studies Teacher/ Possible Coaching
- Junior High Special Education Teacher
- Junior High ELA Teacher
- Anticipated Elementary Openings for the 2021-2022 School Year (Pk-Grade 6)
- Anticipated Secondary Openings for the 2021-2022 School Year (Grades 7-12)
- Special Education Teachers
- High School ELA & Coach (Softball, Volleyball and/ or Track)
- High School ELA Teacher
- High School Special Education Teacher & Coach (Softball, Volleyball, and/ or Track)
- Primary Reading Specialist/ Reading Lab Teacher
- Primary Special Education Social Intervention Teacher
- Chief Financial Officer – interviews held on Friday, May 14
- Police Lieutenant – will be posted soon

Auxiliary.

- Special Education Aides
- Reading and Math Tutors
- Child Nutrition Positions
- Journeyman Plumber
- Grounds Supervisor/ Pest Control Specialist
- Day Custodian
- Night Custodian
- Bus Drivers
- Bus Aides

HORNET HIGHLIGHT - SCHOOL NURSES

Kristen LaBaume, RN
Flour Bluff ECC

Tiffany Wauson, RN
Flour Bluff Primary

Cheryl Navar, RN
Flour Bluff Elementary

Dawn Evans, RN
Flour Bluff Intermediate

Kayla Resendez, RN
Flour Bluff Junior High

Mary Boles-Barnett, RN
Flour Bluff High School

Tiffany Spencer, LVN
Flour Bluff High School

HAPPY SCHOOL NURSE DAY!

FLOUR BLUFF ISD



**THANK YOU FLOUR BLUFF ISD
SCHOOL NURSES FOR ALL YOU DO!**

******* ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS *******

ALEX WEEPIE NAMED JUNIOR HIGH BOYS COORDINATOR

Flour Bluff Independent School District has named Alex Weepie as the new Boys Athletic Coordinator for the Flour Bluff Junior High Athletic program. Coach Weepie was an Offensive and Defensive Line Coach for the Hornets.

Weepie has nine years of teaching and coaching experience, all of which he has spent in Flour Bluff ISD. He has been teaching Social Studies and coaching high school football, basketball, and track & field for Flour Bluff for the past nine years.

Coach Weepie holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of Northern Iowa, and a Master's in Educational Administration from Lamar University. Coach Weepie's wife Michelle is a Math teacher at the Junior High. They are the proud parents of Tateyn, Joanna, and Addilynn.

Alex Weepie named Boys Athletic Coordinator at Flour Bluff Junior High



2021 FLOUR BLUFF HORNET FOOTBALL SPRING GAME

The Hornets will play in the Spring Game on May 20, 2021 at Hornet Stadium. The game will be played at 5:00 PM, and will be open to the public.

2021 Flour Bluff Hornet Football Spring Game



COASTAL BEND COACHES ASSOCIATION HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME

Flour Bluff Athletics is proud to announce that Senior Football Players Arnold Trevino and Julian Gallardo have been selected to play in the 2021 [Coastal Bend Coaches Association High School All-Star Football Game](#). The Game will be played on Saturday May 15, 2021, at 7:00 PM.

Flour Bluff Senior Arnold Trevino selected to play in the CBCA All-Star Football Game



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, May 20th, 6pm

Where

FBISD Board Room



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