Jimmy Phelps Superintendent

#### WASHAKIE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #2 October 2021

Levi Collins Principal

#### **Principal's Corner**

We are just starting the second quarter of our school year and before we know it, it will be time an unexcused absence. to celebrate Thanksgiving. I am quite proud of all the accomplishments of students this school year and I feel we have many things to celebrate and positive experiences happening here at Ten Sleep Schools. Even an excused absence for that with the precautions we are taking for the pandemic we are still having a strong start to the school year. We are all happy and excited to have the opportunity to be in school.

We would like to re-emphasize a policy in the handbook that may be less-known or something that we would like community members to help improve at our school for the benefit of our students to achieve greater academic success. The policy we would like to highlight this month is a section of the attendance Policy 5.21 which states the following:

... Any student not in his/ her assigned classroom by the time the second bell rings will be considered tardy for that class period. Students will not be considered tardy if they have a signed written pass from a staff member.

Any tardy over ten (10) minutes in length without a written excuse from a teacher or administrator will result in Parent/guardian may excuse a student from a tardy that is over ten minutes in length only from first period and must do so by the start of the next school day. This will result in period.

On the third tardy (and multiples thereof) per class, per semester, the student shall be charged an unexcused absence...

... A student is allowed 3 tardies per class per semester. On the 3rd tardy, a student will be placed the next appropriate step of the discipline plan accordingly to Policy 5.27 "Discipline of Students" and notification of parent/ guardian, in addition to an unexcused absence. For every three additional tardies that a student may accumulate, he/ she will be placed on the next appropriate step on the discipline plan, up to a maximum of twelve (12) tardies. At 12, the case will be reviewed in a mandatory meeting between parent and principal and then referred to the district's Building Intervention Team.

Our sports season is going well as we have had numerous volleyball

and football games. Our students are representing us well even though we have had to cancel a couple of games for various reasons. We are excited for the positive experiences our kids are getting playing athletics. Go Pioneers!

We have been hearing several positive stories about the Chromebooks and having a 1:1 ratio of computers to students. This opportunity has been huge for us and we hope everyone is having a positive experience with the devices. Let us know how things are going for you!

Thanks for your support in making our school and community a great place to be. With Pioneer Pride, Levi Collins

#### New Board Member

Please welcome our new Board Member, Mr. Bill Murphy. He was approved by the Board during their September meeting due to Megan Truman's resignation.

#### Note to Parents

## Help your child have some fun with fractions

Understanding fractions can be a challenge for some children. To help your child learn fractions, have fun with hands-on activities like these:

- Take a fraction walk. Have your child count how many cars you pass. Then figure how many (what fraction) of them are a certain color. Take turns choosing a color and seeing who has the largest fraction.
- Measure up. Give your child measuring spoons and cups. Have him pour one cup of water into one glass. Then have him guess: How many half cups will it take to fill another glass the same size? How many quarter cups or third cups?
- Change that recipe. Ask your child to rewrite the amount of each ingredient to double a recipe or cut it in half.
- Eat your fractions. Give your child 12, 24 or 36 pieces of cereal. Let him divide them into halves, fourths, etc. Or, share a pizza and ask some questions. If the pizza is cut into 12 slices, how many slices equal onehalf or one-third of the pizza?
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## Middle schoolers need adult guidance navigating social media

According to Common Sense Media, middle schoolers spend more than 4.5 hours on screen media entertainment every day. And a good portion of that time is spent on social media.

Middle schoolers need guidance and support as they learn to navigate the world of social media. To help your child:

- Learn about her online activity. Ask her how often she checks her social media accounts and which ones she uses the most. Download the apps she uses most often. Learn how they work. And check to see if your child has one account she shows you and another she shares with friends.
- Set standards for online behavior. Your child shouldn't post anything on social media that she wouldn't want you or her friends' parents reading. Remind her that nothing online ever goes away so she should think carefully before she posts anything.
- Encourage her to limit her followers. Kids want to be popular, and they sometimes add followers at random. To protect privacy, your child should know who is following her online.
- Build in digital downtime. Be a role model yourself put the phone away at meal time. After dinner, go for a walk or read a book.

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## Show your teen how to create healthy smartphone habits

Experts agree that the use of digital devices can have a significant impact on students' academic performance, mental health and overall well-being.

To help your teen create healthy digital habits, encourage him to:

- Have face-to-face conversations. Does your teen text you from his bedroom? Does he text his friend who is sitting on the couch right next to him? If so, suggest he stop texting and start talking.
- Try to find answers on his own. It's easy to ask "Siri" for answers—but that won't teach your teen how to research information.
- Turn off his device during lunch. Teens benefit from having social interactions with their peers. So, recommend he make a pact with his friends: "The first person to pick up their phone has to throw everyone's lunch trash away."
- Face awkward or boring situations without turning to his phone. Challenge your teen to find other ways to pass the time.
- Be aware of his mood. Too much screen time can leave teens feeling lonely, anxious or depressed. Tell your teen that whenever he feels bad, he should talk to a friend or trusted adult in person.
- Establish a cooling-off period. If your teen sees a text or post that makes him mad, he should wait 24 hours before sending a response.

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#### Counselor's Corner

The year is off to the races! I love my job and look forward to each and every day to see these amazing children. With some out for illness and other situations, I most definitely miss seeing students. This year for our guidance lessons, I have focused on the concept of "say something"; using our words and voices to positively influence the world around us. I then tie lessons back to this concept throughout the year. In Kindergarten we are working on manners and we will be starting in on character traits and the concept of UNIQUE. Grade 1 and 2 are working on self-regulation. Grade 3 and 4 are working on conflict resolution. We are practicing with the "I message" concept and giving and getting feedback. It's a slow, learning process; but the idea behind it is well worth the effort. Grade 5 and 6 are working on social awareness. They have had some good laughs with learning about tone and non-verbal cues (to mention a few).

FAFSA for <u>seniors</u> will open in October. On the 4th of October, we will have an expert on hand to help the seniors fill out this paperwork. Some scholarships at the national level are filtering in and have been emailed and posted for the students to access.

Our <u>Secret Service Club</u> has started up again. Please look for "SOCK-TOBER" information at the library and school. If you have any new socks of any age/ gender, please donate to our cause. This is a fun collection and the students enjoy seeing all the socks they get to donate. We are also looking for community service projects to be involved in. If you or someone you know are interested in receiving some assistance (raking, shoveling, painting...) please contact the school.

Thank you for sharing your children with our school.

-Mrs. Wiechmann

#### Homecoming

Homecoming will be the week of October 11th. Monday — PJ Dress Up and Beach Volleyball Tuesday — Tourist Dress Up and Hungry Hippo Wednesday — Clash of the Classes Dress Up and Kickball Thursday — Spirt Day

Picture Retakes and All School Picture 8:00 Tailgate Lunch 11:32 Pep Rally @ 12:45 Parade @ 2:30 Bonfire and Pizza-High School Only 6:00-10:00

#### Nurse's Corner

Wondering when your child can return to school after being sick? I have answers!

If your child has vomiting or diarrhea, keep him/her home until they have not vomited or had diarrhea for at least 24 hours.

If your child was put on an antibiotic, keep him/her home until at least 24 hours have passed since the first dose was taken.

If your child has a fever, keep him/her home until fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19, keep him/her home for 10 days after symptoms began. Your child may return when 10 full days have passed since symptoms began, they have not had a fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication, and all other symptoms are improving.

If your child has symptoms of COVID-19, please keep him/her home until symptoms have resolved. Symptoms include, fever, cough, headache, sore throat, congestion or runny nose. For a full list of possible symptoms and more information about COVID-19, visit the Wyoming Department of Health website.

#### 2021-2022 Pioneer Athletic Mission Statement

## Inspiring Greatness Together

It is the mission of Ten Sleep Athletics to inspire pride in each student-athlete in themselves, their teammates, their school and their community.

We will emphasize the development of lifelong learning, values and skills through hard work, sportsmanship, ethical conduct, as well as safe and fair play.

All of this will be based upon open communication and mutual respect among school administration, teachers, coaches, athletes, parents and official while demonstrating PIONEER PRIDE.



#### **Board Briefs**

#### Washakie County School District #2 School Board Minutes August 9, 2021

The regular meeting of the Washakie County SD #2 Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Jared Lyman. Present were board members Jared Lyman, Erin Blutt, Sarah Anderson, and Mona Sindelar. Absent was Megan Truman. Also present were Superintendent Jimmy Phelps, Principal Levi Collins, Business Manager Connie Gay and Administrative Assistant Neysha Lyman.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Jared Lyman.

Adopt Agenda: Erin Blutt moved to adopt the amended agenda with Item 6 Letter A and B will be switched and adding Letter D - Consider Sick Leave Policy Exception. Seconded by Mona Sindelar. Motion carried 4-0.

Guests and Patron Comments: Public comment was taken concerning COVID Update.

#### **Reports and Recognitions:**

#### Business (Consent Agenda Items):

Superintendent: Mr. Phelps superintendent report was included in the packet.

Minutes of the July 20 and 27, 2021 meeting were approved. Board members received copies of the statements and bills for review. Sarah Anderson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Erin Blutt. Motion carried 4-0.

Authorization to pay the following vouchers: General Fund warrants #24575-24608 in the amount of \$22,063.88; Special Revenue Fund warrants #40068-40070 in the amount of \$20,784.15; Major Maintenance Fund warrant #13049 in the amount of \$365.27; Capitol Construction warrant # 1027 in the amount of \$446.20; Depreciation Fund warrant #10073 in the amount of \$4,975.12; Teacherage Fund warrant #15093-15095 in the amount of \$1,198.73.

Approved Prepaid Bills: General warrants # 24571, 24573, 24574 in the amount of \$628.95; Special Revenue Fund warrants #40064-40067 in the amount of \$8,360.47; Major Maintenance Fund warrant #13048 in the amount of \$1,500.00; Teacherage Fund warrant #15092 in the amount of \$500.00. Approve Bus Routes for School Year 2020-2021: Canyon Route, Broken Back Ranch Route, Upper Nowood Route, and Lower Nowood Route.

Designate Jimmy Phelps as Federal Program Director for the 2021-2022 school year for the following programs; Consolidated Grant, IDEA VIB and VIB Five year Old (special education), Title I-A, Title II-A (Professional Development), and Title IV.

#### Business (Discussion/Action Agenda Items):

**K-12 Building Design Update:** Mr. Phelps updated the board on the timeline of the design for the new K-12 Building.

**Masonic Lodge Update:** Mr. Phelps updated the board on remodeling the Masonic Lodge. **COVID Update:** Mr. Phelps updated the board on the protocols that will be implemented to open school.

**Approve Sick Leave Policy Exception:** Mona Sindelar moved we make an exception for the 2021-2022 school year to Policy 3.38 Annual Leave and Policy 4.14 Annual Leave by allowing certified and classified employees to take accrued sick leave for COVID-19 related symptoms before they are required to take personal days. Seconded by Erin Blutt. Motion carried 4-0.

Approve Second Reading of Policy 3.29 Substitute Teachers: Erin Blutt moved approve on second reading the changes to Policy 3.29 Substitute Teachers as presented. Seconded by Sarah Anderson. Motion carried 4-0.

**Executive Session:** Sarah Anderson made a motion to go into executive session at 7:39 p.m. to discuss personnel – Coaching Contracts. Seconded by Erin Blutt. Motion carried 4-0. The board reconvened at 7:47 p.m. Erin Blutt made a motion to approve the executive session minutes as read during executive session. Seconded by Sarah Anderson. Motion carried 4-0.

**Approve Coaching Contracts:** Sarah Anderson moved accept Sawyer Lyman's resignation as Head Middle School Girls Volleyball coach. Seconded by Erin Blutt. Motion carried 4-0. Erin Blutt moved to hire Chasity Dykstra as the Head Middle School Girls Volleyball coach. Seconded by Mona Sindelar. Motion carried 4-0. Mona Sindelar moved to hire Desiree Egger as the Assistant Middle School Girls Volleyball coach. Seconded by Erin Blutt. Motion carried 4-0.

September Board Agenda Items: Review Federal Grant Status. Review Transportation Fleet. Meeting Was Adjourned: Chairperson Jared Lyman adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

#### Athletes of the Week



High School Volleyball Athlete of the Week (Aug 23-26) Kayli Jackson. Watching Kayli grow as a player this year has been a delight! She is picking up the game quickly and (when she's not giggling) is a great hitter!



Braelyn Couch- Middle School Volleyball Player of the Week (Sept 13-18) Braelyn, who is in  $5^{th}$  grade and has never played volleyball quickly became a reliable go to girl! She can pass, she is not afraid to hit the floor and go after the ball, and Braelyn is an encouraging teammate. This weekend we played a lot of volleyball, we were down a sixth grader and we put Braelyn in as a starter. She proved that she is cool under pressure, and can play volleyball. Braelyn has improved every week! We are SUPER proud of Braelyn!



Middle School Volleyball Athlete of the Week (August 30-Sept 4) We chose Bree Jackson! Bree has shown leadership to this young VB team in various ways. Specifically, during our 3 away game weekend Bree was the only 8th grader for our Saturday game with our 5th and 6th graders! Bree kept the team spirit up, called cheers, ran warm up, was team captain, and is a true servant leader. We appreciate Bree!



Middle School Football Player of the Week (Sept 6-11) Keller Dehmel. Intensity and Passion are the building blocks of a successful athlete. Keller Dehmel is symbolic of these traits. He does not have an ounce of quit in his body. Keller is adaptable to every situation on the field. Keller Dehmel is the picture of a Pioneer!

#### Karate Winners



Congratulations to Shelby Lyman, she placed 1st in Pattern Movements, 1st in Weapon, 2nd in Sparring and 2nd in Board

Congratulations to Braxton Egger, he placed 1st in Sparring, 1st in Board Breaking and 3rd in Pattern Movements.



Our Kindergarten, First and Second Graders at Circle J

#### Children's Resource Center Free Developmental Screenings

The CRC will be providing free developmental screenings for children ages birth to 5 at the Ten Sleep Library on Tuesday, October 5th from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Please call 307-347-8677 to schedule appointments.

Ideally, your child needs at least one developmental screening before the age of two, and certainly one before the age of five is essential!

A developmental screening is a quick check to make sure your child is on track. Screenings look at a child's skills in the areas of gross and fine motor, cognitive, language, social and emotional. Most are, but if they're not, CRC will help you develop a plan to get your child to where he or she needs to be. Children that participate in FREE developmental screenings with CRC will receive a free children's book.

#### PIONEER PUMPKIN PATCH

The Ten Sleep FFA is excited to bring you the "Pioneer Pumpkin Patch" this fall! This fundraiser will allow you to come "pick a pumpkin" right here in Ten Sleep at the park. Please use this order form to reserve your pumpkins as they must be prepaid. We will not have extras on hand. Pumpkins will be \$7.00 each. Please send your order form in with your child, or mail to: Ten Sleep School, ATTN: FFA, PO Box 105, Ten Sleep, WY 82442. All orders must be turned in by October 6th.

You may pick up the pumpkins on October 16th between 9:00 and 11:00 am.

Ten Sleep FFA will also be running "Can-O-Ween"! Please bring canned foods in exchange for a cup of hot chocolate or cider. One can per cup! We will donate the cans to help those in need.



Name:

How Many Pumpkins:

Total \$ Enclosed:\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Ten Sleep FFA

#### Ten Sleep School

PO Box 105 Ten Sleep, WY 82442 Phone: 307-366-2223 Fax: 307-366-2304 www.wsh2.k12.wy.us:



Ten Sleep School Supporting Success

#### Drama Club



The Ten Sleep Drama Club will be presenting the one-act comedy Avoiding the Pitfalls of High School Dating Friday, November 12 and Saturday, November 13. Tickets will be available in October for purchase. Come join the school's drama club for a night of laughs!



#### Library Corner

The Harvest Dinner has been cancelled, but we are still having our raffle!

The Harvest Raffle will support the Friends of the Ten Sleep Library. The Library is accepting raffle donations. The tickets are available at the library for \$1.00 each. The raffle will end on October 15th and tickets will be drawn at 3:00 pm.

Ten Sleep Storytime is held every Thursday at 10:00 and the agenda for October is:

October 7th—Fire Prevention

October 14th—Fossils

October21st—Fall Leaves October 28th—Pumpkins LUNCH

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## TEN SLEEP STORYTIME THURSDAYS AT 10:00

OCTOBER 7---FIRE PREVENTION OCTOBER 14---FOSSILS OCTOBER 21--- FALL LEAVES OCTOBER 28---PUMPKINS

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Tuesday: Thank a Leader



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Wednesday: 4-H Spirit Day Thursday: STEM Day Friday: 4-H Trivia Day Saturday:

**Community Service Day** 



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