

Our Path to First Choice No.6
2018/19

Everyone,

Fifth week of school. It is going by so fast! Enjoy the rest of your week.

Our Path Topic

Our 2018/19 Strategic Plan is in progress. Some of our initiatives have been started, but some haven't. It takes time.

Last week, we focused on our fourth strategic objective--"*Identify, develop, and deploy technology and processes to support WASD's success*". What we plan to achieve or improve is our work with measurement, data, and process development.

This week, we are going to look at our fifth and final strategic objective. *Balance fiscal needs with WASD's strategic objectives*.

Here is what we are planning to do. We want fiscal responsibility. That is not just saving money, but also paying for things that need to be paid for to help WASD be successful. WASD will work this year to improve our communication of the budget process and how it works. In last year's "*Are We Making Progress?*" Survey, the results showed that our staff would like to learn more, and are not as familiar with the budget process. By sharing the information, that is a way to build trust in the budget. It will not happen in one year, but can happen over time.

The plan also includes sharing out our fiscal performance. This year, we have presented the Annual Report with budget information to the Board and to a community group. The annual report has been placed throughout the community and the District. In addition, budget highlight flyers have been distributed throughout the community.

Our biggest initiative for this objective is sharing financial information with our stakeholders and educating them on the WASD budget. Knowing that we are 499th out of 500 school districts in the state for the amount we spend per student is a good fact that stakeholders should know.

Finally, our targets are to have at least one communication per stakeholder and 100% of our strategic objectives fully funded. We have set our timeline end for communications for the 2018/19 school year. However, to fully fund our strategic objectives, we expect to work until 2023/24.

Board Information and Policy Updates

- Attached are: 611—Purchases Budgeted. 626—Federal Fiscal Compliance.
- The Board's next meeting is September 25th at 7 PM in the Clayton Avenue Board Room.

Piece of the Puzzle

Let's congratulate Linda Kriner, Amy Destefano, Sarah Crider and Barb as Pieces of the Puzzle this week. One of our team members, fell in a school parking lot, had a swollen nose (not broken, thankfully), a fat lip, and received stitches above the eye. The ladies above helped our team member, stayed with her, applied first aid and calmed her down until someone came to take her for treatment. They were superheroes and great teammates. Join us in congratulating Linda, Amy, Sarah and Barb for being Pieces of the Puzzle this week.

Advisories***Teacher Advisor for 2018/19

Some of our stakeholder advisories are getting organized. A big thank you to all of you that have volunteered. Your input is valued.

Beginning of the School Year Survey

Last year we sent out a survey to get feedback on the beginning of the year. This year's survey will be coming out very soon. Stay tuned.

Review for You

What is an OFI?

Events

- September 21st—Home Varsity Football Game against Big Spring High School, in Buchanan Auto Stadium at 7PM.
- No school for students on October 5th.
- No school on October 8th for Columbus Day.

Review Answer

An OFI is an *Opportunity for Improvement*. It is not a negative term, but one that shows the positive approach to taking advantage of opportunities that arise in order to improve. We all experience them. WASD has many, but we are working to improve as many as possible.

Final Thoughts—

- *Some say opportunity knocks only once. That is not true. Opportunity knocks all the time, but you have to be ready for it. If the chance comes, you must have the equipment to take advantage of it.*—Louis L'Amour (Western Novel writer).
- *Success is about taking advantage of opportunity.*—Mike Ditka (former NFL player and coach).
- *Success is where preparation and opportunity meet.*—Bobby Unser (former NASCAR driver).
- *Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again, this time more intelligently.*—Henry Ford.
- *A successful outcome shows what hard work, perseverance and taking advantage of your opportunities will do for you.*—Will Rogers.
- *The difference between those who succeed and fail: not taking advantage of opportunities.*—Eric Thomas.

Have a great rest of the week!

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