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Transportation:

What a difference a year makes. Our growth this year has brought about some challenges for all of us. Into our third week of transporting students, new student ridership continues to grow almost daily from families that have been transporting their own children and are seeking bussing alternatives for getting them to school. We currently have 3 bus routes busting at the seams reaching overall capacity on the buses with no room to grow in the future. After having two years with real low student ridership throughout all our covid stuff going on, we now have different (but good) problems to deal with.

One of the first items to start talking about is adding another bus route and hiring another full time bus driver to help spread the bus loads out on our northern three bus routes. We currently run primarily 65 passenger school buses for bus routes. We are pushing high forties to mid fifties for student daily counts on the three buses. That's putting 3 body's to a seat on a third of the bus (Forty two is 2 to a seat). Morning bus loads are higher than afternoons with students doing afterschool activities, but with colder weather, we usually see an uptick in ridership on the bus. Also, student behavior has been a challenge on these routes with full capacities. We have one adult that has to focus on the road trying to watch and manage the student load and should be considered as a safety concern. We can get the numbers down with four buses to around the mid thirty number which is a much more manageable and safer number to deal with on the school buses and would allow for more future growth. I have a plan for adding the other route and what area it would cover to help out the three buses that are struggling right now.

Also, starting this year, we have opened up what we used to refer to as the Town Route that is now spread out to four other bus routes to all our middle school students. So that's TK thru 8 th grade bussing outside of our safe walk area in town. We have talked about doing this for almost three years, but with covid protocols and social distancing, we put it on hold over the last two years. This is a benefit of us from being able to update our bus fleet to larger 65 passenger buses from the old 35 to 45 passenger buses that we used to have. It's taking a while to update our fleet to larger capacity buses to accomplish this, but we are there. Pretty much all route buses will be 65 passenger buses to allow for interchangeability in the system.

After almost three years, we finally have a working district wide radio system that ties the school buses to the school building for direct communication. It has been a long road with a lot of hurdles along the way. We are still working out a few kinks in the system right now with communication with the repeater on the gorilla elevators here in town and the repeater on Mt. Lillinthal north of town out by Egypt elevators. After the programming bugs are worked out, we should have close to 100 percent school bus overage from any radio. A big win for safety and student management.

Lastly, the transmission and ECM has failed in our blue suburban district vehicle just before school

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started and the cost to get it repaired is not worth it for us. Our district fleet is aging and we need to look at adding to our fleet and updating some more of our older vehicles. Our oldest is a 2004 gray van with 183,000 miles on it to our newest is a 2014 van with 78,000 miles on it and a 2008 suburban with 152,000 on it in the middle. The old drivers ED car is still in the fleet, but does not have the seating capacity we need for most trips. With more and more activities going on, we need to look at having a fleet of at least 6 passenger vehicles for staff to use. With three available currently, will be looking for a fourth to replace blue suburban.

School bus seating maximum capacity – 65 (42 bodies is two to a seat)

Current maximum registered bus students:

Fort Spokane 60 - 65 passenger
Sandflats 56 - 65 Passenger
Northstar 52 - 65 Passenger
Mill Canyon 42 - 65 Passenger
Bluestem 35 - 65 Passenger
Hawk Creek 35 - 47 Passenger
Rocklyn 29 - 47 Passenger
Baldrige 15 - 53 Passenger

Daily ridership counts will be up from last year. Need a little more time to see how much. The last two years we have had a low of 290 to a high of 348. Has not been good. Hopefully we can average 425 or better this year for a daily average. Prior to covid, we were averaging around 380 to 425.

Thank you - Bill

Maintenance & Facilities:

Grounds

- Mowing of Football Field and Jahn Field
 - Weekly 5.0 hours
- Mowing of District
 - Weekly 4 hours
 - Light Fertilizer application 1 hour
- Initial Striping of Football Field
 - Initial pin locating, pulling string and painting
 - 10 hours
 - 2 overlays of paint 3 hours
 - Game week painting of lines
 - 1.5 hours each x4 games this month
 - Light fertilizer application 2.0 hours
- Initial Striping of Soccer Field
 - Pulling of string and painting

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- 6 hours
 - 2 overlay of paint 2.5 hours
 - Game week painting of lines at 1.25 hours X4 games this month
- Weed pulling and bark application
 - 2.0 hours
- Tree and shrub trimming
 - 2.0 hours
- High school and Football sprayed for weed and sterilization around the district.
- Sprinkler repair

Class Rooms:

- ❖ Week one and two: Moved chairs, desk and furniture as needed for influx of new students.
- ❖ Adjusted desks as needed.
- ❖ Moved excess furniture items to storage.
 - Potential Surplus:
 - File Cabinets
 - Library chairs
 - Desks
 - Laptop charging carts, minus the charging strips.
- ❖ Carpets cleaned at HS.
- ❖ HS floor stripped and waxed.
- ❖ Windows cleaned.
- ❖ Light fixtures cleaned.
- ❖ Lockers cleaned.
- ❖ Items removed from every room and then it is deep cleaned.
- ❖ Sinks in classrooms, bathrooms, and hallways were cleaned.
- ❖ Painted GS principal and AD office.
- ❖ Dismantled HS Library.
 - Moved chairs to storage.
 - Moved book shelves to storage
 - Some of them are placed in classrooms at the educator's request.
 - Books placed into totes for surplus.
 - Removed Library desk and installed it in MS.
 - In progress: adding two sliding shelves.
 - In progress: adding locks to cabinets.
 - Removed old desk.
 - Removed electrical and CAT line from floor (trip hazard)
 - Removed conduit and electrical outlet and installed external wall outlet box.
 - Work to be completed at a later date.
 - Repair carpet in center, near walls and gaps.

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- Install bookshelf end caps.
- Remove totes of books.
- Wrestling room: Items were cleaned out of storage and placed in the wrestling room. Removed unwanted items.
 - On the wall are items that are up for grabs. If they are not taken they will be tossed out. (Left over items from past educators)
- Removed the remaining TV's from the walls in the district.
- Several classrooms were reorganized and relocated the large white boards, screens and projectors.
- MS boiler and Hot water Heater burner maintenance (1.5 hours each X6).
- Built shelving for preschool shed and added hooks.

District Maintenance

- ❖ District exterior lighting
 - Replaced 10 building/pole light bulbs
 - Replaced ballast and converted one light pole to LED lighting 2.0 hours.
- ❖ Interior Lighting
 - Replaced 5 emergency lighting power packs in Middle School and Grade School (1 hours x5).
 - One more to be done at the 5th grade entrance.
 - Replaced 3 electronic dimming ballast in MS/GS classrooms.
 - Replaced Emergency light ballast in Boys and Girls entrance from the HS gym.
- ❖ Adjusted gates at tennis courts (Week later someone kicked them back out of adjustment).
- ❖ Repaired gate at portables. Gate now closes and can be secured.
- ❖ Repaired wall lights above playground rims.
- ❖ Painted parking lines and curbs in the district.
- ❖ Painted picnic tables at high school.
- ❖ Clean and sanitized ice machines in the district.
- ❖ Three gyms were refinished.
- ❖ Three gyms and locker rooms were deep cleaned.
- ❖ Worked with Halme electrical for added screens and projectors.
- ❖ Apollo Mechanical tuned HS boilers and replaced the gas valve.
- ❖ HS roof valley (Gym hall) replaced by Casey's Roofing.
- ❖ Replaced the leaking fire protection main line in the HS boiler room.
- ❖ Fire extinguisher inspection.
- ❖ Feminine product machines installed in bathrooms/locker rooms in HS. Also installed in the MS bathroom.
- ❖ Bathroom auto flush units replaced (3).

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- ❖ Grade school metal wrap below the gutter was repaired on the west and south side. (4hours).
- ❖ Concrete on the sidewalks was ground down to eliminate trip hazards.
- ❖ Installed a new academic banner line in the HS gym.
- ❖ New nets on GS/MS outside hoops.

Joe Coppersmith & Brian Telford

Athletics:

- o Fall Sports:
 - Teams off to a great start!
 - Hosted a Volleyball tournament 9/3 and it went well. Thanks to the Youth Volleyball Association for their help with the tournament.
 - Fall Sport Turnouts:
 - Cheer- 9
 - HS Girls Soccer- 18
 - HS Football- 26
 - HS Volleyball- 24
 - HS Cross Country- 14
 - JH Volleyball- 19
 - JH Cross Country- 7
 - JH Football- 12
 - WIAA Update:
 - HS Postseason Allocations for FallState Playoffs
 - o Postseason allocations for sports should be out by October 1st- This is the beginning of a new 2-year playoff allocation cycle
 - Air Quality Guidance
 - o The WIAA has adopted and changed new guidelines for air quality index and must follow the department of ecology recommendations for athletics. We have to use airnow.gov for the AQI number.

Respectfully,



Tim Rasmussen
Athletic Director

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SPED:

- Last June our Kid Count was 74. This September count we were at 79. We also have one more student that we know has an IEP, but have not received the paperwork yet. We will be up to 80 soon.
- School Psych update-We get Ashley Klein one day a week from the ESD. We hope to get her full time next year! Additionally, we are getting Jewelle Collins two days a week from Inland Northwest Therapy. She is a school psych intern from EWU and has been doing a great job.
- We have some high needs TK-1 students. We are looking at adding a long term sub for a potential new student that may start in the next couple of weeks.

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