

Citizens' Advisory Committee Notes
November 18, 2019

Board of Director's report: Sue Chapin, board president

- Thanked members for their volunteer work
- Noted process that has started to redo school attendance boundaries
- Discussed continued process for implementing recommendations from the Safety and Security Audit; arming resource officers will be a big discuss, but there is much more to the audit

Superintendent's report: Dr. Shelley Redinger, Superintendent

- Three new school board members will be joining on December 11
- New board members will be invited to join the rotation to attend future CAC meetings
- A lot of building happening; Wilson Elementary being updated; cafeteria added at Lewis and Clark High School; ground has been broken at Shaw and Glover replacement middle schools; so far all projects on-time and on budget
- Sixth grade transition will happen in two shifts – all north side schools first followed by all of the south side; have to be phased due to construction costs and availability of contractors
- Two new north side middle schools will begin the year after Shaw and Glover replacement middle schools
- First two years at Shaw and Glover will be 7th and 8th grade only until two new middle schools are completed
- First movement of 6th graders will happen in the fall of 2023
- Planning principal positions posted for the two new middle schools
- Mead School District levy was not successful and West Valley School District passed; gathering information to learn from those experiences
- Request for a presentation on transportation schedules, behavior, and safety in December

Budget update: Jodi Harmon, Student Services director, and Jill Royston, Secondary Student Assistant Specialist, Vaping/Drug abuse update

- Vaping has become a problem nationwide with 3.6 million youths participating nationally
- Regional Healthy Youth Survey findings:
 - Dramatic increase in past 30-day use from 2016-2018
 - 6th doubled from 2-4%
 - 8th nearly doubled from 8-15%
 - 10th jumped from 15-27%, more than 1 in 4 10th graders have reported vaping in the last 30 days
 - 12th jumped from 29-34%, over a third of seniors have reported vaping in the last 30 days
 - Across all grade levels, our regional students are reporting vaping use at higher rates than the state average
 - 14% of 8th graders who vape didn't know what substance they are vaping
 - Nicotine is the most frequently used substance in vapes, followed by THC, followed by "flavor only"

- Overwhelming majority of students get their vapor products from a social source. Social sources include: giving money to someone, “bumming” from a person 18 or older, and taking from a store or family
 - Spokane County use is an even higher rate; most using as a coping mechanism
- Intervention
 - Online interactive tutorial that adapts information provided to student answers and provides an assessment
 - Partnering with WSU Spokane nursing students to host smoking cessation resources
- Prevention
 - Working with individuals to build relationships and working with public health resources
 - Education for all students and targeted to at-risk groups
- Only beginning to understand the health impacts
- **Next meeting:** December 9