ZUMBROTA-MAZEPPA ISD 2805

January 2019



Building a Bridge to the Future



ZM MESSENGER



Prepares Final Recommendation

In August of last year, a Facility Task Force was formed via public invite to develop a plan to address current and future facility needs for the Zumbrota -Mazeppa School District. After several months of collecting data that came from teachers, demographics, a community survey, and Task Force input, a

final recommendation is being prepared. The final recommendation will come to the school board in the next few weeks and the school board plans to take action for State Review and Comment on a proposal at its February 11 school board meeting.

The Facility Task Force has received a lot of information and created several different options to review, discuss, and narrow down to a final recommendation. The goal was to be comprehensive in our planning and to look at as many options as possible to address short term and long-term district needs. It has been nearly 25 years since the last major renovations to learning spaces took place. Since that time educational trends and student needs have changed significantly creating a reason to develop a comprehensive facility plan. With a low debt service, the school district is sitting in a great position to complete a major project, do it right, and be sensible with taxpayer money. The task force is charged with determining what the right solution is at this point.

One aspect of the work being done by the Task Force is to collect information from the community via a survey. The survey, conducted by the Morris Leatherman Company, is intended to measure community member opinions across different age groups, rural residents, city residents, people with children, people without children, and other variables in order to know how people feel about different building options and tax tolerance for the community. This was probably the first time this type of data has been collected in a long time. The task force plans to use the results in determining its final recommendation. The survey was conducted by phone and collected the responses from 625 residents.

This past week the Task Force reviewed seven different options. Some of you may have heard a few of the options being discussed as task force members were encouraged to have these discussions. The task force group is looking to come up with its final recommendation this week and make a recommendation next week to the School Board.

The timeline for a project proposal is tentatively set to go out to the voters on May 14. Please stay posted--if the school board moves forward with a plan, public meetings and information will be distributed to allow for questions from the public.

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- * DON'T MISS THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EXPO & CHILII-MAC 'N CHEESE COOK-OFF! Catch the details on page 2!
- No School for Students Feb. 17 or 18.
 Early release Feb. 13.

9:00—11:00 A.M. ZMHS GYM 705 MILL ST, ZUMBROTA

2/2/19

4TH ANNUAL STABILIZE ZM FAMILIES
CHILI & MAC 'N CHEESE COOKOFF
10:30 am—12:30 pm
ZM Cafeteria, Zumbrota
\$5 Adults, \$3 Children (ages 2-12)

This free event, for children birth to kindergarten and their families, highlights various family services that are available in the ZM communities. Bring your family and enjoy face painting, balloon art, children's music, bounce house, and craft activities. There will be prize drawings for adults and children!

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and then come to the







Please help support ZM Stabilize Families, a local organization that helps individuals and students in need, as well as sponsoring dental clinics to youth 14 years of age and younger. If you are interested in entering chili or mac 'n cheese, please contact Katie Kennedy at 507-732-7848, ext. 1124 or email her at katiek-sw@zmsch.k12.mn.us. Be a taste-tester and help judge the chili and mac n' cheese dishes. Tickets sold at the door and take-home containers will be available for additional charge. Come and enjoy this family event!!

Dorian Festival Held at Luther College

The 69th Annual Dorian Vocal Festival at Luther College in Decorah, IA was held on January 13 and 14. Four ZM students were selected to attend—Emily Haugen, Kallie Alders, Maddie Banks, and Brynn Karstens. These four students were among the 1,100 juniors and seniors attending this festival. Students came from several different states including South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois. The students rehearsed Sunday and Monday on their mixed, female and male choral pieces with director, Andrew Last, Jennaya Robison, and Mark Potvin. The mixed choir pieces included "Jubilate Deo", "O Love", and "Walk in Jerusalem". Along with the three SATB pieces, the men's chorus sang "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing" and the women's chorus sang "God Will Give Orders/Sweet Child". All of the ZM students were able to attend a concert on Sunday evening in which the St. Michael-Albertville High School Concert Choir

sang. Two all-freshmen Luther College choirs performed that included former ZMHS students', Layla Sjolander and Dalton Ludington. On Monday night, the Festival Grand Concert was held at 7:00 pm. The Luther College Nordic Choir, five selected high school vocalists, the Festival Chamber Choir, and the High School Festival Choir performed at this exciting concert.



FCCLA Competition Held



FCCLA members recently competed in the South East Region and earned the right to compete at the state competition in March. Maren Benson competed in National Programs in Action with a Student Body project focused on taking down tobacco. She is a certified trainer through Tobacco-Free Kids and will be holding training sessions. Ashley Patrin competed in Environmental Ambassador project focusing on improving recycling in our district. She was able to have an additional recycling bin ordered, and has educated 190 students on proper recycling techniques. Ashley will be presenting to the school board at the end of this month. Billie Jean Emeline competed in Focus on Children. She made pillows and donated them to children at the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester to brighten their rooms and spark creativity.

Nursing Subs Needed!!

ZM schools is looking for nurses who would be willing to sub and cover the health offices when the school nurses need to be out of the district. If you are an LPN or RN who might be interested in a subbing position at the school, please contact Tiffany Boraas at 507-732-7848 or tiffanyb@zmsch.k12.mn.us. You will be required to fill out an application and have a background check.





Health Office Notes:

Influenza season has arrived! It is not too late to get your flu vaccine!! Please let the school office staff know if your student is home with an influenza-like-illness (ILI). ILI is defined as a fever of 100.0 degrees or

higher, and cough or sore throat (in absence of a known disease other than influenza). It is important for parents to report symptoms that are keeping students home as we are tracking for state health monitoring.

Guidelines for returning to school: A student should not come to school if they have had a fever of 100 degrees F or more in the past 24 hours: vomiting or diarrhea in the past 24 hours: tested positive for strep (must stay home until 24 hours after antibiotic treatment started): an undiagnosed skin rash. Please help us keep all our students healthy by following these recommendations.

Human Growth and Development: Letters were sent home last

Center for Disease Control Influenza Pilot Project:

The CDC is piloting a project where people can get a free flu test kit and send a nasal swab to a lab for a test if they develop flu-like symptoms. Since most people don't go to the doctor when they get the flu, this is a way to find out if you have it and will also provide more info about what's happening during flu season in Minnesota. To enroll and order a kit go to Minnesota Department of Health 'Flu Near You' website (https://flunearyou.org/#!/minnesota). To get more info and track what's going around where you live, sign up on CDC's website 'Flu Near You' (https://flunearyou.org/#!/).

month with all students 4th – 6th grades regarding upcoming Human Growth and Development classes.

4th grade: 2/11/19 & 2/12/19 5th grade: 2/13/19 6th grade: 2/8/19

The video links are on the ZM school website under Health Services tab if parents would like to view before the classes in February. Contact Tiffany Boraas, LSN with any questions/concerns at 507-732-1420.

January-National Radon Action Month: Over

half of the homes in Goodhue County that have been tested for radon have dangerous levels, compared to 2 in 5 in Minnesota. State health officials say every home should be tested and the best time to test is during the heating season.

Radon is an odorless, radioactive gas that occurs naturally in

soil. It can enter buildings through cracks or openings in walls or foundations. Radon is the leading environmental cause of cancer deaths in the United States and the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. More than 21,000 lung cancer deaths are attributed to radon each year in the

U.S. To see how radon has affected the

lives of cancer patients and their families visit www.CanSar.org. Fortunately, the risk is largely preventable, by testing homes and fixing radon problems.

Testing is easy, inexpensive, and only takes 3-7 days. Goodhue Co. Health & Human Services has test kits available at 426 West Ave., Red Wing. Cost is \$10 which includes lab fees. Test kits can also be purchased from hardware stores, from radon

testing laboratories, or ordered from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) www.health.state.mn.us/radon. Tests should be done in the lowest level of the home that is frequently occupied. A mitigation system should be installed in homes with high levels of radon. A list of certified contractors and information about financial assistance can be found on the MDH website.

While Minnesota law requires all homes built since 2009 have a passive radon system, about 1 in 5 of these newer homes still have radon above the recommended action level. MDH offers continuing education classes to real estate professionals, builders, and child care providers at no cost. Visit the MDH radon website to request a

class or review the course information.

For more information about radon and testing, contact the Minnesota Department of Health Indoor Air Unit at www.health.state.mn.us/radon or call at 651-201-4601 or 1-800-798-9050}. For radon questions, call Goodhue Co. Health & Human Services at 651-385-3200.





School Board Minutes

The school board held the annual organization meeting on January 7. New board members, Amanda Peters and Stephanie Miller, along with re-elected members Jean Roth and Jim Wendt were sworn in. Officers for 2019 are Jean Roth, Chair; Jason Lohmann, Vice-Chair; Angie Bredehoft, Clerk; James Wendt, Treasurer.

The meeting dates for 2019 were set as follows below with the regular school board meetings set for the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 pm with sites alternating between Mazeppa and Zumbrota. The May and December board meetings were moved up one week to avoid conflict with holidays.

Regular Meetings:

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Jan28, 2019 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa Feb 25, 2019 7:00 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota March 25, 2019 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa April 22, 2019 7:00 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota May 20, 2019 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa June 24, 2019 7:00 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota July 22, 2019 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa Aug 26, 2019 7:00 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota Sept 23, 2019 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa Oct 28, 2019 7:00 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota Nov 25, 2019 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa Dec 16, 2019 Follows Tax Hearing ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota

Special Meetings:

Jan 7, 2019 Organization 6:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa

Dec 16, 2019 Tax Hearing/Adoption 6:30 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota

Jan 6, 2020 Organization 6:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa

Work Sessions (board reserves the right to cancel a monthly session if deemed necessary):

Jan 7, 2019 Follows Organization Meeting ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa

Feb 11, 2019 7:00 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota March 11, 2019 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa April 8, 2019 7:00 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota May 13, 2019 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa June 10, 2019 7:00 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota Aug 12, 2019 7:00 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota Sept 9, 2019 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa Oct 14, 2019 7:00 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota Nov 12, 2019 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa (note date change due to Veterans Day) Dec 9, 2019 7:00 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota

The bill review schedule was set as follows:

Jan/July Mr. Lohmann Feb/Aug Mr. Wendt
March/Sept Ms. Miller April/Oct Ms. Peters
May/Nov Ms. Roth June/Dec Ms. Bredehoft

The official district bulletin boards for the district were set at the Superintendent's Office, ZMHS Main Door on Main Street, and ZMPS Main Door on Mill Street. The Bank of Zumbrota was designated the general depository and investment sites included the First State Bank of Red Wing at Mazeppa, Bank of Zumbrota, Liquid Assets, and Edward Jones at Zumbrota. Diane Matthees and Carol Glander were authorized to make electronic transfers in 2019 and Diane Matthees was authorized to sign for stop payment and revoked documents for the school district.

The superintendent, board chair, and board treasurer were authorized to invest surplus funds and the superintendent and board treasurer were granted access to the bank safe deposit box #503 in the downtown Bank of Zumbrota building. The law offices of Rockne Law, Zumbrota; Ratwik, Roszak, & Maloney P.A.; and Dunlap & Seeger, P.A. were designated as the official legal firms for the school district and the superintendent and board chair authorized to contact them. The News Record was designated the official school newspaper. The superintendent was designated as the Identified Official with Authority to authorized user access to the Minnesota Department of Education secure websites. The superintendent was also authorized to enter into contracts and approve payments on behalf of the district. The Mayo Clinic Health Systems—Zumbrota Clinic, and the Goodhue/Wabasha Health Service was designated as the general school clinics.

Board director compensation for 2019 was set at \$2,500 per diem for 2019. A \$15 per hour rate was set for board members to attend meetings on legal issues and negotiations during the workday. The chair will receive a \$300 per year per diem with no per diem set for the clerk or treasurer. Board members who are negotiators will receive \$30 per session. Meal and lodging allowance for attending workshops and conferences was set at \$12 for breakfast, \$15 for lunch, and \$22 for dinner. The 2019 federal mileage rate will be used.

The following board member committee appointments were set:

Attendance/Discipline (1)
Board Policy Manual (2)
Buildings/Grounds - all areas (3)

Community Education Board (2) District Advisory Committee (3)

GCED Joint Powers (1) Legislative Com/Net (1) Ms. Miller, Mr. Wendt, Alt. Ms. Roth, Ms. Peters

Mr. Lohmann, Mr. Wendt,

Ms. Bredehoft

Ms. Roth, Ms. Miller

Ms. Roth, Ms. Bredehoft,

Mr. Lohmann

Mr. Wendt, Ms. Roth, Alt.

Ms. Roth, Ms. Peters, Alt.

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First grader, Sydney Frederixon, won the Martin Luther King contest on gender equality this year. Her poster showed that boys and girls can both play—as she said: ""Boys and girls can both play sports. Look we tied!"

TAKE NOTE.....

Give Kids a Smile Program:

- Free dental care for kids in need ages 5-12
- Midwest Dental, 350 22nd St,
 Zumbrota
- Fri., Feb. 1 from 1:00-4:00 pm.
- Includes free exams, x-rays, cleanings, fillings, fluoride treatments.
- Call 507-732-5346 for appointment

Time to Order Your Yearbook is Now!

- 7-8 Grade Yearbook's cost is \$15 + tax
- Order forms available in the office or from Mrs. Prodzinski

- Must order by Feb. 28 online at jostensyearbooks.com or through Mrs. Prodzinski
- 9-12 Yearbook can be ordered until March 15 for \$55 + tax.
 After March 15, the cost is \$60. Order online at jostensyearbooks.com or see Mrs.
 Prodzinski

A Joyous Way to Learn Workshop

- Sat., Feb. 9, 9:00 am- 12:00 pm
- Zumbrota Public Library
- With award-winning musician and educator, Jim Gill
- Register in advance by emailing agustafson@selco.info
- No charge for this workshop!

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Meet & Confer (3)

Ms. Roth, Ms. Peters,
Ms. Bredehoft, Alt.

Negotiations (3) Mr. Lohmann, Ms. Bredehoft,

Mr. Wendt

MSHSL/Extracurricular (2) Ms. Bredehoft, Ms. Miller

Technology (2) Ms. Peters, Ms. Roth

Voc Advisor-School to Work (3) Mr. Lohmann, Mr. Wendt,

Ms. Roth

WETC Joint Powers (2) Ms. Bredehoft, Ms. Roth,

Ms. Miller, Alt.

Education Foundation (2) Mr. Wendt, Ms. Peters,

Ms. Roth, Alt.

Budget Committee (2) Ms. Bredehoft, Mr. Lohmann

to School resolution. The following policies were presented for review and approval at the January 28 regular board meeting: #101 Legal Status of the School District; #201 Legal Status of the School Board; #203.5 School Board Meeting Agenda; #206 Public Participation/Complaints about Persons/Data Privacy Considerations at School Board Meetings; #208 Development/ Adoption/Implementation of Policies; #209 Code of Ethics; #212 Board Member Development; #203 Operation of the School Board—Governing Rules; #203.1 School Board Procedures; Rules of Order; #203.2 Order of the Regular School Board Meeting; and deletion of the current #203 Methods of Operation policy.

ble for review and the board approved a modified Safe Routes

Ehlers representatives gave a presentation on the finance tools and schedules for the facilities updates and Nexus Solutions representatives gave the board a presentation on the facilities project, along with discussion on the information presented.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

The board adopted the school board preamble as presented. The MSBA winter conference details were discussed and the organization meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. by Chair Roth.

Immediately following the organization meeting, a board work session was held. The 2018-20 custodial agreement was availa-

A House for My Pet



The preschoolers studied pets to start their animal unit. They looked at what pets need, how they can best care for them, and then worked in partners to create a home for a pet using various building materials. Each team had fun creating special aspects to their pet's home like sliding doors, special rooms, and an area for playing!







Zumbrota-Mazeppa families—Remember Jump Rope for Heart? This year it is has been totally re-imagined and is better than ever! ZM Primary students will be focusing on healthy and happy hearts in their Physical Education classes with Mrs. Krause through the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge.

This program emphasizes physical and emotional well-being as well as how nutrition and being active can help us live longer, healthier lives. Kids Heart Challenge will allow our K-2 kids to build self-confidence, practice leadership skills, project positive self-esteem and show kindness toward others! In the past 3 years, our K-2 kids have raised \$26,768 to help protect and improve children's health, educate children and raise awareness to our

communities about heart and whole body wellness. This year's goal is to raise \$7,000 to help others and raise awareness about everyone's most important muscle. Use the link below to sign your K-2 child up. Even if you aren't able to donate/raise funds, you can still participate as a family using the resources on the website to find healthy eating and exercising tips!

We hope you'll join us in our 4th year of heart healthy activity and community service/support! Kick-Off Date (info packets go home to families): January 28, 2019 Packets Due to Classroom Teachers: February 20 & 21, 2019. Event Date: February 20 & 21, 2019.

ZM Kids Heart Challenge Website: http://www2.heart.org/goto/zmpr

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The regular monthly School Board meeting was held on January 28 at the ZMES Media Center in Mazeppa. Robotics coaches, Luke and Melissa Mulder, along with two robotics students, were in attendance to present on this year's robotics program.

Mr. Anderson reported for the middle/high school. Snow Week festivities are being planned for mid-February and FFA recognition week will be in late February. Lana Yeakel was named one of four female sub-section Triple A winners. Mr. Rasmussen reported for the primary/elementary school. The benchmark testing has been completed in FAST-bridge and a data day is scheduled to review the results. Ms. Ahern reported on special education, noting that adaptive bowling will again be offered this year and that two additional co-teaching classes have been added for students. Targeted services runs each Tuesday and Thursday after school for grades 2-8. Mr. Harvey reported January's enrollment at 1,195, up three students from December. The treasurer's report to the board was available for review. Mr. Harvey gave a building update and noted there will be quite a few meetings coming up in preparation for a decision on the facilities project.

Old Business: The 2018-20 custodial contract was approved as presented. A building update was given and the following district policies were approved as presented:

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PERTINENT DATES

- 2/4 Facility Task Force
 Meeting, 6:00-9:00 pm, ZMES
 Media Center, Mazeppa
- 2/7 Gr 5 & 6 Band/Choir
 Concert, 7:00 pm, ZMES Gym,
 Mazeppa
- 2/11 School Board Work
 Session, 7:00 pm, ZMMS/HS
 Media Center, Zumbrota
- 2/15 No School/Teacher Flex Day
- 2/18 No School/Holiday
- 2/21 & 22 Early Childhood Screening
- 2/25 School Board Meeting,
 7:00 p.m., ZMMS/HS Media
 Center, Zumbrota
- 2/26 Gr 4 Concert, 7:00 pm,
 ZMES Gym, Mazeppa

GYMNASTIC TRUE TEAM MEET

The PIZM Gymnastics team has qualified for True Team for the third straight year. They competed on January 26 in Detroit Lakes with PIZM placing in the top ten. The true team meet is comprised of the top ten teams in class A by scoring average and the meet location is assigned on a two year commitment to schools that volunteer to host. Competing teams included Big Lake, Melrose, Perham, Sartell-St Stephen, Willmar, Detroit Lakes, Monticello, Pine Island/Zumbrota-Mazeppa, Watertown/Mound-Westonka and Worthington. This is the third year in a row that PIZM has qualified for the meet.

STUDENT SERVICE MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Over the past semester fifty-two students in grades 9-12 completed nearly 2000 hours of service in school and the community. The students completed regular service in classrooms throughout the district as part of the Youth Service program. Each student was placed with a teacher and completed a range of activities aimed at aiding the teacher and students within the classes. Activities included organizational tasks, student mentoring/tutoring, technology assistance, custodial tasks, and many others. Many students also donated multiple hours of service to individuals and organizations with the communities of Zumbrota and Mazeppa over the past few months. It is nearly impossible to measure the overall impact the service of these young men and women has had and will continue to have on the school, the community, and especially themselves. Even more service is set to take place 2nd semester, as a new crew (with some returners) of Youth Service students takes the helm.

School Board Minutes, continued from page 6

#101 Legal Status of the School District, #210 Legal Status of the School Board, #203 Operation of the School Board—Governing Rules, #203.1 School Board Procedures; Rules of Order, #203.2 Order of the Regular School Board Meeting, #203.5 School Board Meeting Agenda, #206 Public Participation/Complaints about Persons/Data Privacy Considerations at School Board Meetings, #208 Development/Adoption/Implementation of Policies, #209 Code of Ethics, and #212 Board Member Development.

New Business: The consent agenda, including approval of minutes and payment of bills was approved. New hires included Erin Huneke, childcare coordinator; Marianne Warweg, lead teacher; Jordan Thompson, Title I paraprofessional in the primary school; Erik Myran, primary school long-term substitute social skills instructor beginning January 21, 2019; and Shannon Larson, high school long-term substitute beginning March 15, 2019. The resignation of Michele Hatleli, childcare coordinator, was approved as of January 22, 2019. A lane change was approved for Molly Grover from BS+20 to MA.

Soccer and golf agreements with Pine Island School were reviewed with possible approval at the February 25 meeting. A proposed paraprofessional and custodial substitute rate was presented which would become effective March 1, 2019 if approved at the February meeting. The rate would be step 1 of the current paraprofessional or custodial agreement with special

education drivers paid at \$1.00 above the Step 12 level of the paraprofessional agreement.

Minutes were available from the Wasioja Education Technology Cooperative, Southeast Service Cooperative, and the Goodhue County Education District. There were no additional board comments.

Pertinent Dates:

- 1/29 Special School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota with Facility Task Force Meeting to follow.
- 2/4 Facility Task Force Meeting, 7:00 pm, ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota
- 2/7 Gr 5 & 6 Band/Choir Concert, 7:00 pm, ZMES Gym, Mazeppa
- 2/11 School Board Work Session, 7:00 pm, ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota
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The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



TOY SHOW PHOTOS





A large group attended the annual FFA Toy show January 6. From the setup to the take down, this is a big project. Special thanks to the FFA students who set up and worked the show and to all the exhibitors who made it possible.

Building Bridges to the Future



Making ice cream in physical science—YUM!



Learning about electricity in high school science



Making fajitas in Community Ed Cooking Class



PBIS Reward Day—Camping! Bring your flashlight, book, blanket, and read!!



Grade 2 used the 2-D Shapes Breakout Box to learn about communication, critical thinking, collaboration, creativity and perseverance.



Gr 6 students built roller coasters in STEAM to study motion & energy.