



Second Graders are hard at work planning and creating items on the 3D Printers. On this day they were spreading holiday cheer to the office staff!

Ms. Prodzinski's TV Production Class

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WHAT'S COMING UP?
DECEMBER 25-JANUARY 1— WINTER BREAK
JANUARY 2—SCHOOL RESUMES
JANUARY 8—ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 6:00PM
JANUARY 10—EARLY RELEASE
JANUARY 15—NO SCHOOL/HOLIDAY
JANUARY 19—END OF 2ND QUARTER
JANUARY 22—NO SCHOOL/TEACHER WORK DAY

Mr. Smith with students from his REACH Class at Roca!



The Zumbrota Mazeppa School Board met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday November 27th at 7:00 PM.

Member's Present: Angie Bredehoft, Jason Lohmann, Jean Roth, Stephanie Miller, Travis Liffri and Jake Rude.

Also Present: Mr. Barnick, Mr. Rasmussen, Mr. Stapleton, Ms. Ahern, Mr. Schumacher, Mr. Brown, Scott Marine and Board Clerk Secretary Amber Rasmussen.

Angie Bredehoft called the meeting to order at 7PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There was no recognition.

Jason Lohmann motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

There was no communication.

Mr. Jake Smith along with 3 students spoke with school board members about their recent trip to Fort Meyers Florida for Habitat for Humanity. A total of 5 ZM, 1 Goodhue and 1 Red Wing students participated in the trip. The students worked with many great people and got to experience a variety of things. They worked on 3 separate houses. Mr. Smith mentioned that funding is running out for this trip and he hopes that it will continue.

Reports:

Mr. Stapleton went over the results of the homecoming survey he sent out to students. 210 students responded to the survey, the biggest change students would like to see is to have coronation held during the school day. ZM ACT Scores are higher than the state average. Chelsie Lochner has been busy with College and Career Readiness and has more trips planned for interested students. 7-12 practiced reunification. Students also visited Zumbrota Ford to talk about personal finance.

Mr. Rasmussen reports that Ms. Wallerich's coding league has placed 2nd in the nation so far. One

group advanced to community voting. The Veterans program was a success. Fall conferences had 98% attendance. 6th graders will have their annual kindness retreat on December 15th. 3rd graders decorated a plow in Mazeppa. Elementary students also practiced reunification.

Ms. Ahern reports that Primary conferences were also well attended. The book fair raised almost \$7000 in sales, 50% percent of those sales goes back to purchase books for the school, she thanked Courtney Hammes for putting this together. The PTA Group is getting reestablished. 1st grade will be having the "Holiday Bedtime Endeavor" again this year consisting of collection pajamas, night time supplies and books. 2nd grade will collect toilet paper for local food shelters. The ZM Nurses hosted a student/staff/community flu clinic on November 9th.

Mr. Brown gave a fall sports update. Cross Country, Football, Boys Soccer Girls Soccer and Volleyball all had successful seasons. Mr. Brown went over the results of a student/parent survey focusing on how well ZM Sports are meeting the mission, goals and objectives as outlined in the Activities Handbook. The overall feedback was valuable: areas of strength include leadership development, relationships between coaches and players and student development. Areas of focus included communication and transportation with our Co-op programs and the practice field conditions. Shot clocks were installed in both Mazeppa and Zumbrota Gyms which are now required for all JV/V boys and girls basketball games. New padding has been installed in both gyms as well. Batting cages went up in the auxiliary gym which was part of the overall renovation and opens up space for Spring sports. Mr. Brown has updated the Activities website making it much more user friendly.

Scott Marine gave a business update. Revenues are currently ahead 3.06M ahead of FY 23 pace because of early payments made in FY24. Expenses are 3.3M behind FY23 pace primarily because of less CARES Funding and FY23 Capital Outlay expenditures.

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Mr. Barnick reports that enrollment numbers look good. He went over the Mill Street update which will be starting in May and should be done prior to school starting in September 2024. He continues to work with Nexus on some final completion items. Mr. Barnick thanked the Newsrecord for including so many stories from ZM Schools. Mr. Barnick congratulated all the Fall Sports Teams on their accomplishments.

There was no patron input.

Old Business:

1. Policy Review. Jason Lohmann motioned to accept the following policies as presented: 212 School Board Member Development, 214 Out of State Travel, 230 Board of Election, 516 Student Medication, 516.B Essential Oil and Aromatherapy and 518 DNR. Jean Roth seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Stephanie Miller motioned to approve the 2023-2024 Teacher and Non-Certified Seniority Lists as presented. Jason Lohmann seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Jason Lohmann motioned to approve the World's Best Workforce as presented. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Jake Rude motioned to adopt the consent agenda along with the payment of bills. Jason Lohmann seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Angie Bredeheft mentioned the donation and thanked them for their generosity.

2. Approve Minute: 10-23-2023 and 11-13-2023
3. Approval of Hires; John Yusten, Long Term Su
4. Approval of Resignations: Tiffany Clemenson, Paraprofessional, effective 12-15-2023
5. Approval of Childcare Leave: Nikkole Flaaen, February 2024 - 9 weeks and Ashley Bauer, April 2024-May 31, 2024
6. Approval of Donations: Zumbrota Community Trust: \$1000 - Robotics, \$1000 - School Readiness and \$1000 - Youth Development, Zumbrota Lions Club: \$316 - Snack Cart, In Memory of Marilyn O'Brian-Gary & Kathy O'Connor \$50-Community Room, Marilin & Dennis O'Brian \$25-Community Room and Kay and Mark Spavin \$20-Community Room
7. Approval of Bill Consideration: November - Jake Rude and December - Jean Roth

2. Stephanie Miller motioned to approve the BCBS rates for 2024. On average rates went up by 8.4%. Jean Roth seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Mr. Barnick reviewed the time schedule for the strategic plan with Nexus. The strategic plan will be completed by the end of May. Jean Roth motioned to approve the Nexus strategic plan. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Board Comments:



1. Jason Lohmann thanked all the presenters this evening. He thanked them for doing a fantastic job.

Angie Bredehoft adjourned the meeting at 8:09PM.

Stephanie Miller, Clerk

Zumbrota - Mazeppa Staff Spotlight

"Mr. Johnson is a teacher that prioritizes building meaningful relationships with students and creating engaging lessons. As a result, students not only greatly enjoy his classes, but also highly respect Mr. Johnson. Thank you, Joel, for making students the focus of your teaching!"



Joel Johnson
Middle School Science Teacher



**ZUMBROTA - MAZEPPA
MIDDLE SCHOOL**



First Grade has completed their Holiday Bedtime Endeavor! Items included are books(81), boys pajamas(37), girls pajamas(33), toothbrushes(199), toothpaste(49), and cash donations (to purchase additional items). These donations help support the Wabasha and Goodhue Counties! Thank you to Park Dental and Midwest Dental for their donations along with all of the First Grade Families!



Visitors today from Knobelsdorff Enterprises!

Thank you to reading to our kindergarteners - they absolutely loved it! Each kindergartener received a copy of the book to take home. What an exciting day!



News from the School Nurse:

The health offices continue to be busy with over 3,000 visits so far this school year. Please review infinite campus information to make sure emergency contact information is up to date so that we can get ahold of you when your child is not feeling well.

Respiratory illness season arrived in MN. Illnesses include but are not limited to influenza, RSV and COVID. It is not too late to get the flu vaccine! Vaccination helps prevent the severe outcomes of influenza.

What are the symptoms of Influenza?

Fever of 100 degrees or higher with a cough and/or sore throat.

May also have fatigue, headache and body aches.

Check out the Influenza screening tool for parents:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/flu/school/parentscreens.pdf>

RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus)

We are also seeing RSV cases in school age children.

RSV causes infections of the lungs and respiratory tract. RSV symptoms are mild and typically mimic the common cold. Most people who get an RSV infection will have mild illness and will recover in a week or two. We typically see this virus in children under the age of 2. We are seeing it this year in older children and adults, and we are seeing it much earlier in the season than we usually do.

Some people are more likely to develop severe RSV infection and may need to be hospitalized. Examples of severe infections include bronchiolitis (an inflammation of the small airways in the lung) and pneumonia. RSV can also make chronic health problems worse. For example, people with asthma may experience asthma attacks as a result of RSV infection, and people with congestive heart failure may experience more severe symptoms triggered by RSV.

Older children with mild cases of RSV can be treated at home with over-the-counter fever-reducing medications and by drinking plenty of fluids.

If your child is struggling to breathe, wheezing or dehydrated, it's time to see a health care provider, as those are signs of more serious cases.

No Cost At Home COVID-19 Saliva Testing for all Minnesotans:

Every home in Minnesota is eligible to order up to 8 rapid at-home COVID-19 tests for free, while supplies last. You can order tests once per month, even if you have ordered tests in the past. Remember to check the expiration date on your test kit before using it and do not use tests that are expired.

Note: Some tests have been granted extensions on their expiration dates, so you may be able to use it for longer than it says on the box.

The tests available for order:

- Are rapid antigen at-home tests, not PCR
- Can be taken anywhere
- Give results within 15 minutes (no lab drop-off required)
- Work whether or not you have COVID-19 symptoms
- Work whether or not you are up to date on your COVID-19 vaccines
- Are also referred to as self-tests or over-the-counter (OTC) tests

You may order a test here: [Home - Say Yes! To Covid Test \(sayyeshometest.org\)](https://www.sayyeshometest.org)

When to Keep Your Child Home:

- A fever of 100 degrees or more, stay at home until 24 hours after the temperature has returned to normal (**without the use of a fever-reducing medication.**)
- Diarrhea or vomiting, stay home until symptom free for 24 hours.

If you are keeping your child home because they are ill, please call/email the school to report specific symptoms and/or diagnosis. We are tracking illnesses and need up accurate information.

Human Growth and Development Classes:

The school nurse will be working with the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade teachers to complete the Human Growth and Development Classes. These classes will be held in February. A letter will be coming home to parents in January. Please call Tiffany Boraas, LSN at 507-732-1420 or email tiffanyb@zmsch.k12.mn.us with any questions or concerns.