



**Above:** Palmer Ridge 4A state champion cross country team with Coach Rob Collins. *Photo by Harriet Halbig.*

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**Above:** Palmer Ridge (district team under Palmer Ridge colors) state champion field hockey team with Coach Paul Lewis. *Photo by Harriet Halbig.*



**Above:** Lewis-Palmer 4A state champion volleyball team with Coach Wade Baxter. *Photo by Harriet Halbig.*

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contact with churches, homeowners associations, and such local organizations as the Kiwanis and the Tri-Lakes Women's Club. Students also participated in fundraisers for Tri-Lakes Cares and other groups.

She said that newspaper articles in the *Tribune* and *Our Community News* profiled district employees. Board Vice President Tiffney Upchurch asked whether individuals could nominate subjects for these profiles, and Stephen said yes.

Director Mark Pfoff commented that district advertising pays for itself through increased enrollment and the state revenue that results from that increase.

Treasurer Chris Taylor asked whether the district is pro-growth. Stephen responded that the district needs to respond to the needs of the community and the community is growing.

Superintendent Karen Brofft commented that people are moving to the area, and the district wants them to know there are good opportunities here for their children.

Secretary Sarah Sampayo said the district is entering the open enrollment period. She said that perhaps the district should not be investing advertising dollars in increasing enrollment when the schools are nearing capacity. Brofft responded that the board will need to discuss what types of promotion it prefers.

Stephen said that she has concentrated more on positive stories than on recruitment recently.

#### Policy discussion

The board discussed the first reading of policy JICCD regarding violent and aggressive behavior, edited to include wording requiring that parents whose students have been subjected to an act of violence will be notified by school administrators within a reasonable period.

Policy JECC regards the assignment of students to schools and explains the process of submitting a written request to attend a school other than that in a

student's neighborhood. The district establishes maximum enrollment figures for each location.

The board approved policy JLCD, which involves administration of medication on district property. At a previous meeting, the board suggested adding wording to require that the necessary forms be renewed and submitted at the beginning of each school year.

#### Superintendent update

Brofft commented that there are a number of examples of the students in the district giving back to the community, such as the Harvest of Love drive to benefit Tri-Lakes Cares that raised \$4,000. Many families were adopted by schools and the administration building to provide gifts for children in need.

Three district schools were awarded the James Irwin School of Excellence Award this year. They are Prairie Winds Elementary, Kilmer Elementary, and Lewis-Palmer High School. This award acknowledges academic achievement and growth in English, math, and science.

Brofft said that the district is working on the contract with Monument Academy and the academy's recent audit.

Brofft said National Signing Day in February is not a big deal, but that she would speak with the athletic directors about acknowledging students who signed with colleges on the basis of participation in club sports, not just school sports.

District officials are working on alignment of graduation requirements to include work-based learning. There is also discussion of a curriculum in social media.

Assistant Superintendent Cheryl Wangeman said that she has met with the Monument Academy financial staff to discuss cash flow, grants, and other concerns.

Wangeman also mentioned the D-38 Deliberates program and that 20 members of the staff and several