



Above: The Lewis-Palmer High School poms dance team was recognized as having the highest combined grade point average of any team in its division by the Colorado High School Activities Association. The girls' average GPA is 3.6. Lewis-Palmer High School Poms Dance Team includes, left to right in the front row, Morgan Dougan, Ashley Cherry, Lindsey Purdham,, Abegail Beatty, Madelyn Trujillo, Catherine Witt. In the back row, left to right, are Erika Peterson, Raevyn Quezado, Kayla Jeffery, Devynn Ritchie, Emma Clothier, Laura Nolt, and Coach Marlene Beatty. *Photo by Harriet Halbig.*

A few of the conclusions she drew were

- When people want information, they ask each other. People generally feel well informed about decisions.
- Respondents are dissatisfied with searchability of district websites. They prefer Infinite Campus to School Fusion.
- About half of the respondents use online calendars and half read newspapers. Most use social media.

Recommendations include

- Establish standards for teacher use of School Fusion
- Create a function to allow users to select a school and types of activities on which they wish to be updated
- Remove outdated material from L-Pedia
- Build a master calendar

which can be printed by users. Add the ability to determine the types of activities which appear on the calendar.

- Post district and event news in social media. Elicit a response from these postings to determine how many individuals are reading it.
- Use print with care. Print should reinforce online information.
- Pitch news stories about district events to newspapers.
- Use only television for broadcast.

Contract for Reading Support Program discussed

Prairie Winds Elementary School Principal Aileen Finnegan explained a results learning program being considered for elementary school students with significant reading disabilities.

She said that there is state funding for such support but



Above (Left to right) Mariah Evans, Alexa Smith, and Coach Susan Odenbaugh of the championship Lewis-Palmer High School Womens Volleyball Team. *Photo by Harriet Halbig.*

restrictions on ways in which it may be used. The Hill Springs School in Colorado Springs and the Colorado Literacy Center also offer tutoring. The Take Flight program has been judged too expensive, although limited success was seen last year.

Finnegan said that Results Learning will partner with the district's child care program (Kids Adventures) to provide tutoring after school hours using programs approved by the Colorado Department of Education. This program would include 60 students for one to two hours, three days a week. The students will have free access to child care before and after the tutoring. Funding will be provided by the state.

This action requires board support.

Finnegan stressed that the students are not those who would necessarily otherwise be in child care, but those who need the help. She said the program would involve a ten week commitment. A small registration fee will be administered to

ensure commitment.

The Board approved the proposal as part of its consent agenda.

Budget Update

Assistant Superintendent Cheryl Wangeman reported that there may be 700 homes built in the next few years, which could significantly change the demographics of the district.

She also reported that possible BEST grants are being considered to assist with maintenance of district facilities and to remain in alignment with state requirements.

A soft boundary between Lewis Palmer Elementary School and Bear Creek Elementary is under consideration.

Wangeman said that last year's out ow of students to District 20 was a

decrease from the previous year, which the in ow from Douglas County increased by 50.

Wangeman further reported that the district includes 163 students fewer than projected while preparing the budget. The governor's proposed budget is still being analyzed as the legislature considers his proposal for

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