

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Over the last few months, I have had the opportunity to spend a considerable amount of time in the district by attending all of the Board of Education Meetings, attending school, and my boys are currently involved in community activities. The last few months have given me the opportunity to meet a lot of people and what I have learned is that there is GREAT staff, students, administrators, and community members in place.

I continue to be amazed by the community's aggressive, pro-active approach to the betterment of their community and school district. In my observations, the people of Central City want the best for the community and for the students of this district. Students deserve to be provided the very best education and educational opportunities and that is what this district will strive to do.

The culture of the district has been discussed on multiple occasions. A need to raise our expectations for our students exists while developing a collaborative effort with students, parents, staff, and community. Students desire expectations to be placed on them and together, we will work to create student and staff accountabilities that will raise the expectations for students and the entire district. In addition to raising expectations, our district will work to recognize and appreciate the efforts, performances, and accomplishments of our students and staff. Students and staff need to be valued and take ownership in the overall betterment of the district.

On June 10th, the Board of Education met in a work session to discuss operating principles, communication, district values, and planning for the future of this district. The Board of Education has been great to work with and they have a sincere, genuine, and invested interest in the students of this district. What happens in the Board Room does impact students and student learning and at the conclusion of every meeting they will be asked, "how did we positively impact students tonight/today?" The Board Room has been an exhilarating and positive room of progress to be around.

This has been a long transition and as this transition draws to a close and July 1st arrives, I would like to personally thank John McLane for his work with the district this past year. Mr. McLane has been an excellent resource and an excellent individual for this district. Currently, the district is in a better place than when he arrived.

I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to be a part of this community and school district. Providing a quality education to students takes a lot of hard work and dedication from students, parents, staff, administration, and community and providing a quality education should never be taken for granted. Students are the reason why school districts exist and as we prepare for the upcoming school year, we must make a commitment to making all decisions with students in mind. With great excitement, I look forward to being a part of the "Bison Family."

Go Bison!!!!