



Building a Bridge to the Future



ZM MESSENGER

Zumbrota-Mazeppa took the Polar Plunge on a snowy March day! Students and Staff raised over \$11,000!



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5th Grade Phy-Ed



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The School Board met for their monthly work session on March 8th, 2021. Items for discussion included:

1. The following policies were available for board review and adoption at the March 22nd meeting.
 - #402 Disability and Non-Discrimination
 - #406 Public and Private Personnel Data
 - #412 Expense Reimbursement
 - #418 Drug Fee Workplace—Drug Free School
 - #427 Workload Limits for Certain SPED Teachers
2. Last Day of School: The last day of school will be moved from May 21st to May 19th. This will allow time for staff to move out of their classrooms to accommodate construction scheduled to start on May 2th
3. Memorial Bench. This is for a student who passed away last Summer, Trace Olson, parents of classmates have fund raised for a bench that will be placed on the Mazepa School site.
4. District Equity Coordinator: Mr. Harvey discussed the need for an Equity Coordinator. The purpose of this position is to support student learning and achievement. This will be brought to the next board meeting for discussion.
5. Covid 19 Update: Mr. Harvey reported numbers are looking good! Talked about outside groups using the school again if they follow Covid 19 protocol
6. Construction Update: There is 3.3 million budget surplus, it is a combination of two phases of the project being under budget, investment earnings on bonds, and a low change order/contingency rate during the project. Nexus Solutions has done an excellent job of securing multiple bids on work scopes and implemented thorough upfront design reducing costly change orders. The bid coverage combined with the district directly bidding work scopes for the project has allowed the district to retain the saving. This process is a little more work for the district up front but did save a lot of money. These savings will allow us to add more classrooms and new roofs in a fourth phase of construction.
7. 2021-2022 Personnel discussion.



WE MADE IT—100 DAYS!

Primary students celebrated 100 days in February with a variety of fun projects. To the left is what one kindergarten student thinks she will look like at 100 years of age and to the right, students are stringing 100 fruit loops to get an idea of how much is in 100. Below, Mrs. Boyum's class made 100 days hats. It was a lively, fun day for all!





Congratulations to the PI/ZM Gymnastic Team!
Good Luck at State!



Kick Team



Jazz Team

ZM Dance Team Went to State in both Jazz and Kick!
Congratulations!



Congratulations Zumbrota-Mazeppa Wrestling!
Conference Champs-Section Champs-State Qualifiers!



ZM Schools is offering free breakfast and lunch for children ages 0-18 through a state waiver program. This program is similar to the Grab 'n Go meal program that ran this past summer. The waiver for the free meal program will only be in effect until December 31, 2020 or earlier if funds are exhausted. Meals are free to any child age

0-18. ZM requests that the distance learners (NOT the hybrid students) also use this form for ordering meals. (Students currently in school, including hybrid students, are already covered under the free meal program explained in the article above).

To order breakfast and lunch for the week, parents/guardians should complete and submit the form each **Monday by 8:00 a.m.** Meals will be available for pick up by an adult or child/student between 1:30-2:00 p.m. each Wednesday at Door 1 in Mazeppa or the Primary School Door in Zumbrota. It is important that the meals are picked up promptly between the required time frame. Questions? Call 507-732-1400.

Note that the parent/guardian needs to submit a new order form each Monday to ensure an accurate count for Wednesday pick up. **The form is available on the school website (www.zmschools.us) under the "What's Happening".**

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School Board Meeting Minutes:

The School board held their regular monthly meeting on Monday March 22 beginning at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Anderson reported that it has been a busy March at the MS/HS. The mobile Polar Plunge was a success. Students and Staff raised \$12,213 for Special Olympics. MCA Testing will take place April 8 - 16. ACT Testing will be held March 31st. The 7-12 Grade Master Schedule is complete for the 21-22 school year.

Mr. Rasmussen reported that Conference attendance was at 98% via Zoom. They are working on a survey to send to families to see what they liked about the changes that were made to this school year due to Covid 19. Elementary Building Project meetings have started. Mr. Rasmussen thanked staff and students for adjusting to the constant change this year has brought.

Ms. Ahern reported that the Primary also had 98% attendance for conferences via Zoom. Kindergarten, SPED and 2nd Grade are in their new classrooms. She said staff are very grateful for the new building. Adaptive bowling has started. There are six students participating and one student manager. They are beginning to talk about ESY and how that will look this year.

Mr. Harvey reported that enrollment was currently 1273.

Old Business:

The board discussed the District Equity Coordinator position. There was some discussion about the name of the position. They will move forward with this.

Mr. Harvey also gave an update on Covid 19. Many staff are through the second round of vaccinations. All students are back in the building. He thanked Nurse Tiffany Boraas and the other nurses for all they have done this year.

The following policies were approved as presented:

1. #402 Disability Non-discrimination
2. #406 Public and Private Personnel Data
3. #412 Expense Reimbursement
4. #418 Drug-Free Workplace-Drug-Free School
5. #50 Caseload Size in Special Education

The consent agenda, including payment of bills was approved as follows:

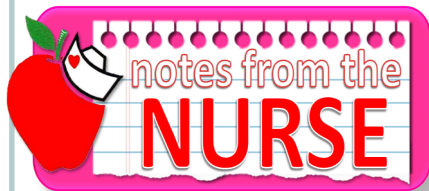
1. Approval of Minutes: 2/22/2021 regular meeting and 3/8/2021 work session
2. Approval of Hires
 - Karl Jacobsen, ALP Teacher, beginning in the 2021-22 School Year
 - Val Swentik, Long-term Substitute Teacher for High School Language Arts, 3/25/2021-5/26/2021
 - Ellen Hinck, MS/HS Language Arts, beginning in the 2021-2022 School Year
 - Kara Cordes, Head Girls Golf Coach, beginning in the 2020-21 Season
3. Approval of Resignations
 - Abby Purmal, Primary Teacher, effective end of 2020-2021 School Year
4. Approval of Retirement
 - Pamela Potter-Langley, Elementary Counselor, effective end of 2020-2021 School Year
5. Approval of Tenure
6. Approval of Reassignment
 - Mark Moran from Head Golf Coach to Head Boys Golf Coach, beginning in the 2020-21 School Year
6. Approval of Childcare Leave
 - Megan Ferguson, August 2021 - November 29th, 2021
7. Approval of Terminations
8. Approval of Fundraisers
9. Approval of Donations
10. Approval of Grants
11. Approval of Lane Changes
12. Approval of Bill Consideration: Ms. Miller-March reviewer/Ms. Peters-April reviewer

2021-2022 Construction House. Mr. Roth is looking at mid to late August to start the foundation. He would like the footings to be in when school starts. The house will be in the Highlands Addition and be 1700 square feet per floor.

Went/Miller motioned to approve the FY2022 Achievement and Integration Budget with a total revenue of \$54,000

Mr. Harvey reported next school year there will be 106 students in the 4th grade and 108 in the 6th grade. He brought up the need for additional classrooms.

Mr. Harvey and the board thanked [Brenda Windhorst](#) for her 24 years of service for ZM Schools.



COVID-19 Update:
As more and more people start to get the COVID-19 immunization people are becoming less concerned about COVID-19. This

pandemic is not over yet. We are seeing that COVID numbers are slowly on the rise again in Goodhue county. We need to remain vigilant. Please help students remember that we need people to continue to wear their masks, wash their hands and follow social distancing guidelines to keep each other safe. Our goal is to keep all our students and staff in school, healthy and safe.

Please continue to keep your children home when they are not feeling well and continue to follow the COVID-19 Decision Tree for when to test and keep siblings home. Please continue to notify the health office if students have been identified as close contacts to a positive case of COVID-19. <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/exguide.pdf>

Shortened Quarantine is no longer allowed for 7-12 grade students as they are not able to maintain 6 feet of social distance during the school day. When 7-12 students are identified as close contacts they will be required to quarantine for the full 14 days.

K-6 students are currently allowed to shorten quarantine but will not be able to ride the bus to and from school until they have completed the full 14 days of quarantine for the same reasoning. We are not able to keep them 6 feet away from others on the busses.

Household contacts do NOT qualify for shortened quarantine.

Medications: ALL medications taken at school should be administered through the health office. Please notify the nurse if your child in KG-12th grade needs a medication at school.

Scoliosis Screenings: Zumbrotta- Mazeppa schools has

brought back the scoliosis screening program in order to identify female students who might have an abnormal curve of the spine (scoliosis). Studies estimate that two to five of every 100 children develop scoliosis, and some require treatment.

Early detection and treatment help prevent or minimize the development of severe spinal problems. Due to COVID our screenings were delayed. We are currently completing screenings on 5th, 6th and 7th grade girls. If you are concerned that a student has an abnormal curve and you would like them assessed please let the nurses know you would like your child screened at any time during the school year.

Immunizations: Immunizations the school has on record are viewable in Parent Portal in Infinite Campus. Letters were sent home with 6th and 11th grade students reminding them of immunizations are needed before 7th and 12th grade. Incoming Kindergarten students will have letters sent home soon.

Incoming Kindergarten student requirements:

DTP – 5th dose Polio – 4th dose MMR – 2nd dose Varicella- 2 doses Hep B – 3 doses

Incoming 7th grader requirements:

MME and Varicella – 2 doses Tdap booster Meningococcal

Incoming 12th grader requirements:

Meningococcal booster

If you choose to file exemptions for any immunizations, forms are available on ZM school website under Parents/Health services/Immunizations, or you can contact the school nurse at 507-732-7848. Students will not be eligible to attend the first day of school in 2021 until we have up to date immunizations on file.



Effective February 11, all bus drop off and pick-up has moved to the front of the Primary/MS/HS buildings. Due to construction beginning on the high school, buses and parents will not be using the back lot for buses or parent pick-up/drop-off. Buses will be parking in the primary parking lot and on Mill Street in front of the HS/MS. This area is reserved for buses. **Parent drop off and pick-up WILL ONLY BE ON MILL STREET IN FRONT OF THE PRIMARY.** Parents will not have access to the primary parking lot between 7:15 am-8:00 am and 2:45 pm-3:30 pm. Please do not get out of your vehicle; students will come to you. Parents– We ask that you do not enter the Cougar Care/Bright Beginnings parking lot. We ask for your patience during this construction time and thank you for your help and cooperation.



The Primary Staff and Students enjoying the new addition!



Last Day of School is May 19th, 2021!



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Zumbrota—Mazeppa
K—2 kids along with
their families and
friends raised \$17,202
for the American
Heart Association

