

Alvord ISD Family:

I have some highlights from the May 21st board meeting and some additional updates for you.

School Board - Newly re-elected board members Charlie Matthews and David Warren took their oaths of office. Daniel Ruddick (Board President), David Warren (Vice-President), and Jim Bloomer (Board Secretary) were re-elected to their board officer positions.

COVID-19 Response – the learn@home instructional model implemented this spring and other events including graduation plans were discussed. Some school districts are working on plans for a “balanced calendar” with an earlier start and later end date for next year to give them more flexibility to respond to COVID-19 forced closures. Alvord ISD is honoring the 2020-2021 calendar previously developed by the DEIC and approved by the school board. The new CDC guidelines for re-opening schools next year have initiated much discussion across our state and country. Alvord ISD is waiting for further guidance from the state, our intent is to have students return to school and activities as normal when allowed. When students are allowed to return to school, we could see a time period where parents are allowed to instead choose a version of the learn@home model we implemented this spring. The COVID-19 situation continues to change rapidly, more updates will be available this summer.

Facilities Update – Good progress is being made on the elementary gym renovation project, the new floor and bleachers are scheduled for installation in early June.

Texas School Health Benefit Program– the board approved this program which will allow us to offer more, and hopefully better, health insurance options to our employees. More information for employees will be coming soon.

2020-2021 Compensation Plan – the board reviewed several compensation plan models. With the funding uncertainties school districts are facing the board will wait for now before deciding on a compensation plan for next year. This decision will likely be made in August.

Personnel Updates–

Kelly Luco will be joining us to teach Pre-K. She has been an education specialist for one year for TEA in their Fort Worth office; she previously taught at Bridgeport ISD.

Stacy Fox is moving from 4th grade to the 7th grade writing position. Christina Cruse was in this position; she is a new mom and will be staying at home with her baby. We currently have a teaching vacancy in 4th grade.

Susie Burt resigned to take the head volleyball position in Chico ISD. We filled her head softball position with KJ Stastny, who is coming to us from Pilot Point ISD.

Misty McMullen resigned from her PEIMS / Technology Assistant position and has accepted the PEIMS position at Chico ISD. We are accepting applications for a Technology Assistant; we are also now accepting internal applications for an Elementary Assistant Principal / PEIMS Coordinator.

I want to say thank you to everyone for your work throughout this strange spring semester. We had a number of unprecedented challenges to overcome. I am thankful to be a member of a great team. Thanks to you we survived the spring of 2020! We know we will have more new challenges in the future, but we will pull together and figure it out because that is the Alvord way.