

Superintendent Saga - November 10, 2017

What a difference a week makes! Winter seems to getting an early grip on Warroad.

On Tuesday I attended the MNwest CEO Forum & Entrepreneur Summit in Fergus Falls. The gathering was convened by Minnesota Innovates and Minnesota State Community & Technical College to inspire new entrepreneurs, support start-ups and sustain growing companies here in the MNwest region; to see and seize opportunities in fast changing times of technology led transition; and better translate the capacity of this region beyond our borders.

The Certified Negotiations team met on Wednesday, November 8 and has scheduled our next meeting for Monday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m. Progress toward an agreement is being made.

A Special Meeting of the School Board was held Thursday. The results of the Special Election were canvassed with Brad Woodward being elected. Congratulations Brad!

The School Board continues to write the District's new story as it adopted a new mission statement, vision, and goals for 2017-2020.

Our new **Mission Statement** is:

- ***“Together we create “a future of excellence” by providing a learning community that is personalized, innovative, and secure for all learners”.***

The **Vision** for the District is:

- ***We ARE the benchmark***
- ***We have beautiful facilities, great athletics, and high graduation rates***
- ***We provide a wide range of opportunities that prepare students for success***
- ***We are leaders in innovation***
- ***We are financially sound and are a great employer***
- ***We have alumni returning to our community for life and work***

The **Goals** for the District are:

- ***Innovative learning and teaching - Be Bold***
- ***Consistency in policies, trust development, message, and transparency***
- ***Continual financial stability and growth with creative opportunities by partnering with the entire community***

The brainstorming session on the Innovation Research Zone application was held Thursday. Representatives from Bemidji State University 360 Center of Excellence for Manufacturing, Marvin Windows and Doors, the community, and the District attended. Great discussion occurred and it was the consensus of the group to move ahead with the application process. Thanks to all who gave of their time to attend.

Much work lies ahead in implementing the mission and vision of the District as well as writing the Innovation Research Zone application. We will be working to informing all stakeholders PreK-12 of the possibilities and future of excellence that can be realized

It is exciting to lead the Warroad School District towards its new vision and use the possibilities of Innovation Research Zones to support these goals.

Video clip to get you thinking differently:

Big Picture Schools: URI Media takes a look at the MET School, an innovative network of high schools in Rhode Island which utilize Big Picture Learning: tailoring each student's learning to his or her passion and integrating internships in the local community.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VT716pobd2o>

Quote of the week:

“One of the best paradoxes of leadership is a leader's need to be both stubborn and open-minded. A leader must insist on sticking to the vision and stay on course to the destination. But he must be open-minded during the process.” Simon Sinek