

Director Report: March 2024

The Strategic plan core group continues to meet monthly. Between last month and this month, we were able to refine and create student surveys for nearly all student populations that we serve in both Rawlins and Baggs: Community Education, Health Sciences, Vocational Courses, ELL, and dual enrollment students. Western completes their own class surveys, so we will not survey those students, with the exception of dual enrollment students, who are surveyed more so about their experience with CCHec in regard to taking college courses, rather than the individual course itself.

Carquest Automotive generously donated a large parts washer to the auto shop this week. They were also kind enough to bring it over to the shop. This is an exciting and much needed addition to the automotive program. The WyoTech trip that was supposed to take place last month got moved to earlier this week. JT attended with Heidi from RHS and 21 Rawlins students and 4 LSRV students.

I have started the budget process for the 24-25 year. Shelly and I met with the staff yesterday to discuss the budget timeline and ask them to start thinking about and planning for next year. They will submit budget requests in early April, and we will go from there. Right now, we are estimating 15% less on tax income for next year based on being down from this year's estimates. As we get closer, we may have better estimates.

Congrats and thank you to Candie and Natalie for achieving their SafeSitter credentials. Candie will be teaching SafeSitter in Rawlins this summer and Natalie will be teaching it in Baggs.

Next Monday and Tuesday with the rest of the Western Presidential Search Committee, I will be interviewing several candidates via zoom and helping to narrow down the search to the three or four final candidates.