

for example, students receive instruction in guitar and other instruments, and there is a choir. Field trips are also offered.

Programs for students in grades 6 through 8 were recently added. As yet there is no high school option.

Beginning in the 2021-22 school year, a second day will be added, with a different group of students for each day.

Melissa Gibson Steiner is the new principal of the Home School Enrichment Academy following Johnson's selection as principal of Lewis-Palmer Elementary School.

Grace Best Master Plan

During his update, Superintendent K.C. Somers reported on progress on the Grace Best Facility Master Plan. A detailed report was presented to the Board of Education at its April 6 work session. Information can be found on the website lewispalmer.org/gracebestplan.

A steering committee of 42 including community members, district staff, teachers, and parents has met three times. A community survey received 576 responses with opinions on the best use of the facility. Many of the respondents either attended school at the facility or had children who did so.

The top two preferred uses of the building are for Career and Technical Education or as a flex space that could be used in a number of ways by the district and community. The current users of the space, including the Home School Enrichment Academy, Bearbotics, the Transitions Program, and storage of some district materials such as science kits, would not be displaced.

Community input is encouraged.

Representatives of Anser Advisory and Co-operative Strategies presented the report. Acting as owners-representatives, they are coordinating all meetings and collection of bids for future work. It is hoped that construction could begin over the summer if approved.

Please follow the website for updates.

Schneider Electric energy audit

Representatives of Schneider Electric reported on progress in their investment grade audit of district energy use. Somers reported briefly on this information.

Schneider Electric has surveyed district staff and others on their concerns. Among these were flickering lights and air quality.

Some proposals include replacing all lights with LEDs, adding security vestibules at Lewis-Palmer Elementary and Prairie Winds Elementary, and adding walls at those schools to make it possible to lock down classrooms.

A new building automation system would allow electrical outlets to be shut down completely to avoid a slow use of electricity by computers and other electronics.

Air quality could be improved at Lewis-Palmer Middle School by including a new cooling system along with a new boiler.

Schneider representatives said that some funding could be provided by a state BEST grant for the boiler and federal funds to upgrade air

circulation.

Their report also included a study of facility use. All current facilities are being used at 80 to

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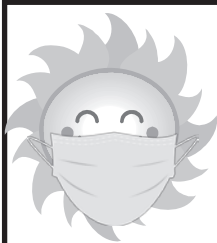
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