



SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



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Many months in advance, students in our District presented to the Granite School Board their desires for a Prom (think Footloose). The plans were hatched for a “test to sway” protocol. This set in motion the Prom we had on Saturday.

We quickly searched for a suitable venue. The SBOs and Ms. Kunde evaluated options and the safest was our own courtyard. They spent days trying to make sure the place was going to be decorated well and feel special. The light canopy and D.J. were perfect.

The information to organize the dance and communicate the details to the public takes more time and effort than one would think. The SBOs were valiant as they helped spread the word of this celebration and momentous event for our high school.

Our own Geoff Murdock deliberated and devised a strategy to ensure tickets sales were coordinated properly with COVID testing. The Skyline Bookkeepers, Jennifer Justesen and Carol Seastrand, and Athletic Director, Chantil lanu, prepared a format for ticket purchasing with the QR codes that helped facilitate testing coordination. Mr. Murdock recruited more than a dozen folks from the District to help with testing. Of course, many Skyline teachers, counselors, and secretaries from our ranks were involved in the 8 hours of testing the day before the dance. All students that tested negative and purchased a ticket were awarded with a wristband that allowed them entrance to the dance.

Administration came early on Saturday morning to open the school. SBOs and their advisor also came early to decorate. The D.J. came as well as the lighting guys. The venue was perfect after hours of set up. Ticket takers, administration, custodians, and our own School Resource Officer came just before the dance began to ensure safety for the night.

Students arrived slowly after seven o'clock. They each were dressed for the occasion and looked so great. The one commonality in dress was, of course, the COVID compliant mask required for entry. The dance was raucous and fun. Ms. Tierney required the D.J. to play slow music for a full twenty minutes just to make sure students were able to breathe well in their masks. The wonderful Skyline students were respectful, happy, and very joyful. Many said it was the best dance they ever attended.

The dance ended and the SBOs and their advisor, as well as the administration, helped to clean up. Our wonderful Head Custodian, Jerry Hutchins, finished transforming the dance venue back into the courtyard in the wee hours of the night.

Skyline Prom of 2021 was a night to remember. The amazing staff and SBOs are so willing to work extra hard to give these wonderful Skyline Eagles the experiences they need and deserve. Thanks to all who went above and beyond to provide a Prom that was safe and fun even in the midst of this Pandemic.

Please, tell us stories of teachers who have done something that has made a difference at Skyline High School. Think about the four components of our RISE program. Teachers are working hard and doing amazing things to help students be Resilient, have Integrity, Support themselves and others, as well as achieve Excellence in its various forms. Feel free to participate as often as you see fit to recognize the great teachers we have at Skyline High School. Teachers receive an award weekly for being recognized. They love to hear that their efforts are being appreciated. Here is a link to the survey:
<https://forms.gle/mDQPYY7xybBCKnpq97>.

This week, we will highlight Mr. Tim Poll. Mr. Poll teaches Woods at Skyline half time and at Kearns High half time. He also has an MBA and a pilot's license. Anytime you talk to him about woodworking, you can't help but feel his passion for creating beautiful pieces whether they are handmade pens or large pieces of furniture. Here are a couple of comments from the community:

"Mr. Poll encouraged his students to take on larger projects which could last the whole semester. My son took this to heart and is building a dining room table. Mr. Poll has guided my son during each step of the way. He met us all down at the wood supply company on his free time to help us choose slabs. He also stays after and comes in on his free time to help students who have larger projects succeed. He is just as excited about our son's success as we are. My son likes school but loves the days he has wood shop and can work with his hands. Thank you to Mr. Poll!"

"Mr. Poll knows his students - knows their struggles - worries about them and champions them in every aspect of life to succeed. He is the best embodiment of what a teacher is."

Congratulations Mr. Poll for all that you do in helping our Skyline Eagles achieve Excellence!"

Sincerely,
Mitch Nerdin, Principal