

# **City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska**

**Monday, June 1, 2020**

**Regular Meeting**

**Item SBYC1**

**(informational only):**

**Staff Contact:**

Hi Jeanne,

Here are the responses from Josie Amoo and Halle Shaddick - both juniors at SHS. Thanks for sharing their perspective!

eLearning has been a unique experience, and I can't believe it has already come to an end. Overall, I would have to say being out of school has been difficult, and I deeply miss seeing my teachers and fellow students in the halls everyday. I will never take in-person learning for granted again. However, if you look on the bright side of this experience, which I think is necessary to keep yourself sane, there are some things I enjoy about eLearning. I like being able to dictate the speed at which I learn, and having an outline for the rest of the semester from my teachers was convenient. Final exams were specifically different from normal. After being used to the normal "three finals in one day schedule," it was nice to have finals that you could really focus on for maybe an entire day. The greatest part about being stuck at home though has definitely been the ample amount of time I get to spend with my mom. We both would be working and at school virtually 24/7 before quarantine, and as we both attempt to work at home, we find that we get to spend much more quality time together.

However, learning during COVID-19 has been a long term struggle of mine even before we were dismissed from school. I was hypervigilant in school and constantly anxious, wondering if it would have such an enormous effect on the United States like it did in the rest of the world. Sadly, those predictions manifested and all of that anticipation dissipated as the quarantine dragged on, but it still deeply hinders my learning ability, as with most students in the world right now. It's great that we have rallied and tried to finish out the year, but of course it's not the same as being in a classroom. Somehow the time has still managed to be busy and hectic, with plenty of homework and zoom calls to keep us busy. Extracurriculars for me have not really eased up at all, which isn't a surprise but still a source for stress.

I think e-learning went as smoothly as it possibly could and it could of been a huge disaster without the amazing teachers and staff we have at Scottsbluff Public Schools. It was challenging not being able to talk to teachers face to face to work out classwork struggles but teachers were always there to help whether it be back and forth in email or having daily office hours students could attend if they had any questions. I think all teachers and staff of Scottsbluff public schools pulled off quite the hail mary with E-learning as they were faced with a problem the world has never seen, and continued to educate our community no matter the challenges. So I would just like to thank all teachers and staff for being with us and working with us through this trying time in our history and I don't think Scottsbluff could have any better outcome than the one they did with e-learning.

Thanks again!

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Barb O'Boyle

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