**Board Report DC West High School**

**Jim Knott –High School Principal January 14, 2019**

Final exams were held on December 20 and 21, effectively ending the first semester at DC West. Second semester classes began for students on Monday, January 7th. Winter activities continued over winter break and are at about the halfway point.

 John Baylor ACT Test Prep is currently underway at the high school. Baylor provides seven two-hour test prep sessions during the school day in January and February. High School Counselor Ron Michael stated, “I have been working with John since my Waterloo days. He does a great job with our sophomores and juniors helping to prepare them for the ACT. It is a great opportunity for our students to “jump” their ACT score.” The cost is $50 per student. Fifty-six students are currently enrolled.

On January 10, Dr. Poloncic, Mr. Michael, Mr. Brockhaus, and I met with Metro Community College personnel to discuss the possibility of adding a more complete track for students going into the trades after high school. We are looking at adding several industrial technology dual-credit classes at the high school. This would help our students enter Metro with several required classes already earned towards their two-year degree. Industrial Tech teacher John Brockhaus stated, “this would be a great opportunity for students who don’t normally take dual credit classes to get dual credit at the high school level and allow them to enter Metro or another junior college ahead of the game.” We are continuing the research process at this point to see if we can add to this area of our curriculum.

**High School enrollment as of January 11, 2019**

 **9th** **10th 11th 12th Total**

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