

**School Board Report and Update**  
**Palmyra Elementary School**  
**Steve Greenquist**  
**October 11, 2016 - 7:00pm/EES**

**1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

Although the Forward Exam results have been shared with us and the results are embargoed for some time, I can tell you that PES performed very well. Once the embargo is lifted I would like to share the results with you in more detail. Until then I would say that after looking at the Forward Exam results along with Map and Aimsweb results, we have a very good idea of what we can improve on as a school. The PES Leadership team will meet to develop our school goals based on these test results. The goals will be shared with the faculty and staff so we all have an idea of the direction we need to go to best educate our students.

As a school we have identified five areas that we will give our full attention to in the near future that will help improve the quality of education for years to come. These five areas are technology, parent involvement, Positive Behaviors, Interventions and Supports (PBIS), poverty, and safety. These five areas will have action teams assigned to them that will explore, plan, and execute the plan developed.

**2. News and Noteworthy**

Both EES and PES parent support groups will be coordinating an all elementary school carnival for all elementary students at the end of this school year. This is another attempt to bring the two communities together and celebrate our diverse communities.

**3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments**

Thanks to teachers John Knoot and Ms. Wedell for organizing the fifth grade sleepover. The weather was a little iffy at times but the students were very busy with archery and designing their own tie-dyed shirts. The students had a great time and couldn't stop talking about how much fun they had on Monday.

**4. Upcoming Events and Activities**

**October**

- 7 High School Seniors Visit and Homecoming Parade
- 11 Board Meeting
- 20 Realtor Open House - 9:00 a.m. EES
- 26 Picture Retake

- 27 Teacher Inservice - No School for Students
- 28 No School!!

**5. Miscellaneous**

**School Board Report and Update**  
**School/Building – Palmyra-Eagle High/Middle School**  
**Principal – Kari Timm**  
**October 11, 2016**

**1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

Teachers are continuing to work with Google classroom. This is a great tool to give students assignments, quick assessments, have group conversations and communicate with students and parents just to name a few. Teachers and students are working daily to use the this very exciting tool

8th grade 1:1 chromebook trial is going great. The kids have been awesome following the guidelines we have put in place for them. They are being used in the majority of classes everyday. I plan to start the conversation with the Tech committee about a move to 1:1 building wide and possibly into the elementary schools. We will also look at policies and insurance to start allowing the devices to go home. Research shows that students utilized their 1:1 device for school work more at home than during the school day.

Renee Cookstrom and I attended an ACT College and Career Readiness Workshop on October 5th. We got a lot of useful information that we will be using to look at curriculum and scope and sequences with the teachers, Kathy Retzke and Tori Franz. We also learn about some opportunities to help students better prepare for the ACT including the PreACT which is a new feature this year. We are going to work to determine the best time to utilize these tools.

**2. News and Noteworthy**

Homecoming week (as of Thursday when I wrote my report) has a been a great success. The activities have been well planned and organized by the Sarah Holland, Pat Keelty and the high school student council. Homecoming is a great event for students, staff, community members and alumni. It is awesome to see things go smoothly. (hopefully I didn't jinx myself by writing this)

PEHS/MS Action teams had their first opportunity to meet this month. Action teams are a group of teachers that are working together on a common goal. Action teams cover a wide variety of topics from staff culture to Grading. They work to make a positive impact on both student and staff. This year we have two new action teams that will tackle big initiatives. One group, lead by Renee Cookstrom, will be organizing our Academic Career Plan homerooms. ACP is going to be a great tool for students and parents in college and career planning. We also have a Grading to Learn group that will be looking at grading practices at the secondary level.

### **3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments**

Renee Cookstrom who has taken over as the NHS advisor. Renee has been working with president Sarah Parson to make sure that everything is running smoothly.

Megan Nicoud and the PEHS equestrian team who qualified for the state competition. Their hard work is appreciated.

Kim Leal and Joel Tortomasi for their hard work this season with the boys and girls cross country teams. They have been having a ton of success, also congratulations to Antonia Bartolotta who was the RVC South Conference champion.

### **4. Upcoming Events and Activities**

Parent Teacher Conferences - Monday, October 10th - 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm

HS Choir Concert - Tuesday, October 18th - 6:30 pm

Top Cat Awards - Wednesday, October 19th - 6:30 pm

MS Choir Concert - Thursday, October 20th - 6:30 pm

NHS Blood Drive - Friday, October 21st - 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

MS Band Concert - Monday, October 24th - 12:30 pm

Middle School Dance, put on by the Spanish Club - 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

### **5. Miscellaneous**

**School Board Report and Update**  
**Eagle Elementary School**  
**Mr. Matt Stich, Principal**  
**Tuesday, October 11th at 7:00 PM**

**News and Noteworthy**

- The 2016-17 school year has gotten off to a wonderful start at Eagle Elementary School. It has been great to see the smiling faces of students, parents, and staff members in the building again.

**Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

- September was a busy month for establishing routines and procedures, as well as assessing the current levels of all students. Running Records, AIMSweb progress monitoring, MAP assessments, and PALS early literacy screeners were delivered. EES teachers have spent time analyzing the results and will now focus on using the assessment data to guide our instruction moving forward.
- Teachers have begun implementing Discovery Education for science instruction. I am hearing many positive things so far!

**Professional Development**

- On October 13th I will be attending the AWSA Elementary Principals Conference in Elkhart Lake with Steve Greenquist. This is a great opportunity for Steve and I to connect with principals around the state and discuss important issues related to elementary education.
- Both elementary schools will receive professional development around Words Their Way, which is what we use for spelling and word work instruction.

**Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments**

- I would like to acknowledge all the hard work that Eagle Elementary staff members put in throughout the first month of the school year. We have had a great start to the year and I am lucky to be surrounded by such a great staff.

**Upcoming Events and Activity**

- Monday, October 10            Fire Department Visits
- Tuesday, October 11        4K Field Trip to Busy Barns
- Wednesday, October 12     Muffins With Moms
- Friday, October 14         Picture Retake Day

- Monday, October 17 PTO Marcus Fundraiser Begins
- Thursday, October 20 9:00-10:30 Realtor Open House at EES
- Friday, October 21 6:00-8:00 Monster Mash
- Wednesday, October 26 Classroom Halloween Parties
- Thursday, October 27 NO SCHOOL (Teacher Inservice)
- Monday, October 31 Book Fair Begins

**School Board Report and Update**  
**School/Building –District-Wide**  
**Director of Special Education, Pupil and Learning Services -**  
**Amanda Jones**  
**October 11, 2016**

**1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

- Special Education staff continue to receive ongoing professional development on the new Career and College Ready IEP forms and RDA accountability linkage. This is an ongoing process that the team will continue to explore over the course of the year, but the roll-out of the new forms and discussions based around it have been positive.
- Rtl team has started up again this year and are looking to dive deeper into Response to Intervention this year with establishing more district-wide systems and procedures. The Rtl Handbook that was revised during the course of last year is ready and has been provided to all district staff as a resource during the ABC (Academic/Behavior Concern team) staff meetings I have presented at again this year. Please see attached Rtl Handbook with this report.
- Academic and Career Planning professional development has begun with staff members in regards to the 2017/18 school year ACP requirements. District-level teams as well as building-level teams have been re-established this year to establish protocols for rolling out the initiative. This is ongoing throughout the year and will update progress as it continues. The middle/high school will soon be working on a monthly schedule for career and college-related topics, in addition to the use of Career Cruising platform.

**2. News and Noteworthy**

- We welcome Lisa Jensen, registered nurse, from Fort Healthcare as our district nurse. Lisa comes to our district with a long history of experience in medical and school settings. She started October 3rd and will be designating time in each building throughout her three days/week in the district. Lisa will be a tremendous asset to PEASD in moving our wellness initiatives forward.
- Panther Ground Cafe is up and running on Mondays and Wednesdays during high school lunch blocks 5a/b. PCG is run by students with

multiple disabilities who are working on becoming career and college ready and increasing their transitional skills. The PCG made its debut in the Mukwonago Chief on Sunday October 2nd as the feature article. Way to go PCG, and thank you to staff and students for all of their hard work in this program!

### **3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments**

- Thank you to all special education staff in the roll-out and PD of the CCR IEP forms. This has been a transition for everyone and your patience and great questions are appreciated!

### **4. Upcoming Events and Activities**

- PEASD will be hosting a Job Development and Visual Resume Training through the Transition Improvement Grant (TIG) network on November 17th from 9:00am to 3:00pm in the Community Center. Please see attached flyer for more information. Everyone interested is welcome to attend the training. We will be extending the invitation to parents, community members and other local school districts.
- The annual PEASD EC Screening will take place on Friday, November 4th for children ages 3 to 4 ½ who may show signs of developmental delay(s). Please see attached flyer. Advertisement will be occurring in five local newspapers as well as many local businesses, clinics, etc. throughout Eagle and Palmyra.

### **5. Miscellaneous**

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