

School Board Report and Update
Palmyra Elementary School
Steve Greenquist
December 13, 2016 - 7:00pm
Palmyra Elementary School

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- Most of our efforts in this area have been the work that has been done by our action teams. The action teams have decided the direction they want to go in and are now planning their next steps to clearly define what they want to accomplish and how they are going to do so. I will outline this in more detail in January.
- The PES School Learning Goals concentrate on improving reading at all grade levels. We have specific actions that will take place to help make this happen. We have made significant progress in this area the past few years and we hope this trend continues.

2. News and Noteworthy

- The Maker Space Club is meeting every other week and the students have come back very excited about the things they are learning and creating. Now that we have the new ITSE standards, that include a STEM component, we are going to look at incorporating this more at all grade levels. I have several teachers interested in helping to move this forward. The difficulty is finding the time to do this, but I am sure we will work it out.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

- Special thanks to Ms. Mickelson for the wonderful job she has done preparing our K-3 graders for their concert last week. The hard work and dedication was very evident as the concert very well received by our community. Several parents and community members told me how impressed they were with the performance.
- Thanks to Jennifer Quella and Kathy Retzke for their facilitation of “Hour of Code” last week. This was a program that taught students the basics of programming and our hope is to get teachers and students excited about technology and how to use it in the classroom.
- Thanks to the Home & School for running a very successful “Santa’s Secret Workshop.” This service is loved by parents and students alike!

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

- Dec. 05 K-3 Music Concert - 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 05 Home & School Subway Night
- Dec. 06 Leadership Team Meeting - 12:30 p.m. - EES
- Dec. 06 Home & School Meeting - 3:10 p.m. - Library
- Dec. 14 Makerspace Club - 3:15-5:00 p.m.
- Dec. 20 4-6 Music/Band Concert - 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 23 Early Dismissal - 1:00 p.m.
- Dec. 26-Jan. 02 Winter Break - NO SCHOOL!

5. Miscellaneous

Happy Holidays Everyone!!

School Board Report and Update
Eagle Elementary School
Mr. Matt Stich, Principal
Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 PM

News and Noteworthy

October was a busy month at Eagle Elementary School. Students participated in:

- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Eagle Business Association came for D.E.A.R.
- Veteran's Day Assembly

Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

On December 8th Eagle Elementary Students participated in "Hour of Code" in the EES computer lab and Makerspace. This is a national movement to get kids excited about computer science.

Teachers have been busy wrapping up their first trimester assessments. Reports cards went home home on December 9th.

Professional Development

- Karolina Liban attended the American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA) Convention in Philadelphia, PA on November 17-19th. While at ASHA, Karolina learned the most recent methods/approaches and evidence based practice strategies to help improve her student's communication skills in the general education environment.
- On November 10th I attended the AWSA New Building Administrators Conferences in Oshkosh. This has been a great opportunity for me to learn as a first year principal and learn from other principals.

Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments

- I would like to acknowledge and thank Tammy Mueller, Lorie Rosenow, and Laura Kannard for all the hard work and effort they put into making our Veteran's Day Assembly a big success.

School Board Report and Update
School/Building – Palmyra-Eagle High/Middle School
Principal – Kari Timm
December 13, 2016

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Tori Franz and Kathy Retzke have continued their work with both the social studies and physical education teachers on curriculum. During our half day inservice on November 18th Phy Ed teachers meet with Kathy and looked Spark curriculum. They liked the curriculum and will continue to move forward to look at supplies that they will need to implement the curriculum. The social studies teacher had a full day of work on curriculum on December 2nd. They were able to create a mission for the social studies department and started to look at core benchmarks across courses. They also spent some time looking at scope and sequence 7 - 12. They were able to look at materials and narrow their choices for a new textbook series.

We will be starting an ACT prep course during 4th hour resource on Monday-Thursday for all juniors. We are partnering with a program called Method Test Prep to provide students an opportunity to be better prepared for the ACT. Information went home to parents and we are very excited about the possible impacts to our state test date ACT scores.

Renee Cookstrom and I will begin to look at schedule as we move into December. We plan to have the course catalog out to students and start the registration process in January. We anticipate having student schedule out by the first of May to give students and parents plenty of time look them over before the deadline for making changes.

2. News and Noteworthy

Katy Engh and Nick Jones attended the SLATE technology conference in the Wisconsin Dells on December 6th and 7th. SLATE is an annual technology conference that provides a lot of ideas and resources to using technology in the classroom. We will continue to rely on Katy as a member of both the technology action team and the district technology committee, which Nick and Kari are also a part of, as we continue to move forward with the 1:1 initiative.

Renee Cookstrom, Megan Nicoud, Mike Hoff and Jen Landherr attended the ACP (academic career plan) conference on December 6th and 7th. They represented the ACP action team and will work to get an understanding of the wide variety of resources available for students and parents as part of ACP and Career Cruising. We continue to utilize Friday homeroom as an opportunity to have 7th, 8th and 9th grade students complete ACP activities.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

PEHS/MS 'Jeans Team' who raised almost \$800 to help support families in need during the holiday season.

Band director Lindsay Jonas and choir director Stephen Rodrigues-Pavao along with their students for their hard work and preparation for their upcoming winter concerts.

Nick Jones, Kim Heine and the Operation Click students who organized our 'Trunk Junk' event as part of the operation click program. This event had student clean out their trunk and helped make them aware of safety items they should have with them in case of an emergency.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

December 12th - HS/MS Band Concert

December 19th - HS Choir Concert

December 23rd - 12:30 pm release - ALA Day - high school and Movie Trip - middle school

December 24th - January 2nd - Winter Break

5. Miscellaneous

School Board Report and Update
School/Building –District-Wide
Director of Special Education, Pupil and Learning Services -
Amanda Jones
December 13, 2016

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- ACCESS test materials have been received. Most students take the assessment on the computer, with kindergarten students individually assessed and younger grades taking the writing portion on paper. Training for staff will take place in December in administration of the assessment, with the assessment being given in January. Testing window runs from December 6th through February 10th, 2017.
- Professional Development for all district staff has begun in the area of English Learners. Tori Franz, Jen Quella and myself have started to present to all buildings, starting with Eagle Elementary last week. Middle/high school and Palmyra Elementary will follow in the next two weeks. This professional development consists of informing staff what English Learners are, how they are identified, language acquisition and strategies to benefit them most in the classroom.
- ACT accommodations for juniors are due in January and will be submitted and looked over to be approved this month.

2. News and Noteworthy

- In collaboration with Transition Improvement Grant, we held a Job Development and Visual resume training for school districts and outside transitional agencies on November 17th in the Community Center. We had a great turn out with 23 attendees! This training allowed staff of districts and agencies to learn more about job development for youth with disabilities, cooperation with local business and agencies, as well as how to create visual resumes for students who are not able or best suited for traditional resumes in order to gain integrated employment opportunities.
- Some juniors and seniors with disabilities were able to attend the 'Take Charge of Your Future' event put on by DVR (Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services) at the WCTC campus on December 5th. This provided break-out sessions and campus tours in preparation of becoming career and college ready.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

- Thank you to Jen Quella and Tori Franz for the additional assistance and training you are completing for your work with English Learners in administration of the upcoming ACCESS assessment. The district greatly appreciates all of your work!
- Thank you to the IT department for your work in making technology accessible for attendees at our November 17th training.
- Thank you to Jen Landherr, Mike Hoff, Megan Nicoud, Sam Fell and Renee Cookstrom for attending the ACP Leadership Conference as the district continues to improve its implementation of this mandate.
- Thank you to Mrs. Landerr, Mrs. Vic and Mrs. Baker and students in Mrs. Landherr's life skills class for the delicious Thanksgiving lunch, prepared and served by the students. Staff through the middle/high school received invitations prepared by the students and followed up with a full dinner and desserts. Thank you for your continued work!

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

- In order to provide teaching staff with valuable information about Academic and Career Planning, members of our ACP Action Team at the MS/HS as well as both district counselors will be attending the ACP Leadership Conference in Madison on December 6th and 7th. The break-out sessions will help staff gain further information about ACP and how to learn to implement it further into the classroom to benefit all students through the Action Teams and continued implementation planning.

5. Miscellaneous

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