# School Board Report and Update Eagle Elementary School Mr. Matt Stich, Principal Tuesday, July 10th at 7:00 PM

#### News and Noteworthy

June was a busy month at Eagle Elementary School. Students and staff participated in:

- Color Run
- Field Day
- 6th Grade Promotion
- Kindergarten Completion
- Kettle Moraine Days

### Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Mr. Abshire's 6th grade class prepared speeches, backdrops, costumes, presentations, and hosted a "Wax Museum" for fellow students and parents. This was a fun, interactive, and informative project for the 6th graders.

Mrs. Mueller's 3rd Grade class planted native flowers along the Eagle Nature Trail. Thank you to Jean Weedman and Tammy Mueller for your efforts with this!

With the assistance of Mr. and Mrs. Weedman, students identified and removed invasive species such as Garlic Mustard and Dame's Rocket along the Eagle Nature Trail.

### **Professional Development**

- On June 20th, I attended the Safety and Security Summit at CESA 2 in Whitewater. I learned a great deal about products and efforts that are being made to keep our schools safe.
- On June 22nd, I attended the Educator Effectiveness Data Retreat at CESA 2 in Whitewater. The Data Retreat was designed as an opportunity to give support interpreting local data and making plans to improve local EE system implementation. I came away from this retreat with some great takeaways that I plan on implementing during the 2018-2019 school year.

## **Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments**

- I would like to thank Stephanie Schroeder and everyone that helped with the Eagle Elementary PTO Brat Stand. It was a big hit!
- Thank you to the Eagle Elementary PTO for all the hard work put into making our school an even better place to be.
- Thank you to all Palmyra-Eagle staff members for going above and beyond for kids on a daily basis.

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# 1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Jennifer Quella, Kathy Retzke and Amy Muth did an excellent job putting together our STEAM lab. With the \$5000 grant from the Palmyra Eagle Scholarship and Education Foundation they were able to purchase materials for room set up and quite a large amount for STEAM equipment for the students to use. A STEAM lab curriculum was also developed and both elementary schools will have access to the new curriculum. The teachers at PES were inserviced on the different equipment and the students were able to use the lab towards the end of the school year. They were very excited and were happy to learn that they will have even more access to the lab this coming year. Thanks again fo Jen Quella for involving Home Depot in the renovation of the room. They donated paint, shelving and other equipment needed to help set up the lab.

### 2. News and Noteworthy

- We have three candidates who will be excellent additions to our wonderful faculty for the upcoming school year. If the Board approves the hiring listed on the Board agenda on Tuesday, then all positions will be hired for PES for the upcoming school year. The PES hiring committee was very happy with the candidates chosen. I am confident that the new teachers will all be successful in their new positions.
- Schedules have been developed for the upcoming school year that include intervention time for all students and will also include time for grammar, interactive read alouds, and word work.

# 3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

• I'd like to personally thank Rich Wagner and his crew, Pam Colburn, Cindy Luerssen, Collin Skarpohl and Roger Bleske for the wonderful job they are doing getting our building set for the upcoming school year. The building looks great! Thanks also to David Cresca for maintaining the grounds during the summer.

## 4. Upcoming Events and Activities

- Registration August 8th 1:00 5:30
- Open House August 29th- 4:30 6:30

# School Board Report and Update School/Building – Palmyra-Eagle High/Middle School Principal – Kari Timm July 10, 2018

#### 1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Several teachers have been in working on curriculum in particular the 'Learning for All' pilot group. This group has put in time working with Tori to develop standards and rubrics to use in the classes they are going to be working with this school year.

We also had a group of teachers come in and work on the Competency Based Diploma Program. This program will allow students to work on a set of skills to receive this diploma. Staff members worked on what these skills would look like and will continue to work to develop the program over the next few months. This will be an additional track to use to help students who have not been able to be successful in traditional education.

#### 2. News and Noteworthy

We are working to fill positions with highly qualified people as soon as possible. Laura Leja will be approved as the new business education teacher. At this time we are also working to fill the .65% vocal music position.

### 3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

Thanks to all staff members for their cooperation with the cancelled school day during finals. We did have to do shifting to the time schedule, but we were able to accomodate all finals. Unfortunately we had to cancel the middle school field trip, but student safety is always the highest priority.

## 4. Upcoming Events and Activities

# School Board Report and Update School/Building –District-Wide Director of Special Education, Pupil and Learning Services -Amanda Jones July 10, 2018

### 1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- Middle/High School intervention/Rtl will be continued to be evaluated by Nick Jones and myself throughout the summer as we evaluate student data and current Rtl/intervention systems.
- Fastbridge training will occur with appropropriate staff implementing benchmark screenings and progress monitoring in August. They will be two separate webinar trainings that will also be recorded so they can be accessed for future use without purchase of additional trainings.

#### 2. News and Noteworthy

- Patti Kies, district psychologist, who retired at the end of the 2017/18 school year, will be returning for the 2018/19 school year at a .20 FTE (8 hours/week) to assist the full time psychologist. This additional FTE will allow for a more extensive continuum of pupil service supports to staff and students.
  - This additional .20 FTE will be crucial in providing support to all pupil service staff. Currently, the pupil service staff operates with an elementary school counselor that is split between two buildings, a part-time nurse, one middle/high school counselor, and one district-wide psychologist that work to meet the diverse needs of all learners in the district. The district does not currently employ a social worker. The special education population at PEASD is approximately 15%, with about 120-130 students receiving special education services at any given time (this does not include speech and language only students). The district psychologist is responsible for all initial and re-evaluation assessments, reports and meetings, as well as Section 504s for medically based accommodations. This amount of special education paperwork alone in conjunction with attending student meetings really limits the continuum of supports that a district psychologist can service students. The additional .20 FTE will be more diagnostic and special education paperwork devoted. This will allow for a little more flexibility and availability for a wider spectrum of supports for staff and students alike as we continue working toward Learning for All and Social Emotional Learning at the forefront.
  - Olweus Bullying Prevention Program Kick-Off for the fall will consist of interactive simulations to engage students and provide opportunities for

empathy and relationship-building, which is at the core of the Olweus program.

## 3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

• Thank you to staff who have been involved in interview teams over this summer break. We appreciate your time and dedication!

### 4. Upcoming Events and Activities

- On August 3rd, myself, Renee Cookstrom, Beth Hemmer, Nick Jones, and the new psychologist, Kay Leigh Sockrider, will be attending UW-Whitewater's Endless Possibilities: Juvenile Justice & Mental Health Conference. This year's theme is supporting our most vulnerable students.
  - The keynote speaker, Hasan Davis, J.D. will talk about his journey as a Hope Dealer, from juvenile delinquent to J.D., and how adults can champion the lives of children. Breakout sessions will focus on youth in foster care, youth who are adjudicated or at risk for adjudication, and high school based supports. This will continue to support the work and professional development we are providing as a Social and Emotional Learning Committee to all staff this school year.
- On July 24th and 25th, myself, Shelby Nickels and Karla Kostein will be attending the State-Wide Institute on Best Practices in Inclusive Education. Wisconsin DPI & Inclusion Institute, Inc. will present on maximizing learning for students with significant support needs. This includes co-teaching, co-planning, and scaffolding of regular and special education services. We will continue to work as a special education team and through the Learning for All initiative in increasing our true co-teaching practices.

### 5. Miscellaneous

 Renee Cookstrom and myself attended the Creating Safe & Supportive School Communities SUMMER INSTITUTE Social and Emotional Learning conference in Madison on July 21st. It provided numerous sessions on information, implementation and assessment of SEL and the newly released DPI SEL Competencies. We will utilize much of this information for the Social and Emotional Learning professional development as we move forward in the 2018/19 school year.