

School Board Report and Update
Director of Teaching, Learning and Curriculum
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February, 2015

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- English/language arts curriculum is complete for kindergarten, grade one and grade one. Grades 3-6 will be finished before the end of March. The curriculum lists the standard that aligns with the common core and the learning targets that will be taught to meet the standard. Once all grades are completed, the curriculum will be reviewed across all grade levels for continuity of learning targets and then grade levels will develop instructional timelines.
- A balance literacy curriculum guide is being developed as an addendum to the elementary English/language arts curriculum. This guide will define district terminology and define instructional practice.
- Professional development in comprehension of non-fiction texts and writing in narrative, informational and opinion genres have begun in both elementary schools. This is being led by teams of teachers and the elementary principals.
- I am continuing to attend informational webinars on the new testing for the Badger Exam and for Aspire and ACT. I have been sharing information as needed. Much of the work has been in making sure the technology capabilities of the district will support the testing. I have been working with Patrice on this.

2. News and Noteworthy

- Summer school information was sent out in early January. So far teaching interest has been less than last year, but some new course proposals have been submitted. I will still be accepting teaching applications. The summer school course booklets will be prepared this month for distribution to families.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

- Thanks to Katy Engh for creating a template for the elementary progress reports.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

5. Miscellaneous

School Board Report and Update
Eagle Elementary School
Michael Marincic
February 10, 2015/7:00pm/Eagle Elementary

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- MAP Assessment
 - Literacy
 - Increased our students who scored in the proficiency range by 28%
 - Math
 - Increased our students who scored in the proficiency range by 8%
- PALS
- Badger Exam (Smarter Balanced) Grades 3-6
- Writing Workshop Professional Development Update
- Progress reports went home

2. News and Noteworthy

- Mr. Ketterhagen's 5th grade class will be joining PES with their Science Fair competition. Initial thoughts are early May.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

- Thank you again to Justine Haima and Greg Deets for their work with this year's Scripps Spelling Bee. The all-school bee went very well and we are thrilled to be sending Kazi on to the CESA 2 level.
- Thanks to the PTO for their work with January's Movie Night. We were able to raise about \$380.
- Thank you Lisa Loader for your nine years of service to the Eagle families! Good luck to you and your husband on your next adventure!

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

- PTO Movie Night – February 13th from 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Genius Hour – March 19th from 5:00pm-6:00pm
- Science Night – March 19th from 6pm-7:00pm

5. Miscellaneous

School Board Report and Update
School/Building – Palmyra-Eagle High/Middle School
Principal – Tracy Elger
February 4, 2015

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

We are busy getting ready for the next round of testing in spring. On Thursday, February 4th a meeting was held after school to discuss the Dynamic Learning Maps, the new alternate assessment.

The ACT is also coming up in spring, and we have identified and applied for the special education students that will require accommodations.

2. News and Noteworthy

On February 4th a training was held during the early release time for the Educational Assistants. The topic discussed was behavior techniques for students who may be hard to manage.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

Kudos to the entire special education staff at Palmyra Eagle. In October we transitioned all of our Individual Education Plans to the Skyward system. The transition has gone flawlessly, and all IEP's are now being done via the Skyward program.

4. Miscellaneous

We are starting to look forward to the next school year and determining staffing and caseload needs.

School Board Report and Update
School/Building – Palmyra-Eagle High/Middle School
Principal – Kari Timm
February 10th, 2015

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Winter benchmarks in AIMSweb and MAP testing have been completed for 7th and 8th grade along with 9th grade MAP testing. We put an incentive plan in place for student achievement in the 7th and 8th grade and it seems to have motivated students to do their best. The data analysis action team is currently going through all the data and preparing it to be released to staff members to help drive instruction.

I meet with every high school department to rework the course catalog. Shannon Gronau and I have completed it and we anticipate it going to students in the next week or so. We will do student registration for next year in late February/Early March. We are also looking at the possibility of some more course offerings at the middle school in an exploratory format.

Plans are well in place for the March 3rd ACT plus writing and the WorkKeys on March 4th. Juniors will meet in small group the week of February 16th to do pre-test preparation and get details of the test days. There will also be incentive in place for the ACT so that students are encouraged to put in their maximum effort. Parents have already be contacted about the impact this has on schedule for 9th, 10th and 12th grade parents.

2. News and Noteworthy

The PEHS Dance Team took 1st place at their regional completion on Saturday, January 31st. The dance team competed at the state meet in LaCrosse on Saturday February 7th.

We had our first middle school dance of the year on Friday January 30th. The dance was well attended and the students had a great time.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

Kim Leal and the PEMS student council who planned and organized the middle school dance last Friday.

Neil O'Connell and Andy Pickett who organized and implemented all the benchmark screener testing in the last couple weeks.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

PEHS winter spirt week is the week of February 16th – 20th with the dance on Saturday, February 21st.

Winter sports will be winding down and starting their WIAA tournament play. The GBB regional game will be on February 24th and the boys will be on March 3rd. Wrestling regionals is February 14th.

5. Miscellaneous

School Board Report and Update
Palmyra Elementary School
Steve Greenquist
February 10, 2015, 7:00pm/EES

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- **Parent/Teacher Conferences** are going to be held February 24th and 27th. Progress reports were sent home with the students last Friday. The purpose of progress reports is to inform and give meaningful feedback to those invested in the student's learning experience so concerns can be addressed before the end of the grading term.
- A second round of **Non-Violent Crisis Intervention** will be taking place at PES. PES fifth grade teacher, John Knoot, will again facilitate this training.
- We are continuing professional development with the **Stephanie Harvey Comprehension** program. This program is supplementing and helping to fill the gaps that the reading and writing program we are going to next year.
- **Measure of Academic Progress (MAP)** – The winter MAP testing has been completed for PES. We gave the MAP test in September to all 2-6 grade students in reading and math and now we can compare the two scores and check to see if they have improved since then.
At all grade levels a majority of the students have made gains in both reading and math. I also look at is how our students are performing compared to the rest of the nation. A majority of our students are at or above where they need to be, but there are many students who we would like to see perform better. These students have been identified and are currently receiving additional support for improvement. Many of these students identified for additional support have made gains, but not the gains we would like to see.

2. News and Noteworthy

- Home & School Sledding Party – K-3 grade students were invited to attend a sledding party after school in our backyard this afternoon. The weather was very cooperative, which it hasn't always been in the past, and most importantly the kids had a lot of fun. This event was sponsored by our Home & School. They also provided hot chocolate and cookies as well.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

- We would like to thank the Palmyra Elementary Home & School for hosting the K-3 grade sledding party and for providing snacks and refreshments. It was very much appreciated.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

- Book Fair – February 23-27
- Home & School Fundraiser

5. Miscellaneous