

School Board Report and Update

Eagle Elementary School

Michael Marincic

November 11, 2014/7:00pm/P-EHS/MS Community Center

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- Progress Reports Sent Home
 - Teachers were able to communicate with parents about academic and social areas of concern as well as having the opportunity to give positive feedback on how each student is performing in the classroom.
- Educator Effectiveness
 - Staff members have completed their *Self-Ratings* and are currently finishing up their EEPs, which consist of an SLO and PPG.
 - Sarah Czajkowski has been hosting weekly informal meetings to discuss with teachers any questions they have regarding the process.
- Intervention
 - Progress monitoring probes (provided by AIMSweb and PALS) have been given to our Tier 2 and Tier 3 intervention students to determine if any changes in services need to occur.
 - Tier 1 students that are “on-watch” are also given bi-monthly probes to monitor their growth in the area of reading.
 - Vertical Teams (4K-3 & 4-6) have been meeting weekly to discuss student growth as well as compile resources to better individualize the learning for each child.

2. News and Noteworthy

- Muffins with Mom (over 100 moms signed up at the time of BOE report deadline)
- We currently have three after school programs (STARS, Math24, and Fantasy Football) and will have three more starting soon (Spelling Club, Battle of the Books, and Science Club).
- EES welcomes back Justine Haima from maternity leave. We are all very excited to have her back!

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

- Thank you to the PTO for putting on a very successful Monster Mash!
- Thank you to Amy Hoff for organizing a wonderful Veterans Day Assembly.
- Thank you to Sara Scheel for her work scheduling Parent/Teacher Conferences.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

- Ornament Making Fundraiser – November 20th from 4-7pm

5. Miscellaneous

School Board Report and Update
School/Building – Palmyra-Eagle High/Middle School
Principal – Kari Timm
November 11, 2014

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Teachers are working on the SLOs and in the process collecting baseline data. A lot of them are working in the areas of non-fiction reading, reading comprehension and vocabulary.

Middle school students will begin working in interventions in the areas of math and reading very soon. We are piloting a new reading intervention that is geared towards the area of reading comprehension.

1st quarter ended with no issues and 2nd quarter is off and running.

2. News and Noteworthy

We had several presentations during October to addressing bullying and student conflict. Students engaged in great conversations and received an eye opening data from a survey done with our students.

1st quarter Panther Pride (PBIS) reward day is scheduled for Tuesday November 25th.

The HS/MS Academic Celebration action team is working on the first honor roll celebration to be held in the next week or so.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

Shannon Gronau, Tori Franz and my PEHS/MS homeroom action team – did a great job educating students about bullying and student conflicts during the month of October. We plan to continue this education throughout the year.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

Middle school boy's basketball season is started and high school winter sports will be kicking off in the next couple weeks.

Parent-Teacher Conferences the week of November 17th.

5. Miscellaneous

School Board Report and Update
Director of Teaching, Learning and Curriculum
Michelle Weisrock
November, 2014

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- Held grade level meeting with elementary grades K-6. Assessments to align with the new report card standards were developed for this school year. Also developed were criteria for the proficiency levels for the standards. Math timelines were aligned between curriculum and the textbook resource.
- Early release for elementary consisted of training on the new standards based report card.
- Received training from skyward in order to create teacher gradebooks and report cards that align with the new report card standards. Built report cards for kindergarten – grade 6 from a blank slate.
- A team from each elementary building (PES – Therese Stazy, Sue Barkiewicz and Tami Harpster and EES – Karlie Johnson and Michelle Netteshiem) are leading professional development in each of their respective buildings around comprehension strategies. A staff meeting in each building will focus on using the comprehension toolkit resource as a tool for instruction. These teacher leads will then continue to discuss using the materials with students in their school vertical team meetings.
- New writing resources for grades K-8 have been received. These materials are resources for teachers to design and deliver instruction and are aligned with the common core standards for writing. Mike Marincic will lead a team of teachers (PES – Crystal Brokopp and Chelli Taylor and EES – Jill Blaedow and Matt Stich) to lead the professional development on using this resource to improve instruction in the area of writing. Sixth, seventh and eighth grade teachers (Tammy Anderson, Erin Marrs, Cindy Whitney and Kim Leal-Tortomasi) will be attending a training through CESA 2 by one of the authors of the materials. The middle school materials differ slightly from the elementary materials because the standards for middle school are different.
- Met with middle school science teachers Barb Stachowski and Andy Pickett to realign the middle school science concepts due to the realignment of high school science courses.
- Met with elementary RtI team to continue the work in the area of Response to Intervention. This year our focus will be on identification of quality screener tools which will help us pinpoint student area of need with more accuracy in both math and reading, identifying quality materials for intervention and enrichment for math and reading and developing the Student Support Team process for students who are not responding to instruction or interventions. The team consists of Steve Greenquest, Tami Harpster, Jennifer Quella, Mike Marincic, Linda Churchwell, Justine Haima, Lisa Loader, Tracy Elger and Patti Kies. A similar team will be formed for middle/high school.
- Attended several meetings and webcasts regarding State testing. We are in the early stages of preparing for the new state tests in reading and math in grades 3-8 which will be called the Badger Exam (formerly known as Smarter Balance).
- Students in grades 4, 8 and 10 finished WKCE testing in the areas of science and social studies.
- Students in 4K and 5K finished PALS testing, which is an early literacy test. Sarah Czajkowski, Crystal Brokopp, Therese Stazy and Tami Harpster attended a free training by DPI on how to use the results from that assessment for instructional planning.

- Our reports to DPI for year end, third Friday enrollment and discipline data were uploaded to the state by the October 27 deadline. The state has reviewed the data and given us feedback. We will be cleaning up the data so that we can lock our reports by the November 26 deadline.

2. News and Noteworthy

- We will begin working on the Civil Rights Data Collection, a federal report, in November. This bi-annual report is a major federal report.
- On November 13, teachers of math in grades 5-12 will meet to begin the discussion of transition of students for math courses.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

- Thanks to Ann Popp for her work with all of the state reporting and data clean up.
- Thanks to teachers in grades K4 and K5 for completing PALS testing and entering their data into the state data base. This information is used by the state but can also be used by the teacher for instructional decisions.
- Thanks to teachers in grades 4, 8 and 10 and special education teachers for completing the WKCE testing for science and social studies. Thanks to Renee Setterstrom and Kari Timm, who were the assessment coordinators for elementary and middle/high.
- Thanks to Katie Engh for her efforts to create a user friendly template for the elementary progress reports.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

- On November 19, Ann Popp, Patrice Gilman and I will attend a DPI training on WISEdata. This will be the new data warehouse system that will replace ISES and WSLs as a means of reporting student information to DPI.
- November 26 is the end of the first trimester for the elementary schools.
- On December 3, Steve Greenquist, Mike Marincic and I will be attending a conference featuring Ken O'Connor, a leading expert in the area of grading. We plan to bring back information to share with teachers.
- On December 8, the assessment team will have their second training session.

5. Miscellaneous

**School Board Report and Update
Palmyra Elementary School
Steve Greenquist**

November 11, 2014/7:00pm/PE-HS/MS Community Center

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- Progress Reports Sent Home

Since we made the switch Trimesters we decided to send home progress reports as a way to communicate with parents about their child's progress during the interim.

- WKCE Testing

This is the year we switch over to the Smarter Balance assessments that take place in the Spring of 2015. Our fourth grade is currently taking the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam in the areas of science and Social Studies. The rest of our 3-6th graders will take the new Smarter Balance exam in the spring.

2. News and Noteworthy

- The Book Fair will be open during parent/teacher conferences.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

- Thanks to Chelli Taylor for putting on such a wonderful 3-12 grade play! A lot of effort was put into preparing for such a huge production that includes so many of our students.
- We received a donation from an anonymous donor for \$500 to be used for whatever we deem appropriate for educating our students. Thank you!!
- Our sixth grade classes are again sponsoring one of several food pantry drives this year. We have two tables full of donations the students have been bringing in for the past week. Thanks to sixth grade teacher Tammy Anderson for coordinating these efforts.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

- Parent/Teacher Conferences November 17, 20, 21
- End of first Trimester – Nov. 25
- Home & School Holiday Gift Shop is open!

5. Miscellaneous