

School Board Report and Update
Eagle Elementary School
Michael Marincic
December 8th, 2015/7:00pm/EES

Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- 3rd - 5th grade teachers are piloting pre and post reading performance assessments with very positive results.
- Mrs. Haima and Mr. Deets are piloting an online reading and spelling program called Nessy, hoping to see positive results for both students with special needs as well as our students receiving interventions.
- Our K-5 *Mastery Learning Loop* for math is showing very positive effects on the overall achievement of our students, giving teachers the opportunities to meet the needs of all students in their classrooms.

Professional Development

- Teachers from both EES and PES met to continue implementation of both readers'/writers' workshop as well as the updated math program.
- Specialists (Art, Music, PhyEd) throughout K-12 met to work on building cohesiveness across the district--looking at curriculum as well as discussing instructional practices.

News and Noteworthy

- The Veterans Day flag raising was a very moving event for both students and staff.
- Well over 100 moms, grandmas, aunts, and other positive female role models attended November's Muffins for Moms!
- Miss Mickelson put on a fantastic K-3rd grade musical performance. It was great to see a packed gym full of proud families!

Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments

- Thank you to Sara Scheel for organizing our staff luncheon and to everyone who brought items in to make a yummy Mexican Potluck!
- Thank you to Bonnie Salopek for her fantastic work filling in at EES. She always has a smile on her face and is willing to do anything to help out!

Upcoming Events and Activity

- 4th-6th grade Band and General Music concert - Wednesday, December 9th @ 6:30pm
- PTO Movie Night - Friday, December 11th @ 6:30pm
- 1pm Dismissal - Wednesday, December 23rd
- Winter Break (No School) - Thursday, December 24th - Friday, January 1st

School Board Report and Update
Palmyra Elementary School
Steve Greenquist
December 8, 2015

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- Both Elementary staffs met during the December 7th professional development day. The teachers find it very valuable to spend time with their grade level teams to work on lessons, assessments and curriculum. This is a great way to keep both faculty's informed of district initiatives.
- We continue to build our skills as teachers while we implement our new reading and writing initiatives, Our resource teachers are working in the classrooms with the teachers to collaborate on using best practices while learning this new process.

2. News and Noteworthy

- Chromebooks have been distributed to each teacher and professional development was offered on how to use the new devices. We are distributing four chromebooks to each 4-6th grade classroom. An additional 40 chromebooks are available to teachers for checkout. What the teachers are using these devices for is impressive and will be shared with you at a future Board of Education meeting.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

- \$5000 Donation from Standard Process - Thank you to Tami Harpster, Jennifer Quella and to Kathy Retzke for taking the time to order and distribute books for every classroom using the money donated by Standard Process.
- Thanks to Tammy Anderson for coordinating the bake sale during conferences with proceeds going to local families that PES adopts for the holidays. Tammy also facilitates a gift drive that asks teachers at PES to buy Christmas gifts for these same families. In the near future Tammy will be raising money for the JJ Watt Foundation. She uses the same work ethic JJ Watts uses himself with her students.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

December 3, 2015 Grades K-3 Holiday Concert

December 10, 2015 - Grades 4-6 Holiday Concert

December 1-11 - Home & School's Santa's Secret Workshop

5. Miscellaneous

Have a Happy Holiday Season!

School Board Report and Update
School/Building – Palmyra-Eagle High/Middle School
Principal – Kari Timm
December 8, 2015

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

At inservice on December 7th the PEHS/MS teachers will continue to look at curriculum and technology. These topics will be ongoing professional development throughout the school year. We will continue to talk about learning targets and allow teachers time to work on their learning targets. From these targets, classroom activity, formative and summative assessments we will then work to link what we are teaching to Common Core, Next Gen or Wisconsin Model Academic Standards depending on the subject. Kathy and I feel it is important to get a handle on what we are teaching and then work to link it to standards to address areas we might be missing.

Community Technology Night is schedule for Wednesday, December 8th in the IMC at 5:00 pm. Katy Engh and Pat Foley will be providing training to community and staff members about email/Gmail, how to access information about the school district and Skyward. We hope to make this an annual event.

Teachers have turned in their SLO, PPG and Self-Review. Neil and I meet with everyone on cycle to review their documents and will set up meeting with off cycle teachers in the next few weeks. We have been working through the observation process including mini-observations and scheduling of the first round of full observations with new staff members.

We have begun the process of looking at scheduling for next year. Renee Cookstrom and I have laid out a plan for the process and we shared it with teacher. We will also be having information night for parents and students in late January/Early February about the registrations process.

2. News and Noteworthy

Our PEHS/MS Jeans team raised over \$700 with the help of NHS to support families during the holiday season.

Teacher have created google calendars for all their classes. These have been shared with the students in their classes. These calendars are used to link assignments and materials from class that students are able to access from home. They will also be putting in due dates of assignment or projects in addition to test or quiz dates to allow parents and students to stay more connected.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

Les Ahrens for all his years of dedication to the staff and students in the middle and high school building. We appreciate everything he has done and he will be missed, but we are sure he will enjoy his retirement!

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

December 14th is the middle/high school band concert and December 21st is the middle/high choir concert.

December 23rd ALA (alternate learning activities) Day in the high school and the middle school will be going to a movie in the morning.

5. Miscellaneous

School Board Report and Update
School/Building –District-Wide
Director of Special Education, Pupil and Learning Services -
Amanda Jones
December 8, 2015

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- The RtI Committee continues to meet monthly and has been continuing to make needed updates/revisions to the RtI Guidebook for the district, as well as an informational brochure for parents. The committee will be determining the best methods of print/distribution of these brochures.
- The Pupil Services team has met continuously to revise old SST (Student Support Team) forms to better meet the updated needs of our Response to Intervention at a building and district level. The SST name/acronym will be replaced with ABC Team (Academic/Behavior Concern team) to help encompass the behavior component of intervention, in addition to academic concerns. These forms will be introduced to the RtI team for feedback and final approval at the December 21 RtI meeting, with the goal of 2nd semester implementation.

2. News and Noteworthy

- The Upstanders program (anti-bullying campaign) has held trainings for all students in the district in grades 5-8 that were chosen to be a part of this program. This program will continue to meet to establish building goals and begin implementation.
- Due to federal law changes in paying students sub-minimal wage starting July 1, 2016, we are working with Opportunities Inc. in enhancing transition services for students age 16-21 to meet employment and career readiness goals.
- Staff working directly with students age 3-6 (and myself) attended Child Outcomes Birth -6 professional development on Monday, 12/7. This provided information on each step of the child outcomes summary process and how outcomes work can be integrated into the IEP (Individual Education Plan) process for these students.
- Jenn Jamison (speech/language), Carrie Dampier (special education/transition teacher), and I attended the Transition Collaboration

network meeting to learn more about agency updates, effective assessment and job development strategies, community experiences, and outcomes for students age 14-21. This network meeting was incredibly helpful in providing information to take back to our own district Transition Team as we move forward in this area.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

- Thanks and appreciation to staff and students affiliated with PantherGrounds Cafe. This work-based program for students in Nick Meske's special education class has been very successful and the amount of growth the students have shown in their skills has been amazing. The possibilities of this program continue to grow every day. Special thanks to the staff who make this possible! (Nick Meske, Jenn Jamison, Amy Richardson, Vicky Boos, Kathy Baker)

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

- Brian Kenney from Transition Improvement Grant will be coming in December 11th to provide TIG training as well as PTP (Postsecondary Transition Plan) training for applicable staff (special education teachers grades 7-age 21, high school counselor, psychologist, occupational therapist, speech therapist, and myself). This will begin the process of improving our integrated employment opportunities for students with disabilities.

5. Miscellaneous