

School Board Report and Update
Eagle Elementary School
Michael Marincic
December 9, 2014/7:00pm/EES

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- Second round of reading running records was completed
 - Heavy emphasis on reading rate and stamina
- Writer's Workshop Materials have arrived. PD has begun, small-scale.
- First round of Intervention/Enrichment wraps up on the 12th.
 - Student growth has been closely monitored to adjust instruction
 - Next round of assessments will determine future group placements

2. News and Noteworthy

- 8 volunteers from the EBA joined classrooms for D.E.A.R.
- Conference attendance was 95%

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

- Thank you to the EES staff for a very successful conference week!
- Thank you to the EES PTO for their generous technology donation! With it, we were able to purchase 20 new devices for classrooms!
- Thank you to Kathy Retzke and Linda Viegut for their work with our Scholastic Book Fair!
- Thank you also to the PTO for putting on another successful *Movie Night*!
- Thank you to IT and B&G for getting fobs out to staff so efficiently!

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

- K-3 Music Concert – December 11th @ 6:30pm
- 4-6 Band & Music Concert – December 16th @ 6:30pm

5. Miscellaneous

School Board Report and Update
Palmyra Elementary School
Steve Greenquist
Dec 12, 2014/7:00pm/EES

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- Parent/Teacher conferences went well and were very well attended. Approximately 98% of our families attended. Our teachers made other arrangements to communicate with those families who did not attend. The teachers and I were happy to meet with the parents to discuss their children's academic and social progress.
- Non-Violent Crisis Intervention has taken place recently and John Knoot is to be commended for facilitating this training. We hope to continue the training with additional staff members later this school year.
- Quite a bit of professional development time had been spent on getting teachers familiar with the Stephanie Harvey Comprehension program. Most of my staff meetings are going to be used to continue these efforts.

2. News and Noteworthy

- Santa's Secret Workshop – Sponsored by Home & School for the first two weeks in December. This gives students the opportunity to purchase inexpensive Holiday gifts for family members and friends. This is a non-profit activity sponsored by our Home & School.
- Report cards go home on December 12, 2014.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

- Jennifer Quella for facilitating the book fair over parent/teacher conferences. The Book Fair raised approximately \$5000 for our school!
- Thanks to the sixth grade students who held a fundraiser and made over \$150 for a Palmyra family in need. The funds will be used to purchase clothing and other Holiday gifts for the family.
- We would also like to thank the Palmyra Elementary Home and School for providing the teachers with a homemade dinner during conferences. It was very much appreciated.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

- Home & School Holiday Gift Shop December 1-9, 2014
- Books and Breakfast December 12, 2014. This is something we brought back to our school after a two year hiatus. We are seeing an increase in attendance each month!

5. Miscellaneous

School Board Report and Update
School/Building – Palmyra-Eagle High/Middle School
Principal – Kari Timm
December 9, 2014

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

All new teachers have had their first formal observation with either my self or Mr. O’Connell. We were both very impressed with what we are seeing in classrooms and the way they are working with staff and students.

At early release on December 3rd several staff members shared reading/vocab strategies they are currently using in the classroom. Teachers were given the task of trying a new strategy in their classrooms and reporting out in February on the progress.

Students who are involved in the credit recovery program we started at being successful. Programs like these are very common in high schools and we hope to be able to help some students who have fallen behind get back on track to graduate.

2. News and Noteworthy

We held our first honor roll assembly. Each student was given a certificate indicating how many times they had been on honor roll or high honor roll. This was very well received by students and staff.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

MS/HS Academic Action Team – Mark Valdovinos, Mike Hoff, Lindsay Jonas, Kim Heine and Stephen Rodriguez Pavao for planning the honor roll assembly.

Panther Pride (PBIS) Action Team – Amy Beaver, Luke Pedersen, Sarah Holland, Shannon Gronau and Kim Leal for planning the 1st quarter movie reward day.

Panther Pride (student culture) Action Team – Katy Morgan, Lance Pedersen, Kevin Wilde, Mary Kutz, Marc Blakeley and Diane Strehlow for planning the ‘Clash of the Classes’ ALA day activities before Christmas break.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

Combined PEMS/HS band and choir concert on Monday December 15th at 7:00 pm.

PEHS Top Cat Awards night – Wednesday December 17th at 6:30 pm in the community center.

ALA (Alternate learning activity) Day is planned for the day before Christmas break. All classes meet their point goal in our ‘Clash of the Classes’ battle so the students will be able to take part in a variety of fun activities that afternoon.

5. Miscellaneous

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

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- We will be piloting a computerized version of the ACCESS test, which is an annual assessment given to students whose second language is English. This assessment looks at the English proficiency levels for these students.
- All of the WKCE test booklets for science and social studies were shipped to CTB for scoring. We should find out those results in spring.
- Teachers in grades 5 and 6, middle and high school math teachers, and all building administrators met to discuss math transition between elementary and middle/high school. We are looking at developing some assessments which we can use to make decisions about readiness for pre-algebra or algebra in grades 6, 7 or 8. We will also look at materials that can be used to extend the curriculum to challenge students without grade level advancement.
- The state is moving to a new system for tracking students, replacing ISES and WSLs. This new system will also record staff information. It will be called WISEdata. I attended a DPI meeting with Patrice and Amy to begin to hearing about the new system. The plans are for it to be in place by 16-17.
- Steve Greenquist, Mike Marincic and I attended a conference on December 3 presented by Ken O'Connor, a leading practitioner in grading practices. We will be sharing this information with staff.

2. News and Noteworthy

- The Civil Rights Data Collection, a federal report, has been delayed by the Federal Government until January. We will however, begin to collect are data so we are ready when entry begins.
- We met all of our Annual Measureable Objectives for student achievement for our students who are English Language Learners. Jennifer Mielke is our ELL teacher who works with students and assists classroom teachers with instructional strategies for supporting ELL students in their classrooms. Thanks and appreciation to all teachers for supporting all of the learners in their classrooms.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

- Thanks to Ann Popp for her work with all of the state reporting and data clean up. The window is now closed for these reports.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

5. Miscellaneous