

School Board Report and Update
Palmyra Elementary School
Steve Greenquist
October 9, 2018 - 7:00pm

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Grade Level Meetings - We have been meeting with grade level teams to go over FastBridge screening data. We have been testing our students using FastBridge in math and reading for the past two weeks. A team of specialist teachers and I completed testing in all of the classrooms so the classroom teacher can maintain continuity with instruction. Now that this testing is complete we have been meeting with grade level teams to discuss individual student interventions that will start next week. We pride ourselves on the attention we give to the individual to meet their specific needs.

School Learning Objective - As a school, after we have gone through all of the FastBridge data, F&P (individual student reading data) and classroom teacher observations, we will identify areas for us to address so we can improve instruction and hopefully see an improvement in all academic areas for all students. Next month I will report to you what those areas are and what we plan to do to address them.

2. News and Noteworthy

Homecoming - We are all looking forward to Homecoming and all the fun and excitement that goes along with it. We have had spirit days all week and we are looking forward to the high school students coming down to visit the elementary students during their lunch hour and recess on Homecoming Friday. Both elementary schools will have students participating in the Homecoming parade. We all hope for a the varsity football victory!

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all involved for making FastBridge testing go so smoothly. Thank you to, Katey Morgan, Kelly Jones, Tracie Fehrm, Kathy Retzke and from Eagle, Justine Haima and Maria Schmidt for administering and analyzing the FastBridge tests.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

Oct. 09 - MakerSpace Club - 3-5

Oct. 10 - Early Childhood Screening

Oct. 11 - Chess Club - 3:30-5

Oct. 12 - Home & School Monster Mash - 5-8

Oct. 16 - Vision and Hearing Screening
Oct. 16 - MakerSpace Club - 3-5
Oct. 18 - Chess Club - 3:30-5
Oct. 19 - Book Fair Begins
Oct. 22 - Parent-Teacher Conferences - 3:30-7:30
Oct. 23 - Parent-Teacher Conferences - 3:30-7:30
Oct. 25 - Teacher Inservice - No Students
Oct. 26 - No School
Oct. 30 - MakerSpace Club - 3-5

School Board Report and Update
Eagle Elementary School
Mr. Matt Stich, Principal
Tuesday, October 9th at 7:00 PM

News and Noteworthy

- The first month of school was a big success. It was great to see all the smiling faces of our Eagle Elementary students and families.

Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- September was a busy month for establishing routines and procedures, as well as assessing the current levels of all students. This year FastBridge has taken over for MAP testing and AIMSweb testing. Formative Assessment System for Teachers (FAST) makes it easier for teachers to collect and utilize data in an effective way. EES teachers have spent time analyzing the results and will now focus on using the assessment data to guide our instruction moving forward.
- A first trimester action plan has been developed and shared with all Eagle Elementary staff members. This plan will guide us as we focus on our school learning objectives. This year we will be developing a professional learning community to increase staff collaboration and support professional development.

Professional Development

- Justine Haima, Maria Schmidt, and myself have received ongoing webinar training on the new FastBridge system. This will support the use of data based intervention decisions.
- On October 25th, Eagle Elementary Teachers will receive professional development that supports the Learning for All and Social Emotional Learning initiatives.
- On October 29th and 30th teachers and support staff will be receiving refresher training on Non-Violent Crisis Intervention (NVCi). I am one of the trainers along with Mr. Knoot from PES.

Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments

- I would like to thank our special education support staff, who have been instrumental in helping us complete a successful first month of the school year.

Upcoming Events and Activity

Tuesday, October 16	Book Fair Starts
Tuesday, October 16	3:15-4:15 Lego Robotics
Friday, October 19	Progress Reports Carried Home by Students

Friday, October 19	Monster Mash 6-8
Monday, October 22	Picture Retake Day
Monday, October 22	Parent Conferences 3:30-7:30
Tuesday, October 23	Parent Conferences 3:30-7:30
Wednesday, October 24	Book Fair Ends at Noon
Wednesday, October 24	4K & 5K Field Trip to Busy Barns 8:30-2:00
Thursday, October 25	Teacher In-Service (NO SCHOOL for Students)
Monday, October 29	NVCI Training - Mr. Stich to Attend
Tuesday, October 30	NVCI Training - Mr. Stich to Attend
Tuesday, October 30	3:15-4:15 Lego Robotics

School Board Report and Update
School/Building – Palmyra-Eagle High/Middle School
Principal – Kari Timm
October 9, 2018

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

The work already being done in PLC meetings is well worth the transition process so far. Teachers have been able to meet and really have time to collaborate as a department. They have started by reviewing their benchmarks and setting norms for their meetings. In addition, the administration has been able to be present at part of the meeting to answer questions and share information. The next steps will be working to design rubrics and assessments to gauge students understand in the benchmarks. This will be a long process but the impact on student learning will be very valuable.

The standards based grading pilot group is up and running and reporting good success so far. We were able to work with the teachers and Skyward to create standards based report card that really reflects what the teachers feel is important for each of their content areas. While the gradebook looks different than a traditional gradebook students and families are adjusting to the changes. We are still working it complete the process and make a couple more adjustments with Skyward. The pilot group knows that there will be growing pains along the way, but so far they are doing a great job of being flexible and working to get things figured out.

2. News and Noteworthy

Students are doing a great job navigating the 9th hour logistics. Open Campus kids have been very responsible in signing themselves out and leaving the building in an appropriate manner. We just moved students around to open campus and honors locations based on their 1st quarter progress reports. Overall the access high school students have to get help directly from their teachers has had a very positive impact. We are still working out some of the logistics with the middle school to give them as much access as possible while impacting the 9th hour classes as little as possible.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

Thank you to Dustin Burg and Ernesto Bautista for all the time and effort they put into the homecoming activities. They brought some new events to the week and did a great job of keeping the excitement and engagement up all week. Also, thanks to all the student council kids for all the time they put into making sure the events of the week when off as smoothly as possible.

Thanks to Renee Cookstrom and Gigi Laine for the time they have been putting in coordinating and running meetings with all juniors. These are very important meetings with students and

parents if possible that allow for a check in to make sure students are on the right track as they approach their senior year.

A big thanks to all our new teaching staff, Jodi Jonas, Kristine Greb, Laura Leja, Jeremiah Vangen, Micayla Schmidt, Sara Rivers, and Amy Schwartz. They have all done a great job starting the year working with kids and getting their courses up and running.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

- October 8th - Parent -Teacher Conferences - 3:30-7:30 pm
- October 8th - Financial Aid Boot Camp - Senior Parents - 5:30 pm
- October 19th - NHS Blood Drive
- October 23rd - MS Band Concert - 6:30 pm

5. Miscellaneous

School Board Report and Update
School/Building – District-Wide
Director of Special Education, Pupil and Learning Services -
Amanda Jones
October 9, 2018

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- All Fastbridge webinar training has been completed by administrators, specialists/interventionists. This has been a total of 8 hours of webinar training, in addition
- I have worked with specialists and interventionists in getting our district interventions indicated into FastBridge so that interventions and progress monitoring are in place district-wide.
- Thus far, the district team has been very happy with FastBridge Learning platform and the data it provides, in addition to the ease of implementation and customer service.
- Future use of the Social/Emotional screener portion of FastBridge will be determined by the Social Emotional Committee, with training to follow.
- The Social Emotional Committee is teaming up with Kathy Retzke and Tori Franz for in-service and professional development for all staff around Learning for All, with Social Emotional Learning as an integral part of that. The October staff in-service day will consist of district-wide initiative professional development around Learning for All and Social Emotional Learning.
- The Pupil Services team has applied for the SBIRT grant. SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment), is an evidence-based practice used to identify, reduce, and prevent problematic use, abuse, and dependence on alcohol and illicit drugs, including substance abuse. If chosen for the grant, middle and high school staff consisting of myself, Kay Leigh Sockrider (psychologist), Renee Cookstrom (Counselor), and Nick Jones (Associate Principal) would receive free two-day intensive training as well as \$1,800.00 upon completion of the grant requirements at the end of the 2018/19 school year. This is one way in which the pupil service department hopes to continue to meet the needs of students within the multi-level system of support framework, especially for at-risk youth and those struggling with mental health. We will hear if we have been chosen for the grant after October 15th.

- The Academic and Career Planning committee for the middle/high school has met and will continue to meet through designated PLC times in preparation for this year's ACP implementation at each grade level.

2. **News and Noteworthy**

- The fall annual PEASD EC Screening will take place on Wednesday, October 10th for children ages 3 to 4 ½ who may show signs of developmental delay(s). Advertisement for the screening is on the district webpage, social media, local businesses, pediatric clinics, and primary physician offices throughout Eagle and Palmyra communities.
- Staff in need of refresher and full-day training for Nonviolent Crisis Intervention will be trained throughout various sessions by our staff "NVCI Trainers" in October. Thank you to Nick Jones, Matt Stich and John Knoot for your time in training our staff and remaining updated in your own professional NVCI training to be our district "trainers".
- We are very excited to have a new transition program (age 18-21 program) partner with Seeds of Hope. Seeds of Hope is located in Elkhorn. Twice per month, Sara Rivers (special education case manager) and one paraprofessional will be taking high school seniors with intellectual disabilities and the students in the 18-21 year old program to Seeds of Hope for four hours per day, twice per month. While at Seeds of Hope the students will engage in vocational/job opportunities, recreation activities, as well as social emotional connections with one other school group from Lakeland School of Walworth County. Seeds of Hope looks to grow relationships with students and their families while they are still in school so that adults with disabilities continue to come to Seeds of Hope after they have graduated. I have links to the website and a channel 58 news special that was recently done. Please take a few minutes to watch this amazing opportunity. We couldn't be more excited about this!
 - [Seeds of Hope - Website](#)
 - [Seeds of Hope - Channel 58 Special](#)

3. **Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments**

- A sincere thank you to the Assessment Team for their diligent training and implementation of FastBridge as the new district universal screener and progress monitoring tool. Countless hours have been spent training, organizing, planning, and screening students throughout the month of September and into October. These staff include: Matt Stich, Justine Haima, Maria Schmidt, Katey Morgan, Tracie Fehrm, Kelly Jones, Steve Greenquist, Kathy Retzke and Nick Jones.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

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5. Miscellaneous

- Special education staff will continue to meet monthly as a team to address career and college readiness with a focus on co-teaching and inclusive practices and how that fits into supporting Learning for All and EMLSS (Equitable Multi-Level Systems of Support).