

School Board Report and Update
Eagle Elementary School
Michael Marincic
October 14, 2014/7:00pm/EES

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- MAP, AIMSweb, PALS
 - Grade levels met to analyze data to determine students with most academic needs.
 - Our building will be targeting reading, as it was our weakest assessment area.
 - Intervention groups were created and scheduled to allow students to receive a double (sometimes triple) dose of reading instruction without pulling them out of classroom instructional time.
- I/E (Intervention/Extension)
 - Staff members are meeting twice a month to discuss students, using data to drive instructional decisions.
 - These meetings will also give teachers a chance to create differentiated lessons to meet the many needs of our students.
 - We are working towards a model where teachers will create flex groups during I/E time to allow for a greater focus on student growth in the core academic areas.

2. News and Noteworthy

- Donuts for Dads (about 90 dads signed up at the time of BOE report deadline)

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

- Thank you to the PTO for putting on a very successful Outdoor Movie Night!
- Thank you to Paul Oelke for filling in at EES while Steve Valentine was out. You did a great job keeping our building safe, clean, and happy!
- Thank you to the P-EHS students who joined us for a Homecoming celebration. The kids enjoyed spending time with you at lunch and recess.
- Thank you to Alli Chase from the Alice Baker Library for securing a \$250 grant to purchase EES a weather station.
- Thank you to the Village of Eagle Fire Department for a great Fire Safety and Prevention presentation.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

- PTO Monster Mash – Friday, October 24th 6-8pm
- Muffins with Moms – Friday, November 7th

5. Miscellaneous

School Board Report and Update
Palmyra Elementary School
Steve Greenquist
October 14, 2014/7:00pm/EES

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- MAP, AIMSweb, PALS
 - Collaborative grade level teams meet to discuss data and intervention groups
 - Poverty and how that affects education

- PAWS
 - Each grade level is assigned an intervention time and specialists help with implementing specific interventions for each student
 - Interventions started this week with tiered instruction

- Professional Development
 - Educator Effectiveness – EE Training – Step 4

2. News and Noteworthy

- Books and Breakfast

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

- Randy Martinson - Head maintenance and custodian
 - Randy has facilitated many of the energy service projects still going on at the building level at PES. For the last two weeks, to help with getting the carpet installed, he has been emptying two classrooms every evening (with some help when available) and putting everything back again the next morning.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

- Monster Mash – October 17, 2014

5. Miscellaneous

School Board Report and Update
School/Building – Palmyra-Eagle High/Middle School
Principal – Kari Timm
October 14th

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

All 7th, 8th and 9th graders have completed their fall MAPS assessment, in addition 7th and 8th graders are wrapping up their AIMSweb benchmark screening for the fall also. Teachers have been given this data and they are using it to drive instruction and create their SLOs. We will also be using the data to place middle school students in math and reading interventions.

On Monday, October 13th 9th grade student will take the first round new assessments in Wisconsin this year. Students will be taking the ACT Aspire exam for the first time. 9th grade students will also take this exam again in the spring in addition to the 10th graders. The ACT Aspire will test students in the areas of reading, writing, English, math and science.

In late October the 8th and 10th grade students will take the WKCE test in the areas of science and social studies.

2. News and Noteworthy

Homecoming was a huge success. Student behavior at all of the homecoming activities went above and beyond my expectations. I commented several times during the week that the participation and involvement of students and staff was up there with the best it has been in my 14 years at PEHS. Homecoming was capped off with a football team victory and a very well attended dance for the high school students

On Thursday October 9th PEHS hosted 12 students and their advisors from all the schools in the Rock Valley Conference for a leadership clinic. The RVC provided funds for an motivational speaker to come in and talk to student who were selected as leaders in their school about things they can do to make their schools a better place. The speaker was Carl Olson and his message was well received by all of the 140 plus student in attendance.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

Sarah Holland, Pat Keelty and the entire high school student council who organize the majority of the homecoming activities including; powder puff football, boy's volleyball, dress up days, pep rally, parade and the dance just to list a few.

Sarah Toellner, Kim Leal and Mary Kutz who helped organize the middle school dress up days and Friday activates during homecoming.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

Fall sports will be nearing completion in the month of October. Student athletes and coaches at all levels have put in a significant amount of time to improve during their respective seasons

1st band concert will be held in the north/middle school gym on October 27th. This will be a Halloween concert for 7th and 8th grade students.

1st NHS blood drive of the year will be November 7th in the north/middle school gym.

5. Miscellaneous

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

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- Held parent meeting to inform parents of the new elementary report cards on October 9.
- Scheduled training to format the new report cards in Skyward. Teachers will also be trained on how to use the grade book and enter grades. All report cards K5- grade 6 will now be computerized through Skyward.
- Elementary mid-trimester progress reports were created.
- Currently meeting with all grade levels to review assessments to be used for this year for grading and reporting to parents. Finalizing math curriculum and timelines. The next round of meetings will focus on Literacy.
- Met with New Teachers and their respective mentors in September and October. September's focus was communicating with parents and October's focus was classroom management.
- Met with elementary principals to discuss curriculum resources and professional development.
- There is lots of new testing this year so the role of the District Assessment Coordinator has really grown. Participating in several trainings to learn more about the new assessments.
- This year, Tammy Anderson and Crystal Brokopp from PES and Tammy Mueller and Chris Ketterhagen from EES and I will be attending a series of 4 sessions revolving around assessment. We will use this learning to lead the elementary staffs in creating common assessments that will be used to measure learning and for data about student achievement.

2. News and Noteworthy

- DPI will be releasing school and district report cards on September 16. Copies to the Board are under a confidential memo.
- I will be attending the fall Skyward Conference with Sara Scheel, Rachel DePorter and Ann Popp. The goal is to increase proficiency in the use of Skyward for student information and enrollment as well as state reporting.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

- Thanks to Kari Timm for taking the lead initiative on making sure the Aspire test was ready to go for all 9th graders.
- Thanks to all staff in grades 2-9 for their role in MAP testing. This assessment provides us with data to make instructional decisions and to monitor student growth.
- Thanks to teachers in grades 1 and 2 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. Sarah Czajkowski, Crystal Brokopp, Therese Pease and Tami Harpster will be attending the PALS symposium in December to learn more about using that data to drive instruction.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

- PALS testing window for grades K4 and K5 is October 13 – November 7. The assessment yields information about early literacy.
- The WKCE will be given to students in grades 4, 8, and 10 in the areas of science and social studies. The testing window is October 27 – November 7.
- The Skyward Conference was October 13-14.
- Skyward Elementary report card training to set up the report cards is October 20 with the Teacher training on November 5.
- Elementary Mid-Trimester Progress Reports will be carried home on Friday, October 31.
- Middle school/high school first quarter ends on November 4.

5. Miscellaneous

- Attached to my report is an overview of the ACT test results with trends from the past five years. Kari Timm, Steve Bloom and I met with Heather from the Enterprise and this information was shared with her. The meeting was the result of a request from Heather to do a follow up story to the ACT story that appeared in the paper last month.