

School Board Report and Update
School/Building – Palmyra-Eagle High/Middle School
Principal – Kari Timm
January 13th, 2015

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

I am currently in the process of holding meeting with each department at the high school. We are looking at course descriptions and prerequisites in the course catalog. We are also working on creating an easier process for students to determine what classes they are able to take in each grade.

Ed O'Connor from CESA 2 will be coming to the February 2nd inservice to continue the talk with staff about reading strategies in all classrooms. Ed will give the teacher some more tools and then they will begin to look at implementing this in their classrooms.

High School finals will be this week. A connect 5 was sent to explain the process and schedule to the parents. We also run a different schedule in the middle school on these days to accommodate shared staff.

2. News and Noteworthy

The activities the last day of school before Christmas break were a big success. The student enjoyed alternate activities in the afternoon including holiday movies, ping pong, basketball and video games. We also raffled off over 85 prizes and gift cards that were donated by high and middle school student council, NHS and various staff members.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

Mary Kutz who was the lead member of the Panther Pride Action Team for planning the ALA day activities.

All staff that have be so flexible in adjusting to the issues caused by the shortened 1st semester. Teacher worked hard to adjust final exams and get students where they needed to be.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

1st semester Final Exam – January 14th – 16th, 2nd semester begins January 20th.

PEHS Mr. Panther Contest – January 28th @ 6:30 pm High School Gym. Mr. Panther is a competition put on by the PEHS student council. It is a ‘talent’ show involving the senior boys and the proceeds go towards the student council cause for the year – this year that is the Wounded Warrior Project.

5. Miscellaneous

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Director of Special Education—Tracy Elger
1-13-15

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

December's special education staff meeting was spent watching a short video that challenged the special educators to think about specially designed instruction. In the coming months our meetings will focus on how the special education teachers are gathering information about individual students in order to create quality IEP's for Palmyra Eagle students.

2. News and Noteworthy

Carrie Dampier, one of the high school special education teachers, has been attending Transition Network meetings at CESA 2. Transition is important for our high school special education students as it assists them in bridging graduation from high school with the world of work. In March, Carrie will be taking five of our high school students to the Special Education Job Olympics at Blackhawk Technical School.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

As listed above, new staff member Carrie Dampier has been doing a great job not only learning the ropes as a new teacher, but also in heading up Transition services for students with special needs at the high school level.

I would also like to commend the entire special education staff at Palmyra Eagle School District. We have worked hard this year on writing quality IEP's and I have seen this hard work evidenced in the great IEP's that I am now reviewing. In addition, we have focused on Functional Behavior Analysis and Behavior Plans ... I am very proud of how they have taken the staff development offered and are using it successfully with the students they work with every day!

4. Miscellaneous

I also wanted to apologize to the Palmyra Eagle School Board for not being present for the January Board Meeting. As fate would have it, our CESA Board meeting falls the same night. My CESA Administrator has asked me to do a report for the CESA board. I will see you all in February!