

Administrative Bulletin to Board Members

October 25, 2013

Superintendent Report

Old Elementary

The demolition and salvage group that have been hired by Phantom Fireworks are on site and beginning the process. They have already baited for pest control, such as mice and rats, and have cordoned off the building with a fence. This did not occur without a little bit of a rocky start because the gentleman with the salvage crew who had looked at the building was a little perturbed because we had removed some of our items between him viewing the building and him starting. I explained these are items we intended to keep and had not gotten them out of the building yet. After several discussions it appears we will be able to move forward on a smoother path with us keeping the items we have taken out of the building.

High School Building Project

The high school building project is still in the beginning stages. They will be beginning the process of putting up walls in the library and classrooms close by. The abatement contractor has tried shot blasting to remove the glue from the floor instead of chemicals. That was far less than satisfactory because it damages the concrete floor and they will have to be skim coated in order to put the tile down. We have a certain amount of skim coating in the contract but not enough to cover the entire school without receiving a change order that would cost the district additional funds. We called a halt to the shot blasting and they have tried a second chemical which did not leave the lingering odor like the first one. Presently, there is a question as to whether the VCT flooring will be guaranteed using this chemical to remove the glue. Chris is checking on that at this time. The most important hold up right now will be wait time on the windows and panels.

Educational Foundation

The first meeting of the educational foundation was held Monday, October 21, 2013. They have elected a chairperson, vice chairperson and appointed a secretary/treasurer. The by-laws were approved and updated with several minor changes. The next meeting will occur sometime in January after we have completed the filing for the 501c3.

High School Report

Band News

The Mercersburg Halloween Parade was cancelled for Monday, October 28, 2013; however, they will now participate in the Bedford Parade on Monday, October 28. Another change with the parade schedule occurs with the Christmas Parades this year as they have been moved from Saturday, November 16th to Saturday, November 23.

Planning Grant

In conjunction with the Fulton County Family Partnership, we are applying for a planning grant for Community Bullying Prevention for the 2013-2014 school year. This grant will provide resources to prevent bullying among children and youth in our community. The grant amount is \$1200. It will allow

us to continue utilizing the Olweus Anti-Bullying Prevention Program which has been implemented since the 2011-2012 school year.

Apple Rep

In an effort to continue integrating technology into the curriculum, our Apple Rep met with Mr. Breslin, Mrs. Dickerhoff, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hollenshead, Mr. Sholes, Doug and myself to explore educational options with the current iPads that Southern Fulton High School students have access to as well as possibilities for the future. In conjunction with this, Mrs. Dickerhoff is piloting iPad use with her Calculus class in an attempt to embed AP Calculus into this course in the future. Through the PA LEADS grant, she received 15 iPads for student use and she is using resources, such as Khan Academy, to target highly learning concepts.

Walk Throughs

Walk-Throughs were conducted at the high school this week. Mrs. Corle, Mr. Hann, Mrs. Younker and myself targeted Science/Math courses in an effort to increase student achievement and growth, according to the needs located in the School Performance Profile that was released two weeks ago.

Welding

GREAT News! Three of the Southern Fulton High School welding students have officially been hired at JLG as full time welders. These students will be working with Mr. Wolford at the FCAVTS to continue their welding certificate via Co-Op in order to be considered completers. If see Brandon Eader, Cheyenne Eader, and Tyler Dunkin please congratulate them!

Elementary Report

PVAAS Training

Mrs. Cutchall and I attended a Pennsylvania Value-Added Assessment System (PVAAS) training on October 21, 2013 at TIU 11. We received training in new updates and uses of the system that will allow it to be integrated into the new Teacher Effectiveness Evaluation System in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Cutchall and I will be providing training to teachers in the PSSA tested grades on the data on PSSA testing and student growth using this system.

PreK Update

I have received information from Ms. Elen Ott regarding cost for a preK (K4) program. I developed an online survey including that information for the public. The survey information (link) may be found on the school district website at www.sfsd.k12.pa.us.

I also developed an online survey regarding interest in before and after school care availability as well. I sent a letter detailing information on both surveys to parents and guardians at the elementary school. Paper copies of both surveys are available at the elementary school for individuals who do not have access to the Internet.

Elementary Calendar of Events

October

28-Nov. 1	Red Ribbon Week
28	PTA Meeting 3:30 PM Elementary Library
29	Picture Make-up Day

30	Report Cards distributed
31	Fall Parties
November	
7	Grade 3 Field Trip to Washington D.C.
11	Veteran's Day Assembly in the afternoon
12-15	PTA Santa Shop on the stage
12	National Young Reader's Day
15	Parent Luncheon
26	Parent Teacher Conferences (Regular School Day) Conferences 4 - 7:30p.m.
27	Parent Teacher Conferences (No School for Students) 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
28-Dec. 3	No School- Thanksgiving Vacation

Facilities Manager Report

Old Elementary Status

Items we are keeping or sending to Zimmerman's for sale have been removed and stored. The chemicals have been removed and are being stored in the basement of the high school stage area. Two drums, insect spray and boiler conditioner, have been put inside of 55 gal steel drums to contain any spillage. Greg Reinkie from the county said we could store some of the chemicals and get rid of them the next time the County does their annual waste pick up. We can also get rid of the insect spray at no charge if we would deliver it to Harrisburg using the Chemsweep Program, arrangements would have to be made for delivery. The demolition area has been fenced off and the asbestos abatement has begun.

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