

Administrative Bulletin to Board Members

November 15, 2013

Superintendent Report

Construction

Plan Con Portion

Remember we are starting with the tour at 7:00 p.m., of what is going on with the construction project. We will have several issues we need to look at and they are auditorium carpet and pine trim in lobby area. We will also review the work that has been done to date.

I will be asking to add change order for visual display boards in room #A028 which will mean the display boards will be increase in size in order to cover the wall problem were existing boards were removed. This will be an additional cost of \$130.00. This is an issue we will have to deal with on a room by room basis.

I may be asking for you to put item #2, Information Item #4, which deals with the lobby ceiling on hold. It appears at present time they have cost out the 2x4 ceiling tiles and we would like to see 2x2 ceiling tiles in that area so as to have less sag over the years.

The boxing for the skylights is still out there and we will need to get a cost associated with those repairs.

Old Elementary Demolition

They are actually beginning the demolition on the portion of the old elementary that was added on and doesn't have a basement. Things have quieted down with that project since the actual start.

Natural Gas Pipeline

If you have had a chance to notice the natural gas pipeline is reaching the end of Quarry Road. An estimate guess on completion would be Christmas or the first of the year.

Board Presentations

We are trying to do board presentations at the meeting that impact budget. If you remember at the last meeting we did introduction to the big picture on curriculum and budget funding for curriculum over the past 3 years, which has been zero. We also did a presentation on the school performance profiles and talked about the need to add the math person back into the high school this coming year. This coming meeting we will be talking about special education and possible impacts on budget. Future presentations will deal with the State's new teacher observation format that we must use and we will also provide a presentation on the new State's teacher evaluation form. Mrs. Hendershot has implemented one advanced placement class and we will be looking at adding additional ones next year.

Construction Meeting

I have attached the construction meeting minutes from October 30, 2013, for you to review.

High School Report

Veterans Day Activities

In honor of Veterans Day, the Student Council created a showcase to honor past and present folks who have served our country. In addition, students and faculty were encouraged to wear red, white and blue to commemorate the day. In between classes we played patriotic music every period to remind students of the importance of those protecting our freedoms and liberties.

Santa's Workshop Helpers

Throughout the week, we had students from the National Honor Society, Interact Club and the Child Care Course help the elementary students at Santa's Workshop at the elementary school. These students volunteered their time to serve as one-on-one shoppers for the elementary students and had a great time.

NCAA Signing

Macey Hollenshead officially signed her NCAA Division I contract with Fairfield University, Connecticut, on Wednesday, November 13. Marley Elbin officially signed her NCAA Division II contract with University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown on the same evening. There were over 100 community members, staff, students, team members and sports enthusiasts to witness the memorable event.

Winter Sports

Wrestling, Girls and Boys Basketball officially begin on Monday, November 18, 2013.

Ag Mechanics Auto Mechanics Shadowing

The Southern Fulton Agricultural Mechanics class would like to participate in a class shadowing project in which the students enrolled in the class would shadow a number of participating auto mechanics shops throughout the county over the course of two weeks. Through the course of this time, students will be broken into small groups of 2-4 students and will be sent out to the participating shops. These shops will then work with the students to whatever extent they feel comfortable. Some shops may allow students to help with the actual work while others may want the students to simply observe. Through this opportunity, these students will experience firsthand, the various jobs of a mechanic from certified professionals.

Because of the possible situations in which the students will encounter, the Southern Fulton High School will take full legal responsibility for the actions and possible incidents involving the students. All school rules apply throughout the shadowing and students will be expected to represent the school as well as the program in the best professional manner.

Upon returning from their shadowing experiences, the class as a whole will put together a PowerPoint presentation explaining their experiences and what they have learned through the process. They will then present this back to the school board. The class will also write up a newspaper article to thank the participating shops and to give good publicity to support their businesses.

Quick Breakdown

What: Auto Mechanics Shadowing

When: January (over the course of 2 weeks)
-8:05-10:15am

Where: Participating auto shops-Douglas Motors, Bards Automotive, Plunkard and Sons, (still more to verify)

Why: Give students firsthand experience in working in the auto mechanics area

-Teach NOCTI standards (1801-1803, 1901-1904, 2201-2207, 2301-2302, 2401-2413)

Follow-up-Students will keep a daily log of their work experience

- PowerPoint presentation to be presented back to the board
- newspaper article

Elementary Report

Pennsylvania Institute for Instructional Coaching

The elementary school is beginning the process of becoming involved in the Pennsylvania Institute for Instructional Coaching (PIIC). This opportunity is presented in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Department of Education and our local Intermediate Unit. This year starts the training for the elementary school. Ms. Susan Cleveland, Mrs. Amber Goldizen, Mrs. Stacy Smith, and I receive training through a no-cost literacy course provided through the University of Pennsylvania. The hope of the Department of Education is to continue to offer the course additional years to be able to train additional educators in the school. Ms. Cleveland will be working with Mrs. Goldizen and Mrs. Smith in a coaching capacity and this will be expanded out in future years. As an Instructional Coach, Ms. Cleveland helps to support initiatives in the classroom and provides support to the teachers in meeting the educational needs of the students in the classroom through direct work in the classroom, resourcing ideas, data analysis, and professional development.

Parent Luncheon

Parent luncheon will be held on Friday, November 15, 2013. We expect a very nice turnout of parents to participate in this event.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

We are preparing for Parent-Teacher Conferences to be held on November 26 and 27.

Facilities Manager Report

High School Cameras

We are in the process of rewiring and cleaning up the previous wiring mess associated with the CCTV camera system. Some of the existing cable was hung from the exterior walls while some were run exposed across the roof. The cameras that are not working or not suitable for the area they are in will be replaced. I am planning to put new cameras in the gym lobby, weight room, and entrance to the track. Without replacing any VCR's we can operate 32 cameras. We will be moving the controls from Mrs. Hendershots office to Doug's IT room where there will be space to maintain them.