

Administrative Bulletin to Board Members December 20, 2013

Superintendent Report

Old Elementary

The demo of the old elementary is coming to a close. They have clean up and ground work to do yet.

John Bain came up with a great idea to enclose the well by using a 30 inch tile with a cap on it overtop the well itself. We are exploring this and we will either do this or have Melvin Powell block it off. That way, the well will be available to be accessed at a later date.

County School Board Retreat

In discussing with the other two Superintendents we are attempting to plan a County School Board Retreat which will allow us to bring in speakers to provide information concerning the many new rules and regulations coming out of Pennsylvania Department of Education in regards to data collection, teacher observation and evaluation, along with Principal effectiveness. These issues are going to be very time consuming for Principals.

Plan Con /Construction

I have attached the construction meeting minutes from November 27, 2013, for you to review.

They are presently finishing up with Phase 1 and we are moving items into the IT room, library, and computer class room.

Over the holidays they will be abating as many of the hallways as they can get while no one is in the building. The removal of asbestos will began after the ball game this evening (Friday), beginning about 11 o'clock. The hallway for the gym entrance does not have asbestos tile and will be blocked off from the rest of the building in order to allow practices to continue over the holidays.

High School Report

Algebra I/Math Score Update

PDE issued an update to the newly created School Performance Profile that now includes the comparison feature for this tool. I used this feature to compare Southern Fulton High School with 3 other school districts that are similar to Southern Fulton High School in geography and socio-economic status to look at the Algebra I/Math Scores from the Keystone Exams.

The results were highly in our favor with the Math/Algebra I scores as follows:

Southern Fulton = 81.15%
McConnellsburg = 69.81%
Forbes Road = 77.27%
Everett = 66.35%

In addition, the SFHS Math SATs also were at the top with the following scores:

Southern Futon= 520.83
McConnellsburg = 520

Forbes Road = 495.29
Everett = 473.94

Elementary Report

Trainings

Mrs. Brumbaugh, Mr. Rupert, Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Whiteside, and I attended Student Assistance Program add-on training at TIU 11 on December 13, 16, and 18. The elementary school will be implementing the Student Assistance Model for the 2014-2015 school year, once the elementary school team members have completed all parts of the state required training. This student approach will assist the elementary school to better meet the academic and behavioral needs of our students. The elementary school is also looking honing our collection and review of student academic information to provide more focus on student needs and strengths. We will be working as a team to further develop this focus as an integral part of the Student Assistance Program.

Christmas Programs

The Christmas Programs were well attended on the make-up dates. We appreciate the support of the community, students, staff, and volunteers to make this a success and a special evening for the students. We appreciate the assistance of the Needmore Volunteer Fire Department and the Pennsylvania State Police.

PreK and After School Care update

Surveys have been collected regarding the interest in offering a PreK (K4) program this school year as well as before/after school care. The cost for the PreK (K4) program was slated to be \$23.00 per day with at least 14 children in attendance according to Ms. Elen Ott of the Fulton County Family Partnership. I had six parents respond yes for interest in having their child participate in the program and one parent responded no. I had three parents indicate that they were interested in having their child(ren) participate in the before/after school care program. One parent indicated that they were not interested in the program. Two of the three "yes" surveys indicated that the service would be used as a "drop-in" or "as needed" care. Due to the low number of parents indicating interest, the programs are not feasible to begin in January. I would like to work with the Fulton County Family Partnership to gather interest from parents interested in having their children participate in these programs at the start of the 2014-2015 school year. I feel that we will generate more interest in the PreK (K4) program if it is in place for the beginning of the next school year. I have concerns that the before/after school program will not generate enough interest to run in the district.

Facilities Manager

All library shelving, desks, chairs, and books have been placed back in the library in order to prepare for the asbestos removal in the corridors and cafeteria. The building will basically shut down due to asbestos removal; however, we will be able to access the library from the exit door so we will be putting the shelving back in place. All item in the corridors has been or being moved for asbestos removal. Doug's old IT room has been cleared so that Lobar can continue with the construction in that area. Once the existing walls are removed Heim will be able to finish connecting the Classroom Unit Ventilator in that area. Heim is here addressing some of the issues with the heating system, (why the circulators shut down, why outside dampers are 100 % open with freezing outside air temperatures).

Have a Wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!!!

Anita Munson
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