

Administrative Bulletin to Board Members

February 7, 2014

Superintendent Report

High School Renovation

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We have completed a punch list for room 208 and the library. One of the major issues in the library is the diffusers. They primed and painted one to see if it would pass inspection. The diffuser passed and they will continue with painting the rest of them. Ms. Booth's computer lab will be moving to room 208 by the end of this week. The asbestos abatement has been completed in the band room and the hallway associated with that room. Demo in the band room should be completed by next week and then they will begin completing work to be done in this area. I am also attaching a copy of the construction meeting minutes from January 8, 2014.

Energy Savings

By the end of this week the controls on the second floor unit ventilator will have been replaced along with some on the first floor. When completed we will have a Conexus program controlling Conexus controls which means there should be no lack in communication between the system and controls and should be able to control units as designed to be. Northern Pipeline is back on site and hopefully will soon have natural gas to the high school.

State Testing

Presently the Secretary of Education is proposing delaying the PSSA assessments by one week because of the large number of weather related days schools have missed. Also, on Thursday, February 20, 2014, the administration will be in training regarding transitioning to PA Common Core. Although we have already attended training and began revising curriculum at the high school in order to accommodate. This training will be all day at the Central Fulton School District and will be held for all three county schools.

Governor Proposed Budget

Two areas that will be of interest to us is a possible increase in special education funding. Although, until it gets spread out across the State, it will not amount to that much to our district. He has also proposed an increase in funding that will potentially allow us to reinstitute our K-4 program as we had it two years ago. Should this occur it would be in the form of a block grant which means it is not a competitive grant but it is like the one we use presently to fund a portion of our kindergarten program. Should this occur as proposed the question will then be whether or not you choose to run the Pre-K program as a partial program as you have done so in the past or add additional funds and run a full district wide program.

Elementary Report

Grade six is slated to take the PSSA English Language Arts Field Test on February 11, 2014. As this is a field test, data from the test is not shared with the school. The teachers and students are working diligently to make sure that students have gained exposure to the tested content areas on the PSSA exams, currently slated to begin on March 17, 2014. Due to the number of school closings and delays across Pennsylvania, the PA Department of Education solicited input from top school officials on moving the testing window for PSSA Math/Reading, Writing, and their subsequent make-up dates back one week. I will be attending one of the required PSSA Coordinator Trainings on February 11, 2014.

Ms. Cleveland is continuing her coaching work in Grade 5 with Mrs. Stacy Smith (reading) and Grade 6 with Mrs. Amber Goldizen (reading). She is working with those teachers on incorporating strategies and methodologies in assisting students in reading and mathematics. If state funding is continued for the coaching initiative, I would like to expand the teacher training to selected faculty in grade three and four. Ms. Cleveland also provides support to struggling students in grades K-6 in conjunction with Title I, Gifted Support, and Art instruction.

I will be offering SAS (Standards Aligned System) Portal update training for Elementary Teachers after school starting on Monday, February 10, 2014. This training will provide teachers with additional resources and understanding of the content and materials housed on this resource.

Facility Manager Report

Angie Booth's room will be moved to her new location (Room 208) on Friday and Monday the Library office will be cleared so that the new casework can be installed. We are placing insulation in the voids in the exterior walls where the windows are being removed and not replaced. We are also putting insulation in all other spaces where air is entering the exterior of the building. Just a heads up, in order to do this we must purchase the insulation at our own expense, but I think it will be money well spent. We will finish installing new wire mold and wiring in room A207 by the first of the week. By doing this in house, we were able to save the district approximately \$4,700.00.

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