

Administrative Bulletin to Board Members March 7, 2014

Superintendent Report

High School Renovation

Plan Con

We will have a change order to remove existing glass transom lite above existing Door B102 and furnish and install horizontal mullion and insulated metal panel. This is necessary because the ceiling is lower in that area in order to accommodate heating and plumbing pipes. With the lowering of the ceiling it is impossible to replace the glass above the door should there ever be a problem with that glass breaking. Therefore I am recommending this change order be approved.

John has completed his analysis and will be requesting a credit for the auditorium lighting. As I indicated during our last tour the original proposal was a credit of \$20,723.65. After discussions I expect them to return with a higher figure.

At present time with the construction project they are looking at doing the final abatement of hallways over the Easter break which means they would start Thursday after school and run through Monday in order to have the appropriate amount of time for abatement and air quality testing. If we choose to use the Monday after Easter as a makeup day they will not have enough time to do the abatement during that weekend. Presently, the last day of school is Wednesday, June 11, 2014, if we use Monday as a makeup day that will back up the last day to Tuesday, June 10, 2014. At present time I would not recommend using Good Friday as a makeup day. The Monday after could be used and if used would prevent the abatement from occurring over that weekend. I realize the decision to use one or both of these days as makeup days is entirely up to the board.

Energy Savings

The natural gas has been hooked up to the heating unit that serves the office area and is operational. A reminder that the damaged boiler is to be repaired this week under direct supervision by a representative of the manufacture to insure it is done according to their specifications so they will continue to warrant that boiler. Once the boiler is repaired it will be made operational by connecting the natural gas. When this boiler is up and operating we will then convert the present boiler we are using to natural gas.

The heating throughout the building is much more consistent and controllable now that the controlling unit has been replaced. There are several of the new operating units that need to be fine-tuned. I can assure you that we are already at 100% improvement over the original controls. Presently, John is able to walk into any room with his laptop and make changes to the units and be able to observe the units that he made the changes to. With the completion of the new control units and the improved operation I have released some of Reynold's money but I am still holding a sizable amount to insure everything is finished by the end of the project such as the repairs to the damaged boiler and having the system running on natural gas as was specified.

Representative Topper's Visit

The principals and I meet with Representative Topper and gave him a tour of our elementary school on Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

Elementary Report

Grade 6 Award

The following grade six students placed first, second, and third in the Chambersburg Elks Lodge Americanism Essay Contest. Three students placed in the first division from our school and won the top three honors. Mrs. Kathy Kendall shared that she has not had this occur in the past with the top three winners being from the same school and same grade. The grade six winners are: 3rd place: McKenzi Leasure, 2nd place: Claire Gayda, and 1st place: Riley Francis. These students were recognized on morning announcements at the elementary with their parents in attendance. These students will have their essays submitted to the district level for competition. The winner of the district level will have an opportunity to have their essay compete at the Pennsylvania State level.

PSSA Testing

Students in the elementary will begin PSSA Reading and Mathematics testing on March 24, 2014. We will be testing on four days for the Reading and Mathematics. Reading and Mathematics PSSA testing must be completed by April 4, 2014. Elementary students in grades 3-6 who need extra support have been invited to take part in an after-school SuccessMaker© time on Tuesday and Thursdays.

Child Study Team

The elementary school has developed a Child Study Team to aid us in providing services to students who struggle or students who excel. The team works with the classroom teachers and parents to look at strategies to assist the child in the regular education classroom. Team members include: Ms. Kristy Bagley, Mrs. Diane Younker, Mrs. Kathy Cutchall, Mr. Drew Rupert, Classroom Teachers, Parent(s), and Mrs. Theresa Corle.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration will take place on March 12 and 13. We currently have 50 students slated to be registered for Kindergarten on those dates.

Trainings:

February 20, 2014: PA Core Standards Training was provided by Dr. Tracy Hinish of TIU 11 for school districts in Fulton County at Central Fulton School District. Elementary school participants included: Mrs. Kristi Whiteside, Miss Laura Northcraft, Mrs. Diane Younker, and Mrs. Theresa Corle. February 26, 2014: PA School Study Council Data Training was provided at State College. Mrs. Younker and I attended and we learned more about the use of specific data and the accuracy of that data (such as PVAAS data). Information regarding the PA School Performance Profile was shared as well as how PIMS affects the data for the profile and other areas.

Facility Manager Report

I have implemented a process for the custodial/maintenance staff to document what supplies are being taken out of inventory. Over the next three months this information will be used to dictate what and how much inventory we need as far as cleaning supplies are concerned. We currently have box after box of supplies that aren't being used or are outdated.

We modified several cabinets in room A118 so they could be reused. The existing cabinets ran from the floor to the ceiling. The suspended ceiling was lowered to accommodate the recessed lighting; therefore, the cabinets had to be shortened and a bulk head installed to close the space between the cabinets and the new ceiling. We also removed a portion of blackboard that was added at some point in time and didn't match the existing.

The parts for the ceiling lights have arrived for the auditorium. We will know by the middle of next week if there will be any other issues with the lighting, hopefully not. The led lighting that are installed along the outside wall and led lights that will be installed around the face of the stage can be controlled without rewiring or changing the control cabinet. This lighting was previously dimmable fluorescent lighting.

We are continuing to remove the existing wire mold and extending the wire mold installed by the electricians to replace the receptacles that were removed and not in the scope of work under the building project. The electricians have been great to work with in allowing us to do this. Cosmetically this is a great improvement to the rooms.

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