

Administrative Bulletin to Board Members

August 29, 2014

Superintendent Report

Elementary Entrance

It is important to let me know if the board as a whole is satisfied with the latest presentation for changing the elementary entrance. If you are not please contact me to give the specific information on what you would like to see. If a majority of you are okay with the most recent design when would you like to move forward with this project? At this time my recommendation would be not to move forward with something until we are closer to completion with the high school renovation. This would allow us to do an assessment to see where we are financially. It is my belief that when the high school project is finished there will be funds left over greater than the amount it will take to do this project.

Public Sale

We will be having a public sale at the high school on September 13, 2014, starting at 9:00 a.m. in order to sell cabinets, counters, and other items removed from the high school during the renovation in addition to the items that were salvaged from the old elementary that are stored in a sea crate on the old elementary property.

Panels

I have given my best shot at trying to justify the district's position with regards to the panels. See the attached email I have sent to the contractor and architect. Another issue I am going to discuss with them is completely getting rid of the panels and replacing with a white brick that will contrast with the red brick. It would be hard to find a red to match. The white would make a good contrast on the red. If we are going to change something it would be important to do so while we are in the Plan Con phase.

Principal Report

Student Teachers

Jon Diffenderfer is hosting a student teacher this semester. Ms. Brittany Douglas will be with Mr. Diffenderfer until December 2014. Ms. Douglas is completing her teacher certification in hopes to become a certified Biology instructor. Ms. Douglas has been attending teacher in-service training throughout August.

Teacher In-Service

The three days of in-service were very busy for employees in the district. We had district-wide presentations on Webb's Depth of Knowledge from the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit staff. There were also presentations on Emotional Disorders given to the staff, as well as training on English Language Learners, Special Education Issues, and the new Safe Schools Training Module.

Safe Schools/Safe Schools Alert

The high school, in conjunction with The Fulton County Center for Families, was awarded a grant that was written specifically to target bullying behaviors. As part of this grant, we were required to create a committee composed of teachers, parents and committee members to address issues that were prevalent in

our building. As a result of this year-long work, the committee decided to use some of the funds to purchase a module within the Safe Schools module so that parents, students, and community members can report incidents of bullying, safety or a general tip. The reporting mechanism has been made available for ALL district students and information was sent home the first week of school to parents. The information can also be located on our website. Tips can be reported via text, phone or the web. The site for our hotline is: <https://sfsd.safeschoolsalert.com/>. When a tip is reported, it automatically sends an alert to the principal, dean of students and the Olweus Coordinator in the corresponding building (Mr. Meredith in the high school and Mrs. Washington in the elementary school).

The district also has a new on-line training program, Safe Schools, so that we can provide mandated training that is required of all school district employees. In addition, the training includes subjects that are necessary for staff members such as: Emergency Management, Employment Practices, Environmental Concerns, Health, Human Resources, Information Technology, Nutrition Services, Security, Social and Behavioral Issues, Special Education Topics, and Transportation Concerns. Each administrator, teacher and staff member will have a user name and password in order to access required and optional training modules.

Co-Op – Field Hockey with Forbes Road

The PIAA has approved the Forbes Road/Southern Fulton Field Hockey Co-Op and we do have one student that is participating in Field Hockey with Forbes Road. This approval is valid for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years.

Student Learning Outcomes

On Friday, August 29, 2014 the teachers will be trained on the newly created Student Learning Outcomes that are required to be a component of the new teacher evaluation tool. The teachers will be required to create measurable outcomes that will be evaluated at the end of the school year. These goals are placed directly into the Danielson Framework that is the required Pennsylvania Department of Education evaluation form.

PreK Counts Grant

The Pennsylvania Pre-K Grant has been submitted to the appropriate officials, along with the proposed budget and budget narrative. We are optimistic that we will be approved and hope to begin within two weeks of receiving word of the funds. The deadline for all applications was August 28, 2014. If all goes well, approvals should come by mid-September. Currently, we do have a list of interested parents in the Pre-K program and we are sending letters to all parents of three and four year olds living in the district.

Enrollment Numbers

K = 58
1 = 52
2 = 56
3 = 56
4 = 51
5 = 52
6 = 58
7 = 65
8 = 60
9 = 68

$$10 = 69$$

$$11 = 66$$

$$12 = 49$$

$$\text{Total} = 760$$