

Administrative Bulletin to Board Members

October 31, 2014

Superintendent Report

Metal Panels

On Wednesday I meet with Frank Augustine from Crabtree Rohrbaugh, Charlie Shughart and Brandon Lebo from Lobar, and a gentleman from the sub-contractor who works under Lobar to provide and install the panels, plus a representative from the company who painted the panels. At present time they are going to finish sealing things up for the winter and Crabtree, Lobar and the school district will continue to work on an alternate solution. I have indicated to both the architect and Lobar that I want to review all possible solutions and be able to present them to the board. I have also indicated that even though we are sealing the building for the winter this is not a dead issue and I want to arrive at a solution as soon as we possibly can. Charlie Shughart from Lobar has indicated they will provide cost figures once they receive detailed drawings of any alternative that the architect is going to present.

Gym Floor

The gym floor is ready and completed with the exception of some saw dust clean up under bleachers. I have already been in touch with Miller Flooring and they are to send a representative as soon as possible. We can go on the gym floor but I do not wish to do so until the cleanup is completed so that we do not have particles of saw dust all over the new floor.

Construction Project Update

- A. Plumbing Contractor – Everything has been completed and their portion of the project has been closed out.
- B. Electrical Contractor- There are one or two items to finish up which we are working on and then their portion of the project will be completed.
- C. General Contractor – We still have items on the punch list to be completed by the general contractor. They have taken care of a lot of the items but currently still have some items on the list. Their list is to be completed by the end of November so we have all issues solved except the metal panels. Their portion of the project will not be closed until we reach a final decision and completion of the metal panels.

Pre K Evaluation of Our Grant

We were able to get a copy of our grant evaluation which will be somewhat helpful if we apply in the future. The two issues where we lost the majority of our points are as follows:

- Free and Reduced Lunch - The requests PDE received were three times greater than the money they had available. They used the percentages of free and reduced lunch that school districts had and assigned a value of 50 points out of the 300 toward this. The point range started at 85% of reduced and free lunches receiving 50 points and those below 50% free and reduced lunches receiving 5 points. Our free and reduced lunch presently is 48%.
- Collaborative Grant - The other area according to the evaluation where we could have gained points was to do a collaborative grant with a community organization. The rest of the grant was fairly good as in that we only lost a couple points here and there in the different categories. When

applying next time we will definitely involve a community organization in some manner. However, there is not a whole lot we can do with the large portion of the grant that deals with free and reduced lunches.

Special Education Report

The Multiple Disabilities Class has carried out two community service projects since the beginning of the school year. At a local store, students assisted in preparing merchandise for retail sale.

A group of students in the gifted program are creating a play to be presented to the preschool children who attend the SFHS Child Care Program. The students created the script, costumes, music, and choreograph for the play. They are anxious to perform their masterpiece.

Luther Murray won the prize at the school dance for the best costume.

Students are attending the Health Care Fair at Central Fulton School on 10/31/14.

Students attended Career Day in Bedford as part of their transition plans.

OVR – Office of Vocational Rehabilitation have received a grant for transition services. Now they will be able to provide services for students who have a disability who are between the ages of 14 – 16. The services are for all students who have any type of disability whether or not they have an IEP or 504. The purpose of the service they provide is, to assist students in preparing for competitive employment following graduation. Previously, OVR only would assist with seniors in high school or if they had space, juniors.

Principal Report

Child Study Team (ES)

The Child Study Team, consisting of Ms. Bagley, Mrs. Cutchall, Mr. Knox, Mrs. Younker, Mrs. Hendershot and classroom teachers had two days of intense meetings with parents and other professionals concerning students that have been referred for having difficulty in their classrooms. This team meets on a monthly basis to give strategies and work together to assist the classroom teacher in providing interventions to assist students in their academic and behavioral areas. These meetings provide parents the opportunity to communicate with teachers, as well as attempt to meet the needs of struggling students.

Red Ribbon Week (ES/HS)

October 27 – 31 is National Red Ribbon Week in order to bring awareness to students to be Drug Free. Both buildings participated in this week with fun days for students and staff. It is always a fun time.

Visual Arts (HS)

The Southern Fulton Visual Arts students have been very busy working on projects for their regular classroom requirements, but they have been gearing up for some very special art activities outside of the normal curriculum. There was a display of artwork and photography in the Fulton County Library for the Fulton Fall Folk Festival two weeks ago. The school was selected to have a month long art display at the Pennsylvania School Board Association Office in Mechanicsburg, PA. Mrs. Mottern will be taking artwork to the Mechanicsburg Office over Thanksgiving break to hang it for the month of December. The work will remain on display through the Christmas holiday.

Health Fair (HS)

The Annual Health Care Career Awareness Fair is Friday, October 31, 2014 for all 9th graders in McConnellsburg at the Jaycee Building. This fair and the transportation to travel to McConnellsburg will be funded by a grant from the Fulton County Medical Center. Students have the opportunity to explore health related career fields as well as participate in hands-on activities.

NHS Halloween Dance (HS)

On Friday, October 24 the National Honor Society sponsored their annual Halloween Dance in the Jr/Sr High School cafeteria. There were over 200 students participate in this event.

Wrestling (ES/HS)

The Everett Wrestling coaches, along with the booster club, have been to both the elementary and high schools to hold informational sessions for students who may be interested in participating in this event. The elementary students that participated in the assembly were in grades 1-6 and any interested high school student was able to attend the meeting for junior high, JV, and Varsity Wrestling.

Mellott Company/Antietam (HS)

The Mellott Company continues to gift Southern Fulton School District with their generosity. On October 15, the senior class went to the Antietam Battlefield for a field trip that coincides with their senior history curriculum. This trip was sponsored by the Mellott Company, as well as lunch. The students had a great time.

Cross Country (HS)

Our Cross Country team has enjoyed another terrific season. We had 16 girls and 19 boys participate this season. Our boys finished with a record of 9-2 (4-0 ICC) and also won the ICC Championship race and District 5 Championship. Jacob Pryor, Chase Varner, and Benjy Voight were named ICC all-star selections. Jacob Pryor was also the first Southern Fulton boy athlete to win the individual District Champion.

Our girls' team finished the season with a record of 7-3 (3-1 ICC) and they won the ICC Championship race and District 5 Championship. Emily Bradshaw and Madison Baker were named ICC all-star selections.

We also had 13 Jr. high students compete this season. Berkeley Springs and Bedford held a middle school meet which the athletes ran two miles instead of the 3.1 miles. These events allowed middle school athletes the experience of running in a race while providing conditioning for the athletes for other sports.

Soccer (HS)

The soccer program at SF continues to move in the right direction and is now competitive. This fall they had their best season since the program was started in 2009. The varsity squad finished 7-11 and only missed the District Playoffs by .03 of a point due to the power rankings. Also for the first time in the history of the program they were able to win against Fannett Metal and Northern Bedford, both were away games. They also were able to sweep both games vs the Forbes Road and Salisbury Elk Lick programs. Four of the Varsity games this season that were lost were only by one goal. We were fortunate to have hardworking student-athletes on our roster. The kids started working hard back in June of this year. They were diligent in attending the rec programs that were held twice a week throughout the summer. This really helped them prepare for the upcoming season. Also in early August, 7 members of

the Varsity squad attended a 7 vs. 7 tournament in Somerset where they finished in 3rd place out of 10 teams from other schools. The Jr. High program continues to grow and provide skilled players to the Varsity that can make contributions immediately. This really helps since we don't have the numbers for a JV squad. This year we moved two Freshman up to the Varsity squad and both were starters. Dristin Mellott and Chase Varner were both named to the Sideling Hill All Star First Team and Dristin was also named to the PIAA Senior All-Star game in Shippensburg University. We would like to thank the Southern Fulton School Board for funding our program and for allowing us to use the facilities in the summer months for Rec. Soccer. We are looking forward to many of our players to return next season, as we have only 3 seniors. Our seniors will be missed and we wish, Dristin Mellott, Dakota Jones and Jacob Pryor all the best as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

Band – Mr. Arnold

The band finished first at the Mummer's Parade and also finished first at the Mercersburg Halloween parade (Mercersburg has not been confirmed yet). The band also entertained local students and adults at the Hancock Halloween parade. The band and color guard has had a successful season this year and the band at all levels should have an excellent concert on December 13th. The band will be in Franklin County for 3 parades on November 22 and playing Jingle Bell Rock.

Volleyball – Mr. Arnold

This season the girls' volleyball team made significant strides in the direction of getting into the playoffs. Play at all levels was significantly better and the outlook in the future is very optimistic. A majority of the Varsity team will be returning next season. The JV team was young and inexperienced but played significantly better at the end of the season with several players that could have an impact at the varsity level in the near future. Varsity finished the season with a 7-10 record that included several anguishing losses that included game scores that were 2 point losses. The team also played well at the Windber tournament and made it to the second round of the playoffs losing to the 3rd seed team. Celina Merchant was a first team All Star for the Sideling Hill League and the ICC.

Elementary Book Fair – Mrs. Wilson

Southern Fulton Elementary held another successful book fair last week with the selling of \$5,955.62 worth of merchandise. I would like to thank all of you for your support and help!

Chorus – Mr. Meredith

Earlier this school year, I took part in a questionnaire for Choir Director Magazine. One of my responses was in regard to our Talent Night Charity Concert for Music in Our Schools Month. My response was included in the October issue of the magazine. I've attached a pdf of the page from the magazine. I'm very proud of our school and community.

Thanks for your support!

Elementary Dean of Student Report

G.E.M. Nutrition Program

The G.E.M. Nutrition Program sponsored by the Fulton County Food Basket is underway. The program has around 100 students enrolled in it. These students learn some educational facts about nutrition at the beginning part of the lesson. Then, the students do an activity to reinforce what they learned. At the end

of the lesson students receive a bag of nutritional food to take home that should last for the weekend. Students that are absent still receive a bag of food. It is stored in the elementary office until their return to school.

“How well do you know your classmate?”

We have begun a “How well do you know your classmate?” segment on Morning announcements each week. Sixth grade students have supplied information about themselves, such as their favorite color, hobbies, or what they want to be when they grow up. Each Wednesday these clues are read and the sixth grade gets a chance to guess the classmate’s name. We are trying to encourage students to get to know others in positive ways and that we are all special and unique.