

Administrative Bulletin to Board Members March 27, 2015

Superintendent

Black Top

During the budget process we will need to make a determination concerning black top at the high school. The options we have of course are to black top everything, black top portions over the next several years, or simply patch where we have problems. I have asked John to have some tentative figures ready for you at the budget meetings.

Panels

At the last board meeting there was no clear cut decision as where the board wishes to go with the panels. I have met with your solicitor and reviewed everything in regards to the panels. If we are not able to reach an agreement, decisions are then made through an arbitration hearing. At the next board meeting I will try to have options for you as a board to either vote yes or no on.

Vision Quest

Vision Quest has requested a meeting in order to review the contract we have with them. Under several different provisions of the school code it is clear that the responsibility of educating these students rest solely with the district.

As your solicitor indicates we really have one of three choices:

1. Contract with Vision Quest to provide the education.
2. Contract with a different organization to provide the education.
3. The district hires teachers to provide the education.

I would definitely recommend staying away from the third option and will be pursuing one of the first two options.

Elementary Principal

PSSA Preparations

Staff and students are in the final weeks of preparation for PSSA testing. Testing will begin on April 13, 2015, with the administration of the English Language Arts assessment. This assessment has four tests that students in grades 3-6 will complete. Students in grades 3-6 will begin the first of the three sections of the mathematics assessment on April 20, 2015. Students in grade 4 will begin the science PSSA testing on April 28, 2015.

Art Show

The annual Southern Fulton School District Art Show will take place on Sunday, April 12, 2015 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Elementary School. Artwork will be displayed, various demonstrations will occur, and food will be available for purchase. We look forward to showcasing our student and community talent.

Elementary Club Proposal

The School District is supporting Mrs. Jennifer Morgan, contracted Occupational Therapist, in completing and submitting a grant that will provide funding for club activities, to help students to develop various skills, to take place after school hours for elementary students. Mrs. Morgan has completed a written proposal and will be submitting this proposal to various global organizations for funding approval. Mrs. Morgan is also working with Central Fulton School District in the same capacity.

Elementary Dean of Students

Pennies For Patients

The Southern Fulton Elementary raised \$3,391.06 in the Pennies for Patients campaign to support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The classroom that raised the most money at \$345.96 was Mrs. Conley's. This classroom will get to duct tape Mrs. Cutchall to the wall on April 1st. The classroom that was second was Mrs. Leader's at \$327.33. This classroom will get to duct tape Mrs. Corle to the wall on April 1st.

Bible Release / CIA Camp

Students in grades 3-5 that brought in signed permission slips were permitted to be released from school at 2:35 to attend Bible Release Camp on Thurs., March 19. Students in grade 6 that brought in signed permission slips were permitted to be released from school at 2:35 to attend CIA Camp on Mon., March 23.

STEM Challenge

Mr. Ickes will be taking several teams of our sixth grade students to IU 11 to compete in the STEM K-nex Challenge tomorrow. The students are excited to compete and have been practicing for the event during their recesses.

High School Principal

PAYS Survey

Mrs. Corle, Mrs. Cutchall, Mr. Hann, Mrs. Hendershot, Mr. Sholes and Mrs. Solomon met with Gen Harper to review the previous PAYS (Pennsylvania Youth Survey) that was conducted with all students in the state, including Southern Fulton Elementary, Junior High and High School students. Gen highlighted several areas of need, as well as areas of strength for our district. This information is useful in determining next steps in maintaining a positive school climate, as well as address community needs for adults in our county.

PA Data Summit

Mrs. Hendershot attended the annual PA Data Summit in order to gather valuable information that can be used to train teachers in the use of data, as well as how to use data to drive curriculum. There were experts from across the country in attendance, as well as PDE specialists that were able to answer questions regarding PIMS, PVAAS and Teacher Effectiveness that are not typically readily available. The information presented was extremely useful and will aid in the continued analysis that teachers and principals conduct on a regular basis.

Curriculum Advisory Council

This month there were several "hot" topics on the agenda, including the rollout of the Early Warning Dashboard System, Project-Based Assessments, PDE Updates, and Dual Enrollment. There are a lot of changes proposed with the new Governor and Secretary of Education that will directly affect school districts. Stay tuned for additional information.

High School Dean of Students

Severe Weather Drill

The high school participated in severe weather drill on Wednesday, March 25. Our evaluator was extremely impressed with how orderly and quiet our students were during the drill. Our total time into position was less than three minutes.

K'Nex Challenge

Junior High students travelled to the IU on Friday, March 20 to compete in the K'Nex challenge. The group has been working very hard to prepare. We are expecting a great result.

Tour of Allegany College

High school students took a tour of Allegany College of Maryland on Friday, March 20. Fourteen students toured the campus.

Special Education Director

Pennsylvania Post School Outcomes survey Timeline and Procedures

Post School Survey's from the state have arrived. Graduates will need to be contacted and asked a series of questions. The information will be collected and forwarded to the state. The state then will analyze the data and make a determination if Southern Fulton is preparing students for life beyond high school. Indicator 13 – Transition Requirements

Elementary Special Education Classrooms

Elementary special education classrooms are very close to being at full capacity based on state requirements. The state establishes guidelines and within the guidelines very specific guidelines are written indicating the number of students per teacher's caseload. Currently, there are several students who are being evaluated for special education.

Extended School Year

The staff for the summer are being finalized, as well as schedules created for extended school year. Extended school year will probably begin in late June and end early August. Duration, frequency, and goals are determined by the IEP Team.

Project Max Training

Project Max Training at Southern Fulton will take place today. PATTAN and IU staff provide the training for six special education staff and one regular education teacher. The elementary principal and the supervisor of special education are mandated to attend. The purpose of the pilot program is to maximize the educational opportunities for all students regardless of limitations experienced by some students.

Project Max Training for Administrators will be held in Harrisburg, at the PATTAN Office. This should be the last training for the current school year PATTAN. Tuesday, March 24, 2015.

Handicapped Van

A handicapped van is being added to the existing fleet of vans through Snyder's. There is a student who must be transported via wheelchair.

Building and Grounds Supervisor

Wattstopper Lighting

Jack Parkes and John Northern from Repco came Saturday March 14th to address the Wattstopper lighting issues. After 4 hours of reprogramming each sensor in the building and addressing the issues, with the installation (sensors not working or not connected and engineering issues) we seem to have gotten most of the lighting issues resolved. They will be returning in about three weeks to correct the remaining issues, in the meantime I am to log any problems as they occur.

Air Handlers

The air handler and two heater units in the Ag shop at the high school have been repaired. We removed a rag from the supply line that was left by the HVAC folks. I wasn't aware that inline filters had been installed!

The air handler at the elementary is in the process of being repaired. What I thought was a leak turns out to be a frozen cold water coil, which is beyond repair. A replacement coil is on order at a cost of \$1,500.00. After removing the air handler's coil access panels it appears that the freeze stat may have failed by the amount of corrosion that was in or on the tube. It will also be replaced. I also discovered an actuator valve to the unit that had the actuator lying on top of the air handler and a string tied around the valve. It would be cheaper to replace the string but I recommend we repair the valve.