

Administrative Bulletin to Board Members May 8, 2015

Superintendent

Fingerprinting Lab

In conjunction with the IU we were able to schedule a portable fingerprinting lab that will be here for two days in June. We realize this will not come close to covering all employees, coaches, and volunteers. During those two days we will be able to schedule a maximum of 52 individuals. Scheduling is being done on first-come-first-serve bases. We will attempt to schedule up to two additional days in either July or August. The days presently scheduled for June are June 15th and 16th. During these two days we are limiting scheduling for full time employees only. If there are slots left we will then open these slots to coaches and substitutes on first-come-first-serve bases. If we are able to schedule the fingerprint machine for two additional days in the summer these days will be open to everyone including volunteers to be scheduled on first-come-first-serve bases.

Paid Volunteers

On the board agenda as we move forward you will see extra-curricular positions (example - coaches) approved as either paid volunteers or unpaid volunteers. This is being done so as to insure we do not have problems with health insurance for the individuals who are not full time employees. This all must be done because of the regulations written within the Affordable Care Act.

Librarian Position

As I had indicated earlier we will be transferring Denise Conley to the elementary librarian position permanently for the 2015-16 school year. In order to provide her the opportunity to organize the library as it is closed down for the school year we have moved her to the position after the PSSA testing. Next year when school starts she will be familiar with where all the items are in the library.

It is also important to note Allison Ritchey who served as long term substitute in the library has proven to be an extremely excellent and valuable teacher and is presently finishing the year in Mrs. Conley's room.

Elementary Principal

PSSA Testing

The Elementary School was monitored during the PSSA Science testing for grade four on Tuesday, April 28, 2015. All information requested by the State Monitor was on hand and readily supplied for review. An official report from the Department of Education will be sent to Mr. Hann.

Federal Programs Information

Allocations were shared for Title IA and Title IIA at the State Federal Programs Conference. Allocations for Pennsylvania are down this year as other states surpassed Pennsylvania in poverty rankings. Southern Fulton's Allocations for the 2015-2016 school year are included below. The Title IA allocation is \$151,040. This is an increase of \$3,915 from the 2014-2015 final Title IA allocation of \$147,125. Title IIA allocation for next year is \$36,952. This is a \$5 decrease from the 2014-2015 final Title IIA allocation of \$36,957.

There are several changes to the eGrant submission and reporting system. Non-Public signatures will not be completed in the grant portal starting with the 2015-2016 grant cycle. A paper document must be signed by the LEA and Non-Public Institution and uploaded into the portal. The Federal Funding Accountability Transparency Act (FFATA) requires a data sheet to be completed for all Federal Funds that details funding awards and expenditures related to that funding. Uniform Grant Guidance information has just been released to the states and PDE is in the process of getting that information to school districts as these new requirements take effect with the 2015-2016 grant process. This requires federal award recipients to implement new administrative requirements and cost principals for federal awards made after December 26, 2014. New audit requirements as a result of this implementation will become effective with the new grant cycle. Uniform Grant Guidance replaces four different federal circulars. This change was implemented as a result of an Executive Order by President Obama. This regulatory change is to increase efficiency, strengthen oversight, be more simplistic, and provide consistency. The United States Department of Education (USDE) is to release guidance to States in the Spring of 2015. No guidance has been shared with Pennsylvania as of May 4, 2015. The major shift of this update shifts the focus from compliance to performance. Outcomes will be reviewed during audits. Information was also shared regarding audits of Federal Programs. However, additional information and training will be forthcoming as more information regarding the new regulatory guidance is released.

Other Updates

Final Classroom Diagnostic Testing for grades 3-6 is taking place this month. This data will be used to drive instruction to assist teachers in developing rigorous lessons based on specific student needs. The annual Elementary Band and Choral Concert was well attended and many positive comments regarding the performance were shared.

Elementary Dean of Students

Kindergarten Registration

Thursday afternoon we are having kindergarten registration for those students that were unable to make the registration date in March.

24-Game

Thursday and Friday morning the students in grades 3-6 will be participating in a 24-game tournament. The winner for each grade will play a championship game on morning announcements one day next week.

High School Principal

Teacher Appreciation/Nurse's Week

May 4 – 8 is the week set aside to honor teachers and nurses for their hard work and dedication to students. During this week, there were several luncheons in honor of educators/nurses. These luncheons were sponsored by Mrs. Hendershot and the National Honor Society. It is with great pride and honor that we celebrate these professions.

Senior Project Presentations

Tuesday, May 4, 2015 the Class of 2015 presented their senior projects to The Mellott Company representatives, Mrs. Hendershot and Mr. Sholes. Every student is required to complete a graduation

project that consists of a minimum of 30 volunteer hours, a 3 page paper and prepare/present the project. Students are encouraged to dress professionally, prepare a PowerPoint presentation and/or video documenting their project and speak for 5 minutes explaining their project. The Class of 2015 did an outstanding job with their presentations this year. In attendance from The Mellott Company were Paul Mellott, Carole Zirkle and Jeff Rowland. Paul commented that these were “the best presentations to-date”. Paul Mellott will award 5 seniors \$2,000 each at the graduation ceremony based on the best project in the following areas: Safety, Integrity, Commitment, Respect and Excellence. Stay tuned for the winners!

PSSA Make-Ups

The high school will officially close the PSSA Make-Up window on Friday, May 8. At the time of this writing, there is one student with one section of the 8th grade Science PSSA to complete. I am confident this will occur prior to the end of the testing window.

PVAAS Verification

On Thursday, May 7, Tim Miller will be at the high school to assist teachers with the roster verification process that must occur in the PVAAS system. This process includes all teachers who are instructors in the tested areas: ELA, Math, Science, Algebra I, Literature and Biology. Each teacher is required to verify the students on their electronic rosters and confirm the amount of time each student was in attendance in their course. This is quite an intense process and must be accurate as the data that is included will be included on the School Performance Profile as well as on those teachers’ evaluation with the new Teacher Effectiveness Tool. We are grateful that we were able to secure Mr. Miller to assist in the process. The goal is to complete the verification in a single day.

High School Dean of Students

Prom

On May 1st, students attending the prom were treated to a presentation about driving safety by the Pennsylvania State Police. At the conclusion, Gordon’s ice cream provided ice cream sundaes for everyone who signed the Prom Promise.

The Prom was held Saturday at the Orchards in Chambersburg. About 130 students participated, and a great time was had by all. The Prom court consisted of: Seniors – Tylar Smith, Sarah Spade, Sara Carnahan, Nick Schreiber, Spencer Lampley, and Tristan Douglas. Juniors – Victoria Barnard, Lindsey Pryor, Mikayla O’Neal, Nathan Leedy, Trent Rider, and Collin Bard.

Nick Schreiber and Tylar Smith were crowned king and queen. As always, our kids did an excellent job and were very respectful!

FFA Tractor Day

May 1st was also FFA Tractor Day. There was a driving competition and many students participated.