

Administrative Bulletin to Board Members

September 25, 2015

Superintendent Report

Pre K

We had a telephone conference call Friday, September 18, 2015, regarding Pre K. Unfortunately they did not tell us anything we did not already know. Their decision on who is receiving funding will be held up until the State approves its budget. They did indicate they will work with the organizations who receive the grant to get their programs up and running once the budget is passed.

Bleachers

I have talked with Chris Barnett and when I provide him with some measurements he will be able to give us a ballpark figure on how much it will cost to have bleachers built into the bank. For now the bleachers from the softball and baseball fields have been moved up onto the black top.

Supervision of Students Before and After School

During the evening with student athletes staying after school for home and away games we have found that with basketball the coaches take the responsibility to supervise the students.

Presently we have spoken with Mr. Arnold and he is going to see if they can find a way to supervise the student athletes that stay after school for volleyball games.

With the time frame in the morning we have talked to the association and will be talking with several teachers about altering their time so we have someone here starting at 7:00 in the morning. The teachers we will be talking with have planning period 9th period and therefore will be able to leave early on the days they come in at 7:00 a.m.

Internet

We have opened the internet to various different sites for students in grades 9 through 12. By next week we hope to have an abled link between Google Apps for Education and the Southern Fulton email accounts. This link is needed so that students will be able to communicate with teachers through email and also submit assignments to teachers through the internet.

In order for students to do things through Canvas online it is a real necessity that we get this link correct so the exchange can occur between students and teachers.

High School Principal

High School Musical

On September 18 and 19th, 25 students actors in grade 8-12 and 4 student crew members entertained over 600 community members with their performances of Disney's Aladdin Jr. a shortened version of the Broadway sensation. Work on Aladdin began last April with the announcement of auditions for interested students to be held the last week of school- every student who signed up, was given a part, a script and music to learn over the summer. A two week summer camp program took place beginning on August 3rd from 9-3 daily and then afterschool rehearsals started with the first day of school. All costumes were either borrowed, rented or purchased, the backdrops were rented and the props we bought or created. Over the course of 24 rehearsals, the students practiced, learned choreography, sang and re-ran scenes until our performance week. An assembly was presented to the SF elementary school students

and then two performances were open to the community Friday and Saturday evening. The overwhelming response by the audience members was nothing but positive, the students did an OUTSTANDING job in all aspects of their performances and their parents, friends and family members were treated to something very special as they watched the shows. Mrs. Mottern, Mr. Meredith and Mrs. Meredith would like to thank the SFSD School Board members, the Administration and staff for their help, support and funding for the event- stay tuned for a special presentation at the October board meeting complete with photos and video footage.

A Sample of School Nurse Duties

- We saw 11,507 students and 273 staff members in the health room last school year for illnesses and injuries.
- We gave 7,378 doses of medication last school year.
- We set a new record for health room visits in one day (117) at the elementary school on 2/11/15.
- We give breathing treatments to students when needed and we catheterize a student twice daily.
- The nurse does all the vision, hearing and scoliosis screenings as well as the heights and weights of all students. The parents are notified of these screening results via mail and we try to combine sibling letters to save postage.
- The nurse does all the mandated screenings as listed above at the Fulton County Community Christian School and a yearly health records check to maintain compliance.
- Using our own money, we provide a gift or flowers to students who are in the hospital or are out of school for more than a week.
- In the past year, 9 First Aid and CPR classes were taught. This included 8 child care students, 5 former students who needed certified to further their education in the health care field, and 3 community members who needed certified for employment. We now have 23 elementary school staff members and 26 high school staff members who are now certified in First Aid and CPR.
- The elementary school AED and the 2 high school AED's are maintained and updated as needed. A cabinet has been purchased to place the elementary school AED in the hall way across from the gym to make it more accessible for sporting events and community attended events. The nurse's office AED at the high school will be relocated to a cabinet in the second floor hall way so it will be more accessible to students and staff in that area. An AED is already located on the first floor across from the gym.
- Epi-Pens are maintained for students and staff who may suffer a life-threatening allergic reaction.
- The nurses are members of the Student Assistance Program.
- Since the first day of school, we have had 76 students apply to see the Mobile Dentist. This is a free service to students and Southern Fulton.
- We notify parents when a student who receives daily medication has 5 doses remaining so the parent will have a week to obtain a refill.
- Letters are sent every 60 days as required by law to remind parents of immunization requirements to maintain compliance.
- We work with the principal to get 100% of the emergency forms returned at the beginning of the school year.
- We are members of the Brain Steps program and work with parents, guidance counselor and physicians to monitor students who have experienced a concussion.
- We sponsor a 3rd grade dental poster contest. The classroom winners are given money, a certificate and with parent permission, have their picture placed in the local newspapers.
- Dental lessons with free samples are given to all students in kindergarten and grade 3.
- Puberty and hygiene lessons with free samples are given, with parent permission to all 5th graders. Mr. Yoder provides the lesson for the boys. A "door prize" of a bath and body works

gift basket is given to a 5th grade girl selected by a drawing while everyone receives a bag of free samples.

High School Dean of Students

“Aladdin Jr.”

The year is off to a great start. Aladdin was a huge success, drawing a huge crowd both nights and receiving positive reviews all around. It was a truly a triumphant return to the stage following the hiatus that coincided with the renovation.

Mellott Company Presentations

The Seniors kicked off their Mellott Company presentations with a talk about integrity. Many students are already excitedly planning their projects in hopes of winning one of the scholarships.

Ocean City Trip

The Ocean City Trip was a huge success. The chaperones reported that it was one of the nicest and best behaved groups we've ever had. The students were greatly appreciative of the support from the school district in continuing this wonderful reward trip.

Elementary Dean of Students

Mobile Ag Lab

Last week, every classroom participated in the Mobile Ag Lab program. Prior to the Lab's visit, each grade level chose a specific Science Ag Topic for their students to be instructed on. The students were very excited and attentive during the instruction.

Elem. trip to see the High School Musical, “Aladdin”

The elementary had the pleasure of making a trip to see the high school musical, “Aladdin,” last Thursday. The students were extremely excited about this event. They enjoyed the play a great deal and were truly focused on watching the musical. The staff at the elementary heard many glowing reviews from their students about how well the high school students did.

Technology Specialist

eRate

We have been approved for eRate reimbursement for our telephone service (\$13,000), and project to replace network equipment and access points at the ES (\$15,000). Though both are for the 15-16 school year, we have up to 18 months to complete the project. For the 16-17 school year I will be budgeting for the extra \$5,000 required for this project in hopes of starting and finishing this project July 2016 in preparation for the 16-17 school year.

Weird Problems

I've been working on trying to fix a couple weird problems. At the ES, for some reason, the icon students click to login to Successmaker works for Math but not Language Arts. I have a temporary work around

for this. Also at the ES, many Accelerated Reader quizzes have become unavailable. I can go in and make quizzes students need as available but am researching why this happened.

PIMS October Student Data Submission

I'll be helping Connie Mellott with the October 1 PIMS student data upload. This is an important upload as some funding is allocated based on this data. There are several changes to the data that gets uploaded this year. One critical change is that we must now report any student who withdrew over the summer. This must be uploaded to PDE no later than October 15, 2015.