

## **Administrative Bulletin to Board Members November 13, 2015**

### ***Superintendent Report***

#### **Feasibility Study**

I received a feasibility proposal regarding possible bleachers for the track and soccer field. The one submitted by Crabtree Rohrbaugh is at a cost not to exceed \$2500. Dwight Knouse from Hayes Large indicated he would not be able to get their proposal till the December board meeting. I have attached a copy of the Crabtree Rohrbaugh proposal.

### ***High School/Elementary Principal Report***

#### **School Performance Profile Update**

There was an informational session held at the IU on Monday, November 9 on the proposed changes to the School Performance Profile. This session was led by the Executive Director of PaTTan, Harrisburg, Angela Kirby-Wehr, a representative of PDE, Jean Dyszel and Allen Muir, pls3rdlearning. At this session, school leaders were asked to participate in a survey that collected information that pertained to our thoughts regarding the formula established to calculate the School Performance Profile. These types of meetings are happening throughout the state so that the coordinating team can gather results from each region of the state. At the conclusion of the sessions, the results will be analyzed and forwarded to the Director of PDE. There is a commitment on the part of the PDE Director to change the formula of the School Performance Profile. At this point, there still has not been a decision on how to use the School Performance Profile on teacher evaluations; therefore, evaluations for the 2014-2015 school year are not yet able to be completed.

#### **Elementary School Lock-Down Drill**

On Tuesday, November 10, the elementary school held its first ever lockdown drill. This drill was organized and scheduled by Mrs. Cutchall. The teachers were well-informed of the procedures for the drill and had the opportunity to volunteer to practice one day after the school day without students in the room. Teachers prepared the students for the drill by showing them where to go during a lockdown drill as well as the procedures that are to be followed during the drill. The state police arrived at 9:00 a.m. to brief Mrs. Cutchall on the activity of the day and the drill began at approximately 9:30 a.m. During the drill, two state troopers walked throughout the building, checking doors and attempting to gain access to classrooms. The drill lasted 25 minutes. At the de-briefing, the troopers commented on how GREAT the students were. They did not hear ONE sound during the drill! They were extremely complimentary regarding the procedures followed by the teachers, students and staff. Kudos to Mrs. Cutchall for heading up this endeavor!

#### **Teacher Observations**

I am continuing to formally observe new teachers as well as those that are on the supervision cycle for the 2015-2016 school year in both the elementary and high schools. This process takes several days as it requires a pre-conference, the actual observation, reflection and post-observation conferences. It is a time consuming process both for the teacher and the observer.

## **Subject: A Note of Thanks**

Mr. Meredith,

My husband and I attended the Veterans Day program at Hancock UMC on Wednesday, November 11. We want to personally thank you and The Tribe for the wonderful performance. The group sang beautifully and to see young people like that brings joy to all our hearts. What a wonderful group of teenagers. They did a fantastic job singing. It was a pleasure to watch them perform. We could have listened to them sing for hours. Also, thank you for your wonderful words to the veterans and all that attended. It touched all our hearts.

-George (veteran) and Karen Hensell

## ***Special Education Director Report***

### **Project Max**

Two regular education teachers joined the Project Max Pilot Project and were provided with professional development by IU 11 staff. The purpose for the two day training was to provide regular education teachers with strategies on how to meet the needs of students with IEP's in their classrooms in order to maximize instruction, teach utilizing the PA standards, and still meet the needs of students while providing instruction. (Miss Ritchey & Mr. Shaw)

### **Elementary Life Skills Classroom**

Mr. Bain and his staff completed the construction needed to place the kitchen appliances in the Elementary Life Skills Classroom. A modified kitchen was possible through a grant that was written by Mrs. Shaw in February of 2014. The grant was approved on July 28, 2014. The grant allowed us to purchase the following items: stove, refrigerator, microwave, pots/pans/kitchen tools, and small appliances. The total grant funded to SFES for the Life Skills Classroom was \$5,000. Under IDEA federal regulations, students are to be provided with opportunities to gain life skills, which can include meal planning, cooking, clean-up, budgeting, money management, and many other skills too numerous to list. Due to the high school construction last school year the appliances were placed in storage, until time would allow installation of the appliances. Students, staff, and the agencies who donated the money back in July of 2014 are all excited to begin the new adventures associated with the items purchased through the grant.

### **Grants for iPads**

Grants were submitted once again to obtain iPads for students who met the criteria. If students are selected as the recipients of the grant, that news will be shared.

## ***High School Dean of Students Report***

### **Events this Week**

It was an exciting week at the high school. On Friday the 6th, Peyton Koons had a Senior VS Faculty Volleyball game for her senior project. The game was very well attended, and raised over \$1600 to help those with cancer as well as cancer research.

The SATs were held on Saturday at Southern Fulton. Over 40 students participated.

On Tuesday, a 16 year veteran spoke to the entire student body about his experiences in the military and life. The students greatly enjoyed the presentation.

On Wednesday, Trent Rider officially signed with College of Charleston. Trent's signing was followed by a short reception and an interview with WHAG.

### *Elementary Dean of Students Report*

#### **Lock Down Drill**

The Elementary did a mock lock down drill in cooperation with the PA State Police on Tuesday. The teachers had practiced the procedures with their students prior to the drill. Sergeant Flaherty and Corporal Lupey were watching the cameras throughout the drill while several other officers checked all the rooms. They were checking to see if procedures were followed and if the students and adults were able to remain silent in the rooms. They were pleased with how the drill went. They gave us a few suggestions of things to consider in the case of a real incident with an intruder. We will be working to update and finalize the details for a plan if this were to happen.

#### **Veteran's Day Assembly**

We had a Veteran's Day Assembly on Wednesday. There were 19 veterans in attendance. The first and second grade classes as well as the 6<sup>th</sup> grade chorus sang songs during the assembly. In addition, Justin Fandl, our sixth grade winner for the Patriot's Pen Essay contest sponsored by the VFW, read his winning essay entitled, "What Freedom Means To Me." Alton Hoopengardner was our guest speaker. He told about what it means to be a veteran and how we can show our honor and appreciation to them. He also had some of his family members that are students here wear hats from each of the different branches of the military as he discussed the various branches. It was an honor to have Mr. Hoopengardner and all the other Veterans present with us for the assembly. The students made cards and posters to show their appreciation of the veterans for their service to this country.