

## **Administrative Bulletin to Board Members March 25, 2016**

*Superintendent*

### **Track Mats**

We have an individual who has indicated they will provide funds in sufficient amount to purchase one of the two mats needed for the track's jumping pits providing the board is willing to purchase the other mat.

### **Budget Information**

Attached is budget information sent out from Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA). In addition to this information I have forwarded you an email from PARSS which gives an analysis of what is about to pass as far as the budget.

### *Special Education Report*

#### **Medical Access – ability for us to bill for some of our services that are medically based.**

Re-authorization paperwork needs to be filled out and submitted by 3/24/16. This is a 24 page packet and has required much information; hopefully, it will be completed by tomorrow afternoon and can be faxed at that time.

### **IDEA Mandates**

Currently, I am working with the other two Fulton County Schools and OVR (Office of Vocational Rehabilitation) as an effort to meet IDEA mandates for transition activities for students who are 14 and up. There is a possibility for OVR to fund 78.9% toward acquiring a transition coordinator and two job coaches and the three county districts would be responsible for the remaining 21.1% of the cost. Further information will be forth coming as details are finalized.

### *High School Dean of Students Report*

#### **National Honor Society**

National Honor Society held their annual induction ceremony on March 21st. The new members are looking forward to carrying on the great tradition of service and excellence.

### **Interact**

Interact had their annual luncheon in Hancock at the Park and Dine. Mrs. Gordon returned with an awesome service project, which you'll be hearing more about in the near future.

## **STEM Students**

STEM students took a field trip to Shepherd University on the 23rd. This program has grown in its second year, and is a big hit with students.

### ***Facility Manager***

The baseball and softball fields are ready for play. The fields are in the best condition I have seen them since I've come here. The scoreboards are repaired and working, the baseball controller and board have new antennas and the signal has been increased, both the baseball and softball controllers have been upgraded, they no longer need to be plugged into an electrical receptacle to operate. They are now battery powered which makes them portable and the antennas are now located inside the controller where they shouldn't be getting broke.

We have repaired the inside freezer in the high school kitchen and the evaporator drain updated so that it would drain. We repaired the fire alarm system in the elementary so that it is working properly. The intercom system boards for the high school that were sent out for repair are back and ready to be installed. A drain line in the elementary kitchen has been cleared and as I type this report, we have a broken drain line in the high school that serves the second floor boy's restroom. Next week we will be working on the playground at the elementary.

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

## **Talent Night on March 12, 2016 by Dan Meredith**

Saturday evening's Talent Night was a rousing success. The kids gave wonderful performances. It was the largest crowd we've had for this event and the highest amount raised: \$2,538.85! By senior high chorus vote, the donations go to Nolan Heironymous, the Berkely Springs teen who was injured when struck by a vehicle while Christmas caroling last December.

The winners with the most votes were: Cameron Crouse, First Place and Karlie Ward, Second Place. We had three gentlemen compete in the karaoke challenge. Richard Wawro won that competition.

Thanks to everyone who attended and donated. Thanks also to those of you who helped count the "votes."

## **KNEX Stem Challenge by Dustin Fischer**

The Southern Fulton Jr. High competed in the 2nd annual KNEX stem challenge at the IU in McVeytown. The Southern Fulton School District placed 1st (7th grade team), 2nd (8th grade team), 3rd (sixth grade team), fourth (8th grade team), and sixth (8th grade team) in the competition with honorable mentions as well. The competition held 30 teams in which we earned a ticket to the state competition in Harrisburg on May 13th. Only the first place team will be sent to the state competition to compete. This team is composed of four students (Rachel Bradshaw, Ava Hull, Aliah Iden, and Cheyenne Risbon). The second place team was

composed of Gabe Stotler, Lindsey Hollenshead, Josh Stocker, and Dayton Pelton. It was an outstanding job by our Jr. High teams to succeed and achieve these amazing results.

### **Curriculum Action Council**

I attended the monthly curriculum meeting at the IU on Thursday, March 17. With the passing of ESSA, many changes will be instituted over the next two years in order to comply with the new legislation. Some of those items include: Keystone Exams as graduation requirements, continuation of Act 48 for professional development for teachers, transitioning from NCLB statues to ESSA, Comprehensive Planning, and PVAAS usage. These changes will create the need for adjustment in our district in both curriculum areas and professional development.

### **National Honor Society Induction**

On Monday, March 21, 2016 the following students were inducted into the National Honor Society: Emily Bradshaw, Madison Breeze, Dylan Gordon, Shianne Lanehart, Allyson Layton, Kadi Mellott, Zachary Scott, Madison Spade, Tyler Unger. NHS is founded on five principles: scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. All candidates have shown excellence in all five areas and have exhibited outstanding qualities in each area in order to be inducted into this prestigious organization.

### **Data Meetings/Coaching Initiative**

As we continue to review the data from our assessments at the elementary school, Mr. Breslin and Mrs. Mellott are taking a lead on analyzing the data and researching possibilities for coaching initiatives in both buildings. Mr. Breslin has completed the text dependent analysis training with teachers in grades 4-8 and this has been well received. In addition, Mr. Breslin will be providing instruction this summer, offering two professional development workshops in conjunction with Tim Miller, at the IU.

### **PDE/PSSA Evaluator**

I am pleased to announce that Mr. Breslin has been nominated to be a PSSA ELA evaluator and has made it through the preliminary round of applicants. He has received his recommendation from Mr. Hann, which is the final step in the evaluation process. This is excellent news and has never before occurred with an instructor in the Southern Fulton School District.

### **National Merit Scholarship Finalist**

Christina Bright (the student representative to the board) is the first EVER National Merit Scholarship Finalist at Southern Fulton School District. This is a HUGE academic accomplishment. This honor is based upon PSAT scores, as well as academic achievement.

## *Technology Specialist*

### **Senior Class Ranks**

The third marking period ended March 23, 2016. I'm in the process of doing the permanently store grades process in Powerschool. This process copies various grades from the teachers' gradebook into Powerschool's historical grades area so that they are permanently available. Once completed, for each current course, I'll calculate the year grade for seniors which will then be used to calculate their cumulative weighted percent (from grade levels 9 – 12). I will use this cumulative weighted percent to calculate their class rank. Once completed, I'll send the spreadsheet with this information to Mrs. Hendershot and Mrs. Solomon.

### **2016-2017 Student Course Schedules**

I'm helping Mrs. Solomon prepare Powerschool so students can start requesting courses for the 2016-2017 school year. This is for students in grades 9 – 12. Students in grades 7 and 8 do not request courses, Mrs. Solomon assigns them to their proper courses. Over the summer and once home rooms are assigned at the elementary school, I'll create their schedules in Powerschool.

### **Data Quality Network Meeting**

On Wednesday March 16th I attended the monthly data quality network meeting at our IU. This meeting focused on the following upcoming PIMS submissions:

- State Assessment and Accountability Requirements
- Graduation, Dropout, and Cohort Reporting: A cohort is a group of students who started 9th grade the same school year. It is used to track whether or not they graduate in 4 years, 5 years, 6 years, dropout, or transfer out of our district.

### **Accounting System Upgrade**

Our accounting system is called Infinite Visions Enterprise Edition (IVEE) from Tyler Technologies. Once a quarter (i.e., every three months) they make available major upgrades. During the quarters, they make available various patches to fix issues. Over Easter break, I'll be upgrading our system to the 2016 First Quarter version. Afterwards, I'll monitor the patches that become available and install any that pertain to us. Many times, these patches are for issues pertaining to states other than Pennsylvania.