

Administrative Bulletin to Board Members

May 6, 2016

High School / Elementary Principal

Teacher Observations

I have been spending a great deal of time in the elementary building completing the final teacher observations for the second semester. All of the observations have been conducted and I am now in the process of scheduling the post-observation meetings with all of those teachers. I hope to have all of those scheduled and finalized by May 13. The high school observations have been completed and are finalized.

Curriculum Action Council

On Tuesday, April 26 I attended the final curriculum meeting for the year at the IU. In addition to several presentations by vendors, the technology department presented on the new structure of their department as well as introduced the people who will be fulfilling new roles for the IU. Perhaps the information that is most pertinent to us is the revamping of the School Performance Profile and how that will change the way we conduct teacher evaluations. This is still up in the air, as PDE has not received approval for the newly formulated procedure for the school performance profile; nor how that will be incorporated into the teacher evaluations. Administrators cannot complete teacher evaluations until the release of this information, which is estimated to be in the Fall of 2016.

PVAAS

The initial release for the PVAAS rosters by PDE contained MAJOR errors that must be addressed prior to school districts verifying the data. While we can view the rosters and data, it is not in the correct format. As soon as those errors have been fixed, school districts can view the information prior to the teacher release date. PDE is hoping to remedy this quickly.

PSSAs

The PSSAs have been completed, with all make-up exams finished on Friday, May 6. The materials have been returned to DRC.

AP Exams

Mrs. Solomon administered the AP Literature Exam this week and next week will be the AP Biology Exam and AP Statistics. These exams are extremely intense and challenging. We have done our best to prepare the students for the structure of the exams by giving them practice sessions with the time restrictions in order for them to accurately pace themselves prior to the actual exam administration. Mr. Breslin, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Foor are cautiously optimistic about the success of the students.

Attendance Hearings

- Mr. Sholes covered three elementary attendance hearings at the district magistrate so that I could take part in the interviews for the 3rd grade teaching position.

Teacher Appreciation Week

This is teacher appreciation week. The PTA, National Honor Society and administrative team have done their best to acknowledge and show our appreciation for our teachers.

Elementary Dean of Students

Pre-k Counts Conference

Elen Ott from the Fulton County Family Partnership, Debbie Schetrompf, and I attended the PA Pre-k Counts Conference. We were provided a great deal of information regarding the Zpre-k Counts Grant that we received. We were given updated rules and regulations pertaining to the grant. In addition, we had meetings with our assigned Pre-k Counts Specialist, in which, we were able to get many of our questions answered. Of the new grantees, we were pleased to discover that we had more things already in place with our program than many of the others.

24-game

We held the 24-game tournament on Thursday and Friday morning for grades 3-6. The top four winners in each of the grades 4-6 will be given the opportunity to play in a 24-game tournament at Juniata College next Tuesday, sponsored by IU 11. I will list the winners next week.

Facilities Manager Report

The materials for the baseball and softball direct wiring are in. The baseball communications line between the scoreboard and controller location has been installed. Connections should be made by Friday afternoon. The softball line wasn't run because it's too wet, the trencher chains teeth were gumming up with clay and sod thus not cutting or digging.

The elementary multipurpose and stage have been setup for the band and chorus.

The interior walk-in freezer at the high school has been repaired. A defrost issue.

The high school gym is scheduled for screening Monday May 9th to prepare for repaint and touchup. After touchup painting is complete, Monday May 16, we will be applying the finish coat. We moved the gym floor recoating to May to beat the humidity from closing the cracks in the floor and so that the floor will dry properly.

Building Safety inspections have been completed for both the elementary and high school.

Mowing equipment has been serviced and put to work.