

Administrative Bulletin to Board Members May 27, 2016

Superintendent Report

Gym Floor

Last summer Miller Flooring was contracted to refinish the floor and touch up the paint which had chipped because of the movement of the floor where we put new flooring in. Unfortunately they simply screened the floor and applied two additional coatings but never touched up the paint. I have been holding their pay and have refused to pay their invoice until they do as contracted. After many emails and phone conversations they finally arrived to touch up the paint. We wanted to screen the floor and touch up the paint and refinish it before the summer heat and humidity cause it to swell again. The gym floor was just finished this week and will not be used for the next several weeks. It is good that this has been corrected but unfortunately the timing we were able to arrange will not allow seniors to use the gym for the tradition tossing of their hats. Mrs. Hendershot has made other arrangements for the traditional tossing of their hats.

Mrs. Will

Mrs. Will has been able to spend two hours one day and four hours another day. I have made a list of issues and reviewed that list with her so she could make notes. Additionally I have been forwarding emails that are of importance or contain informational items that would be of value.

End of School for Students

Friday will be the last day for students and will result in our graduation ceremony. Because we had very few snow days this year we are actually graduating as scheduled in the original calendar. This is not without creating some major problems to solve. Friday not only do we have graduation we have the boy's baseball team playing in the second round of districts. PIAA, through Mrs. Hendershot communications, has agreed to make our game an early game in the afternoon in order to insure seniors will be back for graduation. We also have students participating in the state track meet and Mrs. Hendershot has made arrangements for them also. I am sure things will be a little hectic but also confident that we will be able to negotiate all the hurdles and have a great graduation ceremony as usual.

High School / Elementary Principal

7th Grade Reading Class – by Rodney Leese

One of the PA State reading standards requires that the 7th grade students read and discuss nonfiction literature. In my class, the students read and act out the play, "No Greater Love" in class. This play introduces a young character who needs a kidney transplant in order to survive. After a discussion of the play, students pair up with partners and choose an organ or bones and tissues to research. They are given a series of questions to find the answers to and then present a power point presentation to the class. The students have shown a tremendous amount of interest in the project. Hopefully it will help educate the students about the need to be an organ donor and give each of them the information they need to make a decision when they are asked the question when applying for a driver's license. Their power point presentations were amazing. The students put a lot of time and effort researching and creating the power point. For myself, being able to attend the Organ/Tissue Donation Awareness Conference in Penn State helped me to be a valuable resource for the students doing their research. It also gave me an opportunity to meet some excellent speakers whom are willing to come to our school voluntarily to encourage students to pursue further education in the science field.

Keystone Exams

Students are still completing make-up exams for the Keystone Exams. That window runs until Friday, May 27. Students are required to take end-of-course exams in Algebra I, Literature, and Biology. If students do not receive an advanced or proficient score, they are required to take additional coursework in order to remediate their skills prior to taking the exams again. In order to assist students that may be close to passing the exams, we may offer a summer session of the Keystone courses, as there is a summer Keystone Exam window that schools can utilize to give students an opportunity to pass the exams prior to beginning the next school year. This may help some students with academic courses and their schedules.

Teacher Observations

All of the required teacher observations for 2015-2016 have been completed. This is a tedious process that occurs over the course of several days. Teacher evaluations cannot be completed until the School Performance Profile has been released, which typically occurs in the fall.

District 5 Track Meet

The District 5 Track meet took place on Thursday, May 19 as it was postponed due to rain on Wednesday, May 18. Once again, Southern Fulton students performed exceptionally well with 3 student-athletes bringing home gold medals: Celina Merchant (300m hurdles), Chase Varner (800m) and Sarah Wright (Javelin). These 3 students will participate in the PIAA State Track and Field Meet on Friday, May 27, 2016. In addition, several other students placed in various events to bring home silver and bronze medals.

PVAAS

The teacher's window for PVAAS reporting ends on Friday, May 27, 2016. This is quite a process for teachers of Keystone/PSSA courses. The teachers must verify all of the rosters of students and submit them to the building principal for review. We usually complete this process together as it is complicated and requires several data sources to be checked to ensure accuracy. This data is used on the teacher evaluation for teachers of tested areas as part of the growth and achievement measurement.

Graduation Practice

Graduation practice for seniors started on Wednesday, May 25. Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Mottern do a tremendous job getting the seniors prepared for this big event. Baccalaureate will take place on Thursday, May 26, 2016. Graduation will occur on Friday, May 27, 2016.

Baseball

On Wednesday, May 25 the Southern Fulton Boy's Baseball Team defeated the Rockwood "Rockets" yesterday 10-1 to advance to the District V Semifinals. They will play the Shanksville "Vikings" on Friday, May 27 at 2:00pm @Everett Baseball field (located at the Everett Elem. complex).

Facilities Manager Report

The ballfield area has been prepared for the boy's district playoff game. The high school gym floor has had the second coat of finish applied. CSESI is coming Thursday to install the boards I had repaired and reprogram the intercom system. The pc board was one of the boards that failed; unfortunately, this board held all the information about the location and functions of the classroom phones and will need to be reprogramed. The boards we are using now are on loan from CSESI. They would not sell us any boards, loan only. These Rauland Borg boards are no longer produced; but, I found a company that would repair our existing boards. Hope all goes well.

Technology Specialist

Report Cards / Graduations

This week I did / will do the following to help with report cards / graduation ceremonies

- Provided kindergarten teachers attendance information for them to put on their progress reports
- Helped Mrs. Solomon export data from Powerschool so as to do a mail merge with her letter to seniors. This letter had their GPA, Weighted Percent, and Class Rank information.
- Will help with Kindergarten graduation's video to be played the morning of May 27th
- Will convert the senior Powerpoint file / songs onto a DVD so it can be played during graduation ceremonies
- Will connect and run equipment for the senior graduation ceremony so as to show the ceremony onto a screen in the cafeteria

Donated Laptops

The TIU donated several Dell Latitude D820/D830 laptops to us – total of 6 plus one Dell Latitude E6500 laptop. For any that are in good working condition, I will use to replace laptops in elementary school classrooms that are on tables – that is, they are used more like desktop computers than laptops. By that I mean since always plugged into power, no need to be concerned with replacing battery.

Windows 10

I have been experimenting with Windows 10 mostly to verify that programs we use will work on it. So far, the only program that doesn't work is Successmaker as it isn't compatible with the new Edge web browser. However, I was able to install Google Chrome for Successmaker to work. I also discovered that Internet Explorer is on Windows 10 so that can be used as well – it's just hidden a bit so you have to look for it.

I believe the biggest issue I'm going to have with Windows 10 is configuring a computer for all users of that computer. With Windows 7 and previous versions, I was able to arrange desktop icons and set certain configuration values and save them in such a way so that everyone who

signed onto that computer would see the same icons. I have not yet found a way to do this in Windows 10 as the settings aren't in the same places as with previous versions.

Support for Windows 7 is going away in the near future and Windows 7 can be upgraded to Windows 10. I have started upgrading laptops to Windows 10. I will start installing Windows 10 on the ES computer lab once school ends. I have installed Windows 10 on both faculty room computers so that faculty/staff can work with it to see the differences. I'm also installing Office 2016, we currently use Office 2010.

Special Education Director Report

- I visited the following schools this week: Franklin Learning Center, Saint Thomas, NHS in Chambersburg
- The three Fulton County Schools have received confirmation that our grant proposal has made it through the first round of approvals for the transition grant
- The speech therapist will remain at SF for next school year. Advertisement for special education positions will need to be posted for Mr. Bard's position. This will allow us to begin to look at names and start the search in the event that I am going to need additional staff. (Additional possible openings: MD Classroom, Elem. Life Skills)
- I am applying to be accepted into the Pennsylvania Fellowship Program for Special Education Leaders. The purpose of the PA Fellowship Program is to assist Special Education Leaders to build the knowledge and skills of veteran and novice special education administrators to direct effective programming to ensure success for all students with Individualize Education Programs. The Fellowship Program is for novice and veteran administrators who want to improve their skills as a special education leader.
- Employer's commitment is only for the following three things:
 1. Registration fee \$425.00 (Covers the cost of resources, materials, and PDE Conference)
 2. Provide release time for participation in seminars and conferences
 - 9/20/16 Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel (mandatory attendance)
 - 9/21/16 Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel
 - 10/26/16 Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel
 - 11/15/16 Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel
 - 1/11/17 Videoconference
 - 2/7/17 Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel
 - 3/8/17 -3/10/17 Hershey Conference (PDE)
 - 5/10/17 Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel
 - 5/11/17 Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel
 - 7/24/17 – 7/27/17 Special Education Leadership Summer Academy
 3. Travel Expense – I will not be submitting this to the district.

Elementary Dean of Students Report

24-Game Challenge

I mentioned in a previous bulletin that we had students from the elementary that would be participating in the 24-Game Challenge at Juniata College on May 10, 2016. The following are the students from the 4th grade that participated: Isabelle Voight, Ethan Mellott, Miranda Jones,

and Brooke Williams. Brooke won Bronze at the competition. The following students participated from 5th grade: Lilian Schriever, Jackson Burrows, Jacob Younker, and Elias Johnson. The following students participated from 6th grade: Adam Ashkettle, Rylan Ritz, Holden Stotler, and Tyler Mosemann. Rylan won Bronze. Both Tyler and Adam won Gold at the competition.

Citizenship Day

Tuesday, those students that earned an average of an A or B in citizenship for the year were awarded Citizenship Day. Mrs. Amanda Brumbaugh volunteered to be the DJ for the event, which allowed us to spend the money we would have spent on added arcade-like games. We had a variety of inflatables and arcade-like games for the children. The favorites appeared to be the 24' dual inflatable slide and the Water Blaster (As the children would use a pump to blow up a balloon, water was also being inserted in the balloon. As it popped, they got wet.) Of course, the students always enjoy the snow cones, popcorn, and cotton candy that is provided. A special thanks to the PTA who covers the cost of this day.

6th Grade Graduation

On Tuesday evening we celebrated 6th grade graduation. Over 300 family and friends were in attendance. The students are nervous and excited to move on to the Jr.-Sr. High School.