



Tri-Village Local Schools
School of Excellence
Board News Release

The Tri-Village Board of Education met on Monday, October 20, 2014 at 6:00 in the board office.

Mr. Shane Mead, Elementary Principal shared there is a lot of good effective and active teaching going on in the elementary classrooms. Mr. Mead's formal observations and walk throughs are underway. Staff members who wrote SLO's (Student Learning Objectives) have given their pre assessments. Mr. Mead held a Title Meeting with all the Title Coaches to make sure all students below grade level are getting extra interventions throughout the school day.

3rd Grade Reading Guarantee Update: RIMPS's (Reading Improvement and Monitoring Plan) have been completed and interventions for those students are well underway. Mr. Mead was pleased to report we had 100% attendance on the Fall 3rd Grade Reading OAA on October 7th. We are hoping to get results by the middle of November. With the Title instruction hours being cut the reading and math after school intervention has been put on hold. We will continue to look at ways to get the program back up and running.

Fire prevention was October 9th, thank you to the New Madison Fire Department, it was very well perceived and the kids learned about fire safety.

Red Ribbon Week is the week of October 27th. Both staff and students will participate in this. This year's theme is "Love Yourself, Be Drug Free".

On November 5th, there is a scheduled early release day. Mr. Joe VanVickle of the Darke County Coroner's Office will be on campus for staff professional development on drug awareness.

Miss Michelle Moeller, Kindergarten Teacher asked Mrs. April Wulber from the Darke County ESC to help turn the elementary staff's readings of Teach Like A Pirate by Dave Burgess into a book study for graduate credit. For 12 hours of their time they will be able to get one graduate credit hour from Rio Grande. Interested teachers are meeting every Monday earning college credit. They are meeting in half hour increments to discuss the book for a total of 9 hours, then they will put in 3 additional hours of work in their classrooms by completing 3 separate activities or discussions of the book's ideas in their classroom. Then they will need to write a final reflection of completing the 3 activities in our classroom.

Mr. Mead announced the Patriot of the Month and lunch with the Principal will begin October 31st. The students will be invited to the monthly board meetings for a special presentation.

Parent teacher conferences were held October 21st and 23rd. The goal is to receive 100% student/parent participation.

The elementary fall fundraiser went very well. The students once again did a very nice job with this event.

Once again we will invite Veterans in for breakfast on November 11, 2014 in honor of Veterans Day.

On September 24th Mr. Lee Morris, JH/HS Principal met with Carl Jones from the Darke County ESC to discuss early samples of PARCC testing. We are beginning to see some early examples of the makeup of the tests, the administration process, and what kind of equipment we will need to have available for our students. Mr. Morris will stay abreast as the changes come down the pipeline.

OTES process has begun. Instructors have submitted professional growth plans along with their SLOs to measure student growth.

Mr. Morris and Mrs. Annette Black, Guidance Counselor are currently working on the master schedule for the 2015-2016 school year. With multiple changes in the College Credit Plus (CCP) system, and other factors they we are currently maximizing our course offerings within the parameters of our teaching assignments and staffing.

The first round of MAP (measures of academic progress) testing is complete. Teachers are evaluating the data and creating attainable goals for student growth. All materials for Sinclair's dual enrollment classes are in house and all students have successfully logged in. The online American History

course offered through Sinclair is going well. Mrs. Harris is encouraging students to take advantage of their reading assignments which is the key to their success.

Mr. Morris discussed the outdoor traffic pattern, trying to maximize our space and help alleviate some congestion during the morning and afternoon drop off and pick up times. Progress is being made and feedback from the parents has been positive.

The pre-engineering students are looking into a new solution concerning lockdown drills during lunch time hours. Students will be able to put 350-400 students in an animated school building and have them all go in through the kitchen doors to their appropriate lockdown location. We will then get a timeline to see how long it will take all students to get safely to their lockdown location. We are very interested to see what the mock up shows. This will be something we can show to the students on the computer if we needed to have a lockdown during lunch hours.

Christina Raterman, from Edison Community College Innovation Academy met with Mr. Sagester, Mr. Morris, and Mrs. Black on the College Credit Plus plans for high school students. This program defines "pathways" for students to make early commitments to careers and follow the steps towards the easiest implementation plan to achieve those goals.

Mr. Morris would like to thank Lisa Wendel and Mrs. Black for organizing the National Manufacturing Day on October 3rd. All sophomore students visited Greenville Technology Inc. for a tour of the facilities and then headed to Memorial Hall for a roundtable discussion.

Students were able to meet with Purdue University, Ball State University, Ohio Army National Guard and the United States Navy during their lunches within the past few months.

The junior high staff met early last week to identify students who needed additional intervention. Those student's parents were notified and parent teacher conferences were scheduled.

Mr. Morris thanked Mrs. Debbie Frech and the junior high student council for their efforts in the Yankee Candle sale fundraiser.

Congratulations to King Damion Cook, Queen Raya Mikesell, and the rest of the School Fair court. Mr. Morris thanked all the classes and student council for their participation and work for the School Fair.

Mr. Brad Gray took four students to the OHSA Student Leadership Conference on October 7th. Students were entertained by public speakers Harvey Alston and Butch Reynolds.

Mrs. Emily Brinkman took the marching band to the Bradford Pumpkin Festival on October 9th. Congratulations to the students who were honored at the REAL (Raising Expectations for All Learners) Success Luncheon. Students who receive special education services who achieved scores of "advanced" or "accelerated" on state mandated tests are invited to attend along with their parents.

Tri-Village Music Dinner Theater is November 1-2, 2014. Tickets are now on sale in Mrs. Geneva Price's room. Please call 937-996-1511 for more details.

Mr. Josh Sagester, Superintendent shared the dynamics of our district's free and reduced lunch status. We need to make sure our subgroups (economically disadvantaged and students with disabilities) are receiving as much intervention and assistance as possible moving forward to help close the gap measure. Mr. Sagester believes Value Added is the best assessment for our district. Where you are and where you end up showing the growth of students progress from the beginning of the school year to the end. We like to show growth in all areas of the local report card.

Mr. Sagester discussed the teacher evaluations for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mr. Sagester along with Mrs. Jodi Fritz, School Nurse listened to a webinar facilitated by Dr. Ross and Ohio Department of Health Director Richard Hodges concerning Ohio's Ebola preparedness. The administrative team will have a plan in place should the situation arise.

Mr. Sagester publically thanked the New Madison Fire Department for taking the time to educate our children on the importance of fire safety.

Congratulations to Mrs. Kimberly Chowning, Treasurer and her treasury department on another successful State Audit.

The League of Women Voters of Darke County (LWV) rented the commons area on October 20th for a candidate forum. The candidate forum began at 7:30 p.m. featuring State Representative and State

Senate candidates. The LWV is trying to increase the voting population in the southern part of Darke County.

The district is hopeful that they will receive their Value Added teacher level reports by the end of October. Mr. Sagester was pleased to report the 100% attendance for the 3rd grade OAA.

A new medical facility will be built in New Madison. Temporary offices will be on site as the new construction takes place, and Dr. Sherry Adkins will be able to see patients in the near future. Mayor Steve Eadler is keeping Mr. Sagester updated as the situation unfolds.

Thank you to our local sponsors. The advertisement panels are up and look great. We have invited all merchants to come and take a look. They will be recognized at one of the home basketball games in the future.

Mr. Sagester publically thanked the School Fair Committee for all their hard work and dedication and organizing the events of the weekend. Mr. Sagester also publically thanked Mrs. Stephanie Benedict and Mr. Mead for organizing the back pack program. The high school boys basketball team kicked off the packaging of the food, and the food was delivered to the school and sent home to the identified students.

The Chicago trip has been cancelled due to lack of numbers. There was a certain deadline we had to meet for deposits and it wasn't met.

Thank you to Eric Everman from Medicine and More for coming to the school to offer the flu vaccine. A large majority of the staff took advantage of this opportunity.

The Fall Sports Banquet is set for Thursday, November 6th at 7:00 p.m. Congratulations to Trey Frech, Kody Fourman and Keenan Fryalick for earning Cross Country CCC honors. Congratulations to Keenan Fraylick on qualifying to run in the Regional meet in Troy. Congratulations to the following high school Volleyball players earning conference honors: Raya Mikesell - First Team, Brooke Mintkenbaugh - Second Team and Jenna Spurrier - Special Mention

The Tri-Village Boys Basketball team found out who their opponent would be at the 2015 Flyin' to the Hoop Event. The opponent will be Russia out of the Shelby County League. The Patriots will take on the Raiders on Saturday, January 17th at 10:00 A.M. Tickets will go on sale at Tri-Village High School toward the middle of November so stay tuned for more details. We were allotted 500 pre-sale tickets. Tri-Village does receive a portion of the ticket sales purchased at the school.

Mr. Sagester concluded by thanking the staff and athletes for a great representation during the CCC Cross Country meet. We have a great facility and enjoy hosting events.

Other Items of Interest:

PERSONNEL

- A. Approve Kathy Pearson, volunteer Destination Imagination Advisor for the 2014-2015 school year.
- B. Increase minimum wage to \$8.10 per hour effective January 1, 2015.
- C. Approve Haedon Schlechty, as a classified substitute for the 2014-2015 school year.
- D. Approve Vickie Willcox, as a classified substitute for the 2014-2015 school year.
- E. Approve to issue a part-time classified contract to Becky Everhart, food service, for the 2014-2015 school year retro-active to September 29, 2014.
- F. Approve to issue a part-time classified contract to Lorraine Holzapfel, food service, for the 2014-2015 school year retro-active to September 29, 2014.
- G. Approve the resignation of Rachel Laux, part-time high school secretary, effective January 9, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Accept the following donation as recommended by the Superintendent.
 - 1. \$200.00 from Kenny Warner to the Athletic Department
 - 2. \$100.00 from Masonic Lodge to High School Cheerleading.
 - 3. \$104.00 from Tri-Village Key Club to the PATS to benefit the Backpack Program.
 - 4. \$70.00 from Laux Seed Solutions to FFA.
- B. Accept the following donations to the Capital Improvement Fund to enhance and add to the Athletic program scoreboards.
 - 1. \$900.00 from Laux Seed Solutions
- C. Accept the following donations to the Capital Improvement Fund to benefit the Concession Stand upgrade.

1. \$275.00 from Debbie Frech
2. \$275.00 from Heather Stump

D. Designate the Treasurer as the District's representative for Public Records Law Training in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section (RC) 149.43 (E)(1), retroactive to January 1, 2014.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 17, 2014.