## Dansville Middle School Board Report:

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation was held on Tuesday, August 13. All students and parents were in attendance, except about five families. Students were surveyed the year prior to understand what their needs were. Students mainly wanted to become more comfortable with opening lockers, understanding the building layout, meet their teachers and interact with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. During the event, students did just that. They were split up into small groups and completed stations around the building. Students received some Aggie Swag as well and were welcomed with open arms to the DMS Aggie Family.

Registration day was Tuesday, August 13. Many students and parents came to pick up their schedules, sign up for clubs, turn in paperwork and get ready for the new year. Overall it was a successful event.

Jeremy Beck and James Finney participated in RAAD (Reading Apprenticeship Across the Disciplines) training toward the end of July. Teachers were given training on how to improve adolescent literacy across subject areas and support development of high level academic literacy skills.

Sydney Hammerstein created a Donors Choose fundraiser at the beginning of the school year, and within one day, her fundraiser was fully funded. The fundraiser was for twenty-five subscriptions to Scope Magazine (a middle school focused magazine made by Scholastic). This resources will be a great use of expository texts and will all students to practice skills that are very common on the MStep.