

## **Superintendent Report: February Board Meeting**

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### **Administrative work:**

We have been reviewing our winter benchmark data and brought in an ISD consultant who is also a researcher to help us discuss points of emphasis for the remainder of the year. Our Spring Math data is very good overall and the program is doing what we had hoped in terms of solidifying the fundamental math skills at each grade level. We will also be laser focusing on the students with the lowest proficiency scores and/or lowest motivation in hopes of providing some very intentional mentoring to do our best to intervene and make a difference. We are also encouraging our teachers to videotape themselves teaching to time their various activities and blocks as well as to observe anything that could be improved. This strategy, called microteaching, is a research-based way to quickly improve instruction.

In addition, we have worked with this consultant to develop a calendar for data meetings that will systematize our data review and build in accountability for our systems checks. We look forward to finalizing this for use this year and full roll out next year.

For the long-term, we will be working on creating a culture of Aggie Achievers. We want to be clear what Aggies do: actively participate, give our best, do all formative assessments and so on. We have focused on behavior skills and now we are shifting to academic success skills and expectations.

### **Athletics:**

High school bowling, basketball and wrestling and MS girls' bball are approaching the end or have finished their seasons and we are gearing up for the start of spring sports. We held the spring coaches' meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup> and look forward to supporting our new softball and soccer coaches as they begin their first seasons coaching for Dansville this spring.

Unfortunately, after careful analysis by local experts, we are not able, even with the use of sod, to play on our home fields this spring. We will play at White Oak for softball games and are still hoping to finalize a location for baseball. We are planning on having our soccer team play on their home field.

We have been able to create a number of videos to be shown on the new Scorevision boards due to collaboration with Josh Tkaczyk and Trevor Brusseau's Media Productions class. We have honored several Aggies and featured students in new and unique ways. We are excited about the future as we continue to expand the use of the boards.

### **Budget Info:**

Our Kindergarten/Beginnergarten Round Up is going to be held on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. To be eligible for Kindergarten your child must turn five by September 1, 2019. To be eligible for Beginnergarten, a child must turn five before December 1, 2019. Please encourage anyone with eligible young children to consider enrolling or at least checking out Dansville Schools.

### **Communication:**

We are working on the winter newsletter, which will be going out to the printer sometime in the next few weeks.

We rolled out our Aggie App to the staff last week and are encouraging all Aggies to download it to get notifications and information about the district! Just go to the app store and search for Dansville Schools. Special thanks to Tania Dupuis for all of the work she did to make this a reality!

The District Advisory Committee will be meeting again next week to receive feedback about all aspects of the district from a representative group of parents.

Becky and I have also worked on the use of social media, news outlets and storytelling to help families gather all of the information we can provide regarding what makes our school special.

### **Community Outreach/Partnerships:**

We were recently contacted by Monsanto to let us know that local farmer Aaron Graf applied for and was awarded a grant that the district intends to use for the Aggie STEAM Adventures experience. We are very appreciative of this grant and look forward to using it to benefit our students.

The annual Legislative Breakfast is coming up on Friday, April 12, 2019 at Hawk Hollow. I forwarded the invitation today. Please let me know if you are attending. This is an important meeting because of the turnover in legislators. I look forward to meeting them and getting to know their education positions better as we begin to forge new relationships.

### **Curriculum/Training:**

We had to cancel our Assessment work day to ensure more consistency for students after so many snow days. This work will be accomplished during Aggie Improvement Team time and in individual meetings the teachers schedule during their prep time and after school.

### **Data:**

The administrative team will be attending a county training next week to learn about a new feature that has been added to Eidex that will allow us to do more with the data. We look forward to learning about it and using it to examine our data, as we strive to improve our outcomes.

### **Facilities:**

We are expecting the FFA and maintenance barns to be completed in the next few weeks and also expect the press boxes and outdoor concessions stand to be completed in the next month or so. Work continues on punchlist items and soon the completion of outdoor portions of the project will commence, including paving and landscaping.

### **Personnel Update:**

None to report at this time.

**Policy Update:**

We need to schedule a policy committee meeting. We will also look at a slight change to the wellness policy and consider whether we want to change anything related to the bylaws and organizational meetings as discussed at the meeting.

**Safety:**

The administrative team was trained on how to use the security cameras that have been installed throughout the district. We viewed each one and made a few tweaks to maximize their effectiveness. The camera system is very significantly improved over anything the district has ever had and has already proven useful in holding students accountable.

**Teaching and Learning:**

Teachers have been working to get students into a rhythm in this second semester that has been so disrupted by snow days. We are encouraging teachers to increase rigor throughout the district to help students improve outcomes.

**Technology:**

We have been working with our tech department to establish a guest wi-fi that can be used for special events. We have also been working on right sizing our technology support to fit our needs, which includes gradually decreasing the onsite tech intern.

**Upcoming Dates of Note:**

Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences: March 26-27

Spring Break: March 29- April 5

Check out the Aggie App Calendar to find upcoming school events!