

Superintendent Report: March Board Meeting
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Administrative work:

I have scheduled individual meetings with every middle and high school teacher as well as presenting to the entire elementary staff and following up so far with six of them in separate meetings. We are talking about our data, the research and next steps. We have very dedicated teachers who want our students to succeed, so the meetings have been very productive and I am hopeful that we will begin to see steady improvements throughout our system.

We have been preparing for the upcoming spring testing cycle. There are a lot of logistics involved and Becky works closely with the technology team, the administrators, Heather Lloyd and our teachers to ensure we are prepared and that the entire process goes as smoothly as possible.

It is without hesitation that I recommend we extend the contracts of all three administrators. We are very blessed to have such committed, hard-working building administrators. I cannot say enough about the benefits they each provide for this district.

I am also, however, planning to reconfigure our administrative team slightly. After a careful review of our data and systems, I feel it is in the best interest of the district that we move Erin Graf to be the MS principal and Tania Dupuis be the HS principal. We would keep the office configurations the same, but each administrator would be in charge of all aspects of their respective building. I feel we have accomplished what we intended through the existing configuration, which was to create secondary systems and to encourage communication and collaboration between the two secondary schools. We are now hoping to focus more on the key transition grades (K, 3, 6 and 9) and ensure that we have all of the right supports in place and the proper scaffolding throughout our system to help lead our students to success after graduation. I believe this change will benefit staff, students and the administrative team as we focus on doing whatever it takes to improve our outcomes. Please note this change would not have any budgetary impact.

Athletics:

The winter sports teams ended their seasons and spring sports are in full swing. We will have varsity baseball, varsity softball, varsity girls' soccer and girls and boys track this year.

The athletic department will also be hosting the Staff/Student Basketball Game/Fundraiser on Monday, March 25th in the evening.

We are working with Mark Collins from C More Green to get the soccer field ready for play. He is working closely with Troy Geister from Miller Davis.

Budget Info:

We had 48 new Kindergarten/Begindergarteners at Round Up and have continued to make appointments with other potential new kindergarteners. Last year we had 45 students at Round Up. These students will be added to the current begindergarten students who will advance to

kindergarten next year. We are still working through how many sections of kindergarten we will offer next year.

While Governor Whitmer has submitted her proposed budget, we must wait for the House and the Senate to present theirs for us to start to be able to make budget projections for next year.

We have started to work on schedules for next year and as a result of a hard look at our data, we will be exploring possible alternatives to the modified block schedule at the high school. While this wouldn't have a direct budgetary impact, it would make it easier for us to share teachers between the middle and high school, which maximizes our resources.

Communication:

We have finishing putting together the winter newsletter which will be headed to the printer next week. I have also been talking and emailing with various community members who have inquired about the status of the fitness center and track.

Community Outreach/Partnerships:

We held a special basketball game on February 7th to honor Coach Mack and fundraise for his family. This was well-attended and very special as it featured a video of Greg and his kids that was narrated by Julie. The entire gate from the game was donated to the Mack family.

We also held a special event after Senior Night on February 21st to name Mary Beth Chattaway The Ultimate Aggie Fan. She was given a bag of treats, a handmade scrapbook full of pictures of her and the team and was featured in a video on the new Scorevision boards at halftime.

Curriculum/Training:

We have now completed the simulator build out and students are training for the different roles that are needed to prepare for the first mission. We hope to be able to highlight this program at the April board meeting.

Data:

The district's accountability scorecard data will be shared at the board meeting.

Facilities:

Work continues to complete the punchlist and on the outdoor aspect of the projects as the weather slowly improves. We are excited for the final grading to take place so we have safe conditions to open up our new FFA barn to the community at some point.

We are also looking forward to emptying out the back of the parking lot in the coming week or so as we prepare for spring sports and some asphalt work.

Personnel Update:

We are interviewing for the open speech position we have for next year and also in the process of hiring a new recess paraprofessional.

Policy Update:

The policy committee met and has presented a number of updated policies for discussion for this month. The wellness policy was also considered and the bylaws related to the organizational meeting were reviewed, but left as is.

Safety:

The administrative team will meet with Steve Rusnock at our next meeting to review all of the aspects of ALICE training.

The district resubmitted our proposal for the state's safety grant. Specific information related to the governor's safety recommendations were included in the grant, as we seek safety film for our new windows and doors.

Teaching and Learning:

As a result of the individual meetings that have been held with most of the teachers in the district, we are working to establish what needs to be done to make improvements in each classroom, building and in the district. We are excited about what these changes will mean for our students.

Technology:

We continue to evaluate our needs and work to come up with solutions. One such area is in the new community fitness room. We are trying to find a low cost solution for some kind of programming for the displays that are in that space. We believe we have found something and are moving forward to explore our best options. There are many facets to this community space that most have not considered, but we are hoping to make steps forward to getting it open sometime this spring.

Upcoming Dates of Note:

Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences: March 26-27

Spring Break: March 29- April 5

High School Honors Night: April 16

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