

Principal Report - Sept. 26, 2023

Current year

- **Enrollment is at 233 students**
 - Increase in enrollment from September of last year by 17 students
 - Elementary 106 students
 - Junior High is 58
 - Senior is at 69 (largest group)
- **Two new staff** - Cheryl Sawchuk, EA; Kellen Morris, Senior sciences
- **Academics**
 - Teachers in 1-3 are working with a new curriculum in Science
 - Teachers in 4-6 have new curriculum in ELA and Math
 - We continue to work with our literacy platform, DIBELS
 - Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills
 - Allows us to get a very accurate picture of what are the students' needs
 - We did significant work on our schedule this year to provide students with multiple opportunities.
 - Math 15, options for Gr. 9 which allow them to begin earning credits
 - Options in the PM for students - have students working on legal studies, forensics, psychology and COM Tech courses.
 - Common Literacy block in elementary - First up is printing and cursive
 - Have also added some inclusion time to Teacher Schedules
 - Direction setting for this year
 - Staff spent time talking about two different areas:
 - Elementary: Literacy
 - Junior/Senior: Accountability and responsibility
- **Sports**
 - Have teams at all levels for Volleyball
 - Very fortunate to have community coaches - Todd Skaret, Jon French, Andrea Nickel, Kyle Murray,
 - School Coaches - Scott Peterson, Brian Hoglund
 - Tournaments have already taken place at ECCHS for both levels
 - We are hosting a junior tournament this weekend, co-hosting a senior tournament last weekend in October.
 - Cross Country
 - Multiple medals last week.
 - Lori Lundy and Trish Helgeland are coaching
- **Upcoming events**
 - Terry Fox Run Thursday
 - Picnic this week
 - Student led activities
 - Student Vision Group - Secondary Activity Group
 - Picture day - may need some parent volunteers

- **Important dates for this year**
 - Book Fair - Oct 16-20
 - Parent Teacher Interviews - Oct 18
 - Picture Day - Oct 19
 - No School Nov. 1st
 - Awards ceremony - November 8th at 7pm
 - Jr/Sr report cards - November 10th
 - Fall Break - Nov 13 to 17
 - Gr. 1-6 report cards - Dec. 6th
 - Christmas Break - Dec. 21-Jan 3 - School starts the 4th
 - Grade 12 celebration - May 31st at 4:30

- **SGF**
- School Generated Funds are those funds we collect for things like field trips, sports, fundraising, etc. Also includes any grants or donations that the school receives.
- Can be used in specific ways - outlined in the Fund Categories - Description of how the money is collected and how it can be used.
 - Used mainly for non-instructional purposes - not used for things like textbooks, workbooks, etc.
 - Should be spent within 2 years.

- Last year,
 - We spent to reduce costs for field trips for elementary (bussing mainly)
 - Supported our library with recycling monies
 - Supported sports programs from balances from previous years
 - May be different levels of support this year (possibly not able to cover costs for hotels for zones and provincials)
 - Purchased equipment for sports teams
 - Volleyball nets
 - Portion of the Cross country and track tent
 - Volleyballs

- A few of the lines I would like to outline
 - Breakfast program
 - We continue to benefit from grant money received from the PC Children's charities in the past
 - We plan to apply for this again this year for this grant.
 - The Lutheran Church continues to support us each year.

 - Concession
 - Formerly, we placed money from tournament concessions into Sports Tournament Jr and Sports Tournament Sr
 - Led to a lot of confusion on what items could be used by each group and where the money used to purchase supplies was coming from
 - We've combined these and will use the money to support all athletics
 - For Volleyball and Basketball, we will try to reduce costs for parents by using some of this money to defer costs
 - Example - this year we have paid for the Augstana tournament for SR and the ECCHS tournament for JR.
 - We also use this money to pay for any cost overages for our sports teams

- Example: We had about \$50 of costs for Sr. Cross country which weren't covered/paid for - we used money from the concession to pay for this.

- Donations
 - Last year we did a significant amount of work to determine what these donations were for and we have reallocated those funds to the proper accounts.

- Elementary Fundraising, Lunch Program and Milk Sales
 - Used to support student activities, and to help offset costs of field trips if we can.

- School Council
 - Some of this money was used to purchase furniture
 - We plan to use the rest to purchase items for the elementary and senior student commons spaces