Superintendent's Report   **June 24, 2013**

Camp Invention

The week of June 10 to 14 we had 85 students from Grades 1-6 participate in the Camp Invention program at Poplar Grove School. Becky Giesecke ran the program with assistance from Cindy Maten. Teachers were Andy Nicky, Megan Hughes, Krystal Kniep and Heather True. Additionally, there were 6 high school interns and three middle school counselors in training. A summary of their final presentations is available on the district's website.

Summer School

Summer School began on June 17 and will run through June 29 for Early Childhood. Grades 5-12 students doing credit recovery began on June 11 and will continue through July 3. The Early Childhood students will return from July 29 through August 8. We have 11 EC students enrolled and we have 20 students in credit recovery in grades 5 to 12. Four students are attending Allendale's ESY program and eight are at the Belvidere Park District. One student is receiving at home tutoring and another is at the Rockford Hearing Program.

Before School Care

Kristi Crawford and I met with the Belvidere YMCA to try to work out a before school care option for our families. Last year, we provided limited before school care, but due to changes in federal law, we will not be able to do so next year without significant additional costs. I am fairly certain that we will be able to obtain the necessary enrollment to make this program work. If it is successful at Poplar Grove, we would look to expand it going forward and potentially provide some level of bussing to Capron and Manchester the following year. Attached is their proposal.

Fees

Between NBHS and NBMS graduations, we recovered over $30,000 in delinquent fees from graduates. Ms. Boeke and others are working on changing the process for fee waivers going forward so it aligns with the recent change in Board policy and families will need to prove need in order to receive a waiver of fees instead of simply self-reporting as required for the federal school lunch program.

Nurse Staffing

In meeting with the administrative team and Ms. Sager, we have reached a bit of a compromise and would like to post a five hour nursing position for Poplar Grove for the fall along with authorizing some additional clerical hours to do some of the data entry that the nurses have been doing themselves. I will start with a bank of 100 hours for the nurses to draw upon and we will see how that goes.

Grounds Staffing

Similar to above, to help keep up with the grounds work with the rainy summer we are having, I will set a bank of 300 hours available for Mr. Novak to use as he sees fit. Effectively these hours would go for trimming while the two grounds staff will be able to focus on mowing and in the fall, preparing the athletic fields.

Staff Evaluations

All of the transportation and administrative evaluations for the year have been completed, and the majority of the support staff evaluations are finished. There was one tenured teacher who worked between buildings who wasn't evaluated due to a communication issue between principals; all other certified staff scheduled to be evaluated were evaluated.

Mandatory Board Training

Don't forget about PA 97-078 which requires Professional Development Leadership Training. Also all Board members must complete the Open Meetings Act within 90 days of taking the Oath of Office. Training modules are at the following links:

Open Meetings Act Training for Board Members (mandatory school board training)
http://iasb.com/training/onlinelearning_courses.cfm#OMOL

Professional Development Leadership Training (PDLT) and Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA) Training for School Board Members (mandatory school board training)
http://iasb.com/training/onlinelearning_courses.cfm#LTBM (This course will be available at the Tri-Conference in November. Please advise if you'd like to attend and we will submit your registration.)

Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA) Training for School Board Members (mandatory school board training) http://iasb.com/training/onlinelearning_courses.cfm#PERA