PES Board of Education Report
August 30th, 2023

Community Involvement and Awareness

- We welcomed our students back to school!
- We will be starting up our volunteer program here soon.
- We have great attendance at the PreK Information Night, August 8th.
- Thank you to PFS and Hanford-Schuneman Insurance Agency for displaying our 3rd Grade art work from last spring.
- In-person registration was a success and went smoothly.
- We had a small memorial ceremony for Barb Sage on Saturday, August 19th at 10:00 AM.

Facilities/Safety

- We made some cosmetic improvements to the playground to ensure that our playground tiles do not move
- Thank you to Josh Mosher and the summer crew for all the improvements that happened over the summer.
- We did purchase Window Perfs from Jr. Sign Company to help improve school safety. You can see these on the PreK windows as well as on the front entrance.

Building News

- We have partnered with Woodlawn Arts Academy to bring in an artist to help teach our students art this school year. We will be having music 2 days a week, art 2 days a week, and Social-Emotional learning 1 day a week this year.
- With the changes in the Kindergarten Report Card this year we changed the way that we did Kindergarten Information Night. This was done as small group meetings where students could explore the classroom and parents could talk with the teacher. We received a lot of good feedback on how those meetings went this year.
- We are changing our School-Wide Behavior Management System this year. We will be focusing on how to work towards a goal as a team. Each grade is a team and we will be focusing on specific characteristics:
    - Respectful
    - Empathetic
    - Courageous
    - Accountable
    - Perseverance
    - Honest
    - Cooperative
    - Mindful
    - Curious
- We will have monthly "learning" and "celebration" assemblies in order to teach the students about each characteristic and then to celebrate what classes have reached the monthly goal. The classes that win will have a trophy to display for the month, and each challenge starts over at the end of the month. We plan on coming up with a large celebration for the end of each semester for all students if they reach a school wide goal.

Upcoming Dates:

- **Monday, September 4th**–No School Labor Day
- **Thursday, September 7th**–PFS Meeting 6:30 PM
- **Monday, September 11th**–Grandparents Day K-1st TBA; PreK Grandparents Night TBA
- **Tuesday, September 12h**–Grandparents Day 2nd-3rd TBA
- **September 11th-15th**–Book Fair Week
- **Wednesday, September 13th**–PreK Curriculum Meetings (No Student Attendance)
- **Friday, September 15th**–Progress Reports Sent Home
- **Wednesday, September 20th**–Early Dismissal 11:50 AM (AM PreK only)

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BOE Report – August 2023

Community Involvement and Awareness

- TEA Meeting July 31 to organize for the year.
- Backpack Night was a wonderful kickoff to the year. Much appreciation to Sweet Butts for the cotton candy for kiddos, TEA for helping make a terrific balloon arch and teacher room signs, and all the wonderful hugs, high fives, and smiles brought to us from kids and their families. We also had some wonderful donations through our TEA-led Pack the Bus event. This will be a terrific year!

Curriculum and Program Development/Staff Collaboration

- Our new teacher onboarding was a good work session, and included lunch with mentors. TES's new instructors are (kind of new) Mr. Jason Barrette and Mrs. Alyssa Kave.
- We are fully staffed less the nurse position. We are fortunate to have willing subs get us nearly full coverage as we continue our search (thanks to Meichelle Phelps, Dawn Biba, and Shelley DeShane).
- Mrs. Newman attended our
- Our district annual crisis review meeting was August 9 with fire, police, and emt attendance.

Building and Grounds

- The building looks absolutely terrific thanks to all the hard work put in by both our summer help and Angie.

Good Things are Happening for TES Stakeholders

- Teachers came back from summer and worked very hard to prepare for students, and their work shows in both how the classrooms and hallways look and just as much in how warmly they received the kids on Wednesday's first day of attendance.

Upcoming

- September 5 - TEA Meeting 6:00
- September 8 - Picture Day, Back to School Night 6:00
- September 25 - NED Show
- September 25-29 - Grandparents Day Week (w/ Book Fair)

Prophetstown-Lyndon-Tampico 6-12 Campus

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Activities and Athletics

- We have two foreign exchange students who are planning on participating with our sports teams this year. We have sent off a request to the IHSA to approve their one year status for this school year.
- 2024/2025 we will be a 12 team conference. With Morrison leaving it meant we had 13 teams which is not ideal. BV has accepted an offer to join the Lincoln Trail meaning that we will be back to an even number. This should satisfy our conference needs and make scheduling easier moving forward.
- Board members should expect to receive an updated coaching list at the board meeting.
- The BLIND retreat was a success. Students received leadership training and there will be a freshman retreat for our entire student body in September.
- Important dates:
    - Meet the Panthers August 18
    - Homecoming week September 18-23
        - VB vs Rockridge in Ptown (9/20)
        - FB vs Newman in Erie (9/22)
        - Dance @ Erie (9/23)
    - MS VB conference in Ptown (9/23)

Climate, Curriculum, and Program Development

- We're proud of the opportunities our students have to engage in credit-bearing coursework while in high school. Our students are taking the following college-level courses on campus or through a post-secondary institution.
  AP Calculus - 1
  AP Chemistry - 12
  AP English Language and Composition - 14
  AP Government - 4
  AP Pre-Calculus - 8
  AP Spanish - 4
  Sauk Academy - 1
  SVCC Introduction to Psychology - 2

MIT Network Administration - 2
MIT Principles of Engineering - 1
MIT AutoCad - 1

- Junior and senior students are also taking advantage of our partnership with the Whiteside Area Career Center. Many of these programs also award SVCC credit.
  CEO - 3
  Auto Service - 3
  Building and Construction Trades - 2
  Computer Technology - 4
  Criminal Justice - 2
  Culinary Arts - 2
  Digital Media Arts - 2
  Early Childhood Education - 7
  Health Occupations - 4
  Welding - 9
- As a result of AP exam scores last year, graduate Emma Megli earned a Commendation towards the Seal of Biliteracy issued by the Illinois State Board of Education AND was recognized as an AP Scholar by the College Board. Emma will earn 8 hours of college credit in Spanish at Aurora University. The designation of AP Scholar is granted to students who score a 3 or above in three or more AP exams.
- The Campus is using a new Social-Emotional Learning Program this year. We changed from 7 Mindsets to The Social Institute's #WinAtSocial. While we found 7 Mindsets valuable, we had a difficult time getting through their longer lessons within our schedule. #WinAtSocial has shorter lessons but also delivers live lessons twice a month based on current events. The program has 7 Social Standards: Play to your core, protect your privacy like you're famous, strike a balance, cyberback, find your influencers, use your mic for good, and handle the pressure. The lessons are interactive, with students logging in and participating in polls, as well as times for discussion. The Social Institute also produces a Playbook for parents, which includes useful information about social media platforms to help parents stay informed about their child's online habits. We'll be sending out parent information each time we begin a new one of the standards.

Community Involvement

- Backpack night was well-attended with both high school and middle school families. The line was long, but we were able to hand out schedules and help students walk through their classes and meet their teachers. We appreciate the donations families made of Kleenex and Clorox wipes!
- School pictures are Friday, August 25th.