



MARTENSDALE- ST. MARYS COMMUNITY SCHOOL

August 1, 2012

*From the Desk of Bob Newsum,
Superintendent*

Greetings and think 'cool'!

If you haven't already done so, I hope you and your family take the opportunity to have a vacation together, before the new school year begins for students on Wednesday, August 22. I know families that included players on our softball and baseball teams haven't had time, as there have been games nearly every day, since we ended the last school year in May. Those special family times are so important, as they are the 'stuff' of memories that your kids remember as they grow up and leave home!

As you and your children prepare for the 2012-2013 school year, add these dates to your family calendar:

Registration for 2012-2013

Wednesday, August 8, 2012
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Thursday, August 9, 2012
12:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Seventh Grade Orientation

Thursday, August 9, 2012
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

All-School Open House

Tuesday, August 21, 2012
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

First Day of School for Students

Wednesday, August 22, 2012
8:15 AM to 2:15 PM

***** Note: Classes will be dismissed at 2:15 the first three days of the school year*****

The Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District custodial staff has been busy over the summer months making improvements to our building and our facilities and I'm sure you'll be pleased with the improvements they've made. The roof over the elementary gymnasium has been removed, insulation laid, and a new roof has been installed; several square feet of concrete sidewalk were damaged during the roof installation and the roofing company agreed to split the cost

for sidewalk replacement, so several sections of new sidewalk have been poured; due to the re-establishment of a secondary industrial technology program, the industrial technology area has been completely reconstructed; brand new cabinets, sinks, and counter tops have been installed in the family and consumer science room; and several classrooms throughout the building have been repainted. When you see Jim Lynch, Cory Fast, Trent Christensen, Jeff Clark, Brandon Robinson, Zach Wood, Carrie Wood, and P.J. Estell, please thank them for all they've done to improve our school and facilities!

As you know, one of our faculty members, Mrs. Marcy Roff, accepted a new position in Norwalk. Mr. Travis Foell was previously teaching at the Des Moines Charter School and he has been hired to replace Mrs. Roff as a secondary science teacher. Mrs. Paula Chorna (Teddell) decided to retire as high school Spanish teacher and we have hired Ms. Andrea Benson, a recent Simpson College graduate as our new Spanish teacher. Your board of education decided to add an industrial technology program to the secondary curriculum and Mr. Chris Lee has been hired as our new industrial technology instructor. Mr. Lee taught in the Fairfield Community School District last year. Ms. Jennifer Pribil was hired as an elementary counselor in Indianola and Mrs. Katie Brinkman has been hired to replace Ms. Pribil. Ms. Brinkman has recently been serving as a department of human services social worker. We wish all of the staff who moved to new positions or retired the very best in the future!

As you might expect, it is expensive to re-establish an industrial technology program and in addition to recreating the classroom, we need basic tools and equipment for woods and small engine units in our program. **If you have any tools or equipment that one would use for simple construction and small engine repair, please consider donating those items to the school.** You can drop them off at the secondary office or the industrial technology classroom between now and the beginning of the school year or at registration on August 8-9.

The summer 2012 varsity sport season was an unbelievable experience for players on our Martensdale-St. Marys softball and baseball teams, coaches, family members, and other community supporters for our teams. Our softball team completed the regular season as Pride of Iowa Conference Champions and ultimately finished the season as Class 1A Champion at the Iowa High School Girls' Athletic Union Softball Tournament, held in Fort Dodge. The season was capped with the naming of four Lady Devils to the first team All-State Team. They included Emma Michels, Emma Ferin, Meagan Streyffeler, and Hailey Sweet. Vicki Kordick, Katrina DeVore, and Kyla Schumacher also received All

State Honors. Hailey Sweet was also selected as 2012 Class 1A Player of the Year and head coach, Todd Verwers, was named Iowa Class 1A 2012 Softball Coach of the Year.

The Martensdale-St. Marys Blue Devil Baseball Team completed its season as Pride of Iowa Conference Champion and closed the season as 2012 Iowa Class 1A Champion for the third straight year, with its win over Mason City Newman in the finals of the Iowa High School Athletic Association Summer Baseball Tournament, at Principal Park, in Des Moines. JD Nielsen was named to the Class 1A All State First Team, with Brad Nauman and Zeb Noel named to the All State Second Team. For any of you who don't know, our Martensdale-St. Marys Varsity Baseball Team holds the Iowa record for consecutive wins at 88 games in a row. These are outstanding honors and reflect very highly on our players, our communities, and the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District.

The Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District has relied on the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) for many, many years to provide important 'maintenance' funding to repair roofs, playgrounds, and sidewalks; purchase transportation vehicles like activity buses and vans; purchase musical instruments for our band program; support classroom technology; and more. Well-maintained school buildings, athletic facilities, and grounds are an essential part of our school community and you have been an important member of our school-community. We have listed several Frequently Asked Questions related to the renewal of the district Physical Plant and Equipment Levy vote.

When is the community vote to renew the district Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL)?

On Tuesday, September 11, 2012, you will be asked to vote on a renewal of the district Physical Plant and Equipment Levy.

How much does this levy generate and for how long?

Maximum length of the voter-approved Physical Plant and Equipment Levy program is ten years. The current levy expires on June 30, 2013. Our district voter-approved Physical Plant and Equipment Levy program provided approximately \$80,000 per year for the past ten years.

Will the passage of the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy raise my property taxes?

Renewal of this levy will not increase your property taxes. The district is asking you to continue the voter-approved Physical Plant and Equipment Levy at the same rate (sixty-seven cents per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation) that has been in place for at least the last ten years.

Because of recent school district budget deficiencies, why hasn't the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy program been used to offset the general fund?

Physical Plant and Equipment Levy revenues cannot be used for salaries, textbooks, or new educational programs. The requirements for use of Physical Plant and Equipment Levy funds are very specific and limited to maintenance, technology, and equipment.

What are examples of the types of things the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy revenues can be used for?

Physical Plant and Equipment Levy funds can be used for technology, such as computer purchase and replacement; musical instrument purchase and replacement; roofing repair and replacement; masonry repairs; energy conservation improvements; concrete and asphalt repairs and replacement; school grounds landscaping and improvement; and school transportation vehicle purchase.

What happens if the voter-approved Physical Plant and Equipment Levy does not pass?

Some projects and purchases still need to be completed and would have to be funded by other revenue sources, such as the general fund, where approximately 80% is dedicated to salaries. Our district would struggle to meet the maintenance requirements for our facilities and grounds without the voter-approved Physical Plant and Equipment Levy in place.

What is the difference between the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy program and the state one cent sales and services tax program?

For the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District, the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy program is used as maintenance and facilities improvement fund and the state one cent sales and services program is used for major capital improvement projects, such as the new football and track complex.

Where can I learn more about the district Physical Plant and Equipment Levy program?

If you have questions or want to learn more about our Physical Plant and Equipment Levy program, please call Bob Newsum, Superintendent, at school (641-764-2466), on his cell telephone (641-203-8893), by email at bob_newsum@mstm.us or stop into the district main offices for a visit.

From the Desk of Mr. Crozier, Secondary Principal

Principal's Message

The start of the school year is just around the corner and will be here before we know it. We have been very busy preparing for the new school year after a busy summer of baseball and softball. Congratulations to the baseball and softball teams for winning state championships. This is only the fifth time in state history that the same school has won both the softball and baseball championship in the same year. Again congratulations coach Verwers and coach Dehmer on two great seasons.

There have been a few changes at Martensdale-St. Marys over the summer. Our students in the secondary building experience a new program of Industrial Arts. Room 220 is back to a shop and will soon be in full operation for the Industrial Arts program. The Family and Consumer Science room is also receiving a face lift this summer with new cabinets, countertops and tables.

Seventh grade and new student orientation will be held on August 9th from 6:00 – 7:00 pm in the Media Center. I am looking forward to meeting all the new seventh grades and new students to our district. This is an opportunity for the students to get their class schedules ask any questions they may have and find their classrooms before the school is full of children. Laptop roll out for freshmen will be during the open house look for information on the district website.

Please stop by during the open house on August 21, 2012 and meet our new staff members for the 2012-2013 school year they are; Chris Lee Industrial Arts, Andrea Benson Spanish and Travis Foell Science. I am excited about the talents these new teachers bring to our district.

There are some things that parents and students can do to prepare for the upcoming year. I encourage parents to sit down with your children and set goals for the upcoming year. Take some time to set academic goals, social goals and goals for being involved in activities. This will help get your child off to a good start for the new school year.

The following article may help guide you and your child in preparing for the upcoming year.

Back to School: Tips and Strategies for the High School Years

The final countdown to the college years begins at high school. These are the last formative years before the launch from the nest. Whether you're ready or not, it's time to realize that your teen is flying toward the opportunity to begin life on his or her own.

Information, Please

Every teen headed for high school wants to do well, fit in and have a good time. One of the best ways to help them succeed is to make sure they have enough information about the new world that's opening up to them.

Encourage your teen to create a "Top 10" list of things every freshman (or sophomore, or junior, or senior) should know. Suggest that they ask older siblings, friends and relatives for advice that they wish they had when they were your student's age.

Your teen may also find it helpful to ask these contacts about the worst thing that ever happened to them in high school. Students can learn from these experiences and prepare themselves to avoid a variety of scenarios—before they find themselves in the midst of their very own "worst day ever."

Talk about all of this newly-gathered information with your daughter or son. You can provide some additional perspective that will be valuable in the days and months ahead.

The Future and Now

This is an important time to point out to high school students that the decisions they make today can have a big effect on their future for many years to come. Encourage teens to see their high school experience as a springboard toward adult life; help them focus on finding positive ways to make the most of their school days.

Discuss with your teens what they'd like to accomplish in life and when they'd like to accomplish it. Keep in mind that they may talk as if they know how to do everything but, in reality, they don't have the experience and information to chart an accurate and direct path to their future plans. Listen to what they tell you and then help them find the best way to get the information they need to reach their goals.

Talk about personal choices—including the things that may seem like fun now—and the way those choices might lead to regrets in the future. Ask questions like "What do you see yourself doing 10 years from now?" "What can you do today to help yourself get to that goal?" "What do you see your friends doing 10 years from now?" "What do you think their lives will be like in the future?"

Exploring Careers

These days, a variety of tools are available to help teens explore career choices. Software programs, online quizzes, school-sponsored programs and more can help students make choices regarding their future studies and professional ambitions that take advantage of their personalities, skills, interests and abilities.

An entry-level part-time job related to a student's intended career path is another excellent way to explore job options. The employment experience and the chance to learn to save money for the future are added bonuses.

Listen, Hear, Help

As you talk with your teen, make sure you're listening to what they're saying. Don't just hear what you'd like to hear. Remember that this is a stressful and sometimes confusing time for young adults. They want to grow up to be on their own, but they still want parental approval—and they still very much want to be a part of their family.

-- Kathie Felix

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Let get prepared for a great year.

Michael Crozier, Secondary Principal
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From the Desk of Mr. Wood,
Elementary Principal

The Rewards of Reading

You know how important it is to read to your children. Children whose families read with them do better in school. And the bonds that you make with your children when you read with them help them feel loved, comforted, and secure. Like most families, you want to read with your children, but somehow days can go by without you sitting down with them and opening a book.

The key is to make it a priority. Here are several suggestions to help your children improve their reading skills.

Fifteen minutes a day can change their lives.

You may be surprised to know that educators recommend just 15 minutes a day of reading, as a minimum. Like exercise, of course, longer sessions are even more beneficial.

Always have a book on hand, no matter where you are.

Keep a small book in your purse or your car's glove compartment. Or have a picture book or two in the baby's stroller. Make sure that you and your children always have something to read when time is available.

Focus on their interests.

Reading with you should be for pleasure, so get books from the school or public libraries that feature characters or topics they're really interested in. It doesn't matter if they're reading a book about NASCAR or NASA—either way, they're reading!

Ask them questions while you're reading.

Everyone is a better "listener" when they know they're going to be asked questions about what they're listening to. Don't make it a test, but do keep their interest going by asking them stories about what's being read. Get their brains working; don't just ask who the characters are. Instead, ask questions like "Why do you think he did that?" "What would you do if you were in that situation?," or "What do you think will happen next?"

Be a patient listener.

It can be difficult listening to your children struggle while reading. But think how terribly important it is that they succeed. Don't jump in and finish the sentence for them, no matter how slowly they're reading. Instead, encourage their effort and let them see that you're proud they're reading, and not annoyed that it's taking so long.

Get everyone involved.

The more people who read with your children, the more they'll see that reading is important. Talk with the other adults and older children in your household and let them know that

reading with each child is going to be a daily activity, and that you need them to participate.

But first...

Kids make time for a lot of extras in their day. So do parents. TV shows, computer games, and going online can eat up surprising amounts of time. Read first—before the computer goes on or their favorite TV show comes on.

There's something special about owning a book.

Libraries and garage sales offer "well loved" books for sale, often for as little as 25 cents. Keep spare change on hand so you can pick up some great reads for your children when you see a sale. When birthdays or holidays come around, make sure there's always a good book wrapped up and waiting.

Yes, you're busy. Yes, your children are too. But reading with your children really needs to be part of your day, every day. Fifteen minutes a day is a small investment that will generate enormous rewards.

From the Desk of Mr. Craig Huegel,
Activities Director

This summer has been one to remember for the softball and baseball teams at Martensdale-St. Marys. Our school has added itself to a short list: schools that have won a state title in both softball and baseball in the same summer.

- 2012: Martensdale-St. Marys
- 2012: Ankeny
- 2007: West Delaware, Manchester
- 2005: West Des Moines, Valley
- 2003: West Des Moines, Valley
- 1994: Lisbon

The softball team reached the state tournament for the fifth straight year. They advanced by defeating LeMars Gehlen Catholic, Charter Oak-Ute, and by outlasting Earlham in a thrilling eleven inning game, 1-0. The team received many individual honors, which are listed below:

All-Tournament team:

Emma Ferin, Emma Michels, Meagan Streyffeler, and Hailey Sweet

IGCA All-State 1st Team:

Emma Michels-P, Hailey Sweet-IF, Kylah Schumacher-IF, Meagan Streyffeler-IF, Emma Ferin-OF

IGCA State 1A Coach of the Year: Todd Verwers

1A Southwest District Coach of the Year: Todd Verwers

All-Conference Honors

Vicki Kordick	10	1st Team All-POI	Catcher
Hailey Sweet	12	1st Team All-POI	Infield
Meagan Streiffeler*	12	1st Team All-POI	Outfield
Emma Ferin	11	1st Team All-POI	Outfield
Emma Michels*	12	1st Team All-POI	Pitcher
Katrina DeVore	11	2nd Team All-POI	Catcher
Nicole Shutt	9	2nd Team All-POI	Infield
Elizabeth Gerdes	10	2nd Team All-POI	Pitcher
Kylah Schumacher	9	2nd Team All-POI	Utility

1st Team: David Walker-IF, J.D. Nielsen-IF, Zeb Noel-C, TJ Foster-P, Trent Dooley-OF, Robert Walker-IF

2nd Team: Eddy Kraber-P, Josh Defenbaugh-OF, Jake Anctil-OF, Garrett Gehringer-IF

Congratulations to all who were involved with the softball and baseball programs: athletes, coaches, parents, etc. It takes a lot, from a lot, to be successful. You all made it happen!! Great Job!

Hard to believe, but fall sports and activities are just around the corner. Football, volleyball, and cross country practices begin August 8th. Schedules are online at www.mstm.us. Please remember to check often, as they are subject to change. We are again sharing cross country with Winterset, so if you have a son/daughter interested in participating, please contact me. Also, double check to see that your son/daughter have a current physical and concussion acknowledgment form on file with the school.

Both forms can be found on our website at:

<http://www.mstm.us/pdf/athletics/physicalform.pdf>
http://www.mstm.us/pdf/athletics/HEADS_UP_CONCUSSION_FA_CT_SHEET.pdf

A major point of emphasis this year in athletics has been concussion recognition and treatment. It is important to know that concussions and any kind of head injury can happen at any time, and in any sport, not just football. If you suspect your son/daughter may have suffered a concussion, please inform your coach. We have an athletic trainer who can help us diagnose and treat these kinds of injuries. Also, below are some resources:

http://www.iahsaa.org/Sports_Medicine_Wellness/Concussions/concussions.html
<http://www.nfhslern.com/electiveDetail.aspx?courseID=15000>

Sportsmanship Reminders

1. Be Loud!
2. Be Positive!!
3. Cheer **for your team** only... (Not at officials, opponents, etc.).

Looking forward to another year!
 With Blue Devil Pride,
 Craig Huegel, A.D.

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1A Southwest District			
Name	School	Grade	Position
Meagan Streiffeler	Martensdale-St. Marys	SR	OF
Emma Michels	Martensdale-St. Marys	SR	P
Hailey Sweet	Martensdale-St. Marys	SR	INF
Emma Ferin	Martensdale-St. Marys	JR	OF
Kylah Schumacher	Martensdale-St. Marys	FR	INF

MStM Baseball:

The baseball team captured its third consecutive state championship, becoming the only school in Iowa history to have achieved this feat.

They won the title by beating Treynor, provided perhaps the most dramatic come from behind victory you are likely to see in defeating Algona Bishop Garrigan in 8 innings (twice, the Blue Devils were one pitch away from losing, only to tie the game in the bottom of the 7th), and throw a no-hitter in the championship game, courtesy of J.D. Nielsen.

The awards have not all been released at this time, but here are what we are aware of:

Iowa High School Sports Network (IHSSN) Player of the Game: J.D. Nielsen-only the fourth pitcher in Iowa history to throw a no-hitter in a championship game.

Pride of Iowa conference honors:

**Come join us at "OPEN HOUSE!"
August 21, 2012**



**"Open House"
6:30pm to 7:30pm**

**We encourage the children to meet their
teachers and leave their supplies in their
new classrooms that evening.**

See you there!

Just a Reminder:

**School starts on August 22nd and there is a
2:15pm dismissal.**

**Also, there will be a
2:15pm dismissal on
August 23rd & 24th.**

REGISTRATION

August 8 - 8am-4pm

August 9 - 12pm-8pm

7th Grade Orientation

**August 9, 2012
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Media Center**

We look forward to seeing you there!

**From the Desk of Mrs. Kirvin,
Pk-12 Nurse**

With school just weeks away, please take the time to check with your child's doctor to make sure that their immunizations are up to date. Kids entering Preschool and Kindergarten can have their booster vaccines done as soon as they turn 4 years old. Pertussis (whooping cough) has seen a 500% rise in our state. Getting vaccinations is very important. Warren County does hold immunization clinics each month that may be beneficial if your insurance does not cover vaccinations. You can reach Warren County Health at 515-961-1074 and see if a time is available that will work for you.

If your child has a medical or religious waiver for immunizations please make sure that you file the proper paperwork with me at school. Please let me know if I can be of any help to you. You can reach me by phone at 641-654-2621.

Thanks for your help in getting us all to a healthy school year!!

Alene Kirvin, R.N.

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
JUNE 11, 2012**

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in regular session, pursuant to law, on June 11, 2012.

Members Present: Vice President; Dave Shutt, Wade Gibson, and Amy Harper; together with Superintendent Bob Newsom and Business Manager Jill Gavin.

Members Absent: President, Nicole Bunch and Dean Furness

I. Welcome – Board President
Mr. Shutt called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed all guests.

II. Consent Items
A. Approval of Minutes Board President
B. Approval of Agenda Board President
C. Approval of Bills and Secretary's Report Board President
D. Approval of Hot Lunch and Activity Reports Board President

Mrs. Harper motioned to approve the consent items, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll Call: 3 ayes.

III. Celebrations - None

IV. Public Comments - None

V. Old Business
A. Reports Supt. Newsom

- 1) MStM Facilities Report - None
- 2) MStM Music Booster Minutes - None
- 3) MStM Athletic Booster Minutes – minutes from May 9 were provided
- 4) MStM PTO Minutes - minutes from May 8 were provided

B. Presentations
1) Principal's Report Mr. Wood

Mr. Wood announced the students who displayed citizenship.

Students Displaying Citizenship

Kindergarten: Aria Volz and William Denny

PK: Junie Lynch and Ellie Baker

1st Grade: Jenny Wilson and Casey Briney

2nd Grade: Sydney McCasland and Anna Parrott

3rd Grade: Alani Gibson and Alan Allsup

4th Grade: Cole Cassady and Morgan Dunn

5th Grade: Tyler Davidson and Cody Thorpe

6th Grade: Keann Williamson and Gabby Briney

Mr. Wood announced the 4th quarter Honor Roll for grades 4th-6th.

4th Grade Honor Roll

Gold: Morgan Dunn, Grace Hart, Alanna Kiene, Tyler Noga, Brynn Olson, and Kaley Verwers.

Blue: Jensen Archibald, Jackson Bakerink, Evan Ballard, Noah Briney, Cole Cassady, Ethan Christensen, Robbie Criswell, Elizabeth Devore, Dominick DiCesare, Peyton Erwine, Isaac Gavin, Jose Gonzalez, Thomas Gyles, Dylan Higen, Haley Meyer, Joseph Mundil, Nick Murphy, Jordan Peterson, Cameron Press, Chloe Ries, Nolan Starmer, Madelyn Stott, and Kyla Thorpe.

5th Grade Honor Roll

Gold: Daytona Ameigh, Katelyn Amfahr, Tyler Davidson, Kailyn DiCesare, Jacob Dunn, Sophia Gibson, Esa Johanson, Alisha Kauten, Emma King, Ben Lynch, Shelby McCasland, Victoria Reynolds, Hannah Sweet, Cody Thorpe, Josh Tibbits, Darren Vogt, Kailey Walker, Jena Wenck, Shelby Wiegert, and Lucas Wilgenbusch.

Blue: Ben Anctil, Lexie Devore, Jessica Doster, Vincent Girardi, Christian Husted, Myranda Jackson, Sarah Kisling, Brittany Schad, Halle Slifka, and Jacob Wenck.

6th Grade Honor Roll

Gold: Gabriella Briney, Zach Bunch, Christopher Douglas, Sophia Dunahoo, Haley Hart, Brianna Hartman, Tim Hornback, and Kylie Sherwood.

Blue: Aaron Allsup, Andrew Andrasko, Justin Bender, Madeline Brommel, Devin Christensen, Josie Coates, Chandler Craig, Jessica Defenbaugh, Nicholas Devore, Trevor Dooley, Kolton Fisk, Brady Gavin, Kay Greif, Garrison Haptops, Michael Karnatz, Makenna Milligan, Zoey Minor, Trey Newbury, Alayna Olson, Tylor

Phinney, Kolby Phinney, Caitlyn Pote, Kaitlyn Schad, Logan Schumacher, Skylar Tew, Brinley White, Keann Williamson, and Jayme Wilson

Mr. Wood informed the board that there were only editorial changes for the Elementary Handbook. He included the school wide discipline verbiage from the Elementary Handbook into the Staff Handbook. He presented an article about Everyday Math taken from the Ottumwa Courier and stated that they noted increase in engagement, and better learning. It was noted that we might see a drop in test scores in the first year or two.

2) Principal's Report Mr. Crozier

Mr. Crozier was not available for the board meeting but he did inform the board that they will go over the Secondary Handbooks in July. He had a pool of seven applicants for the Science position, interviewed four and is recommended hiring Travis Foell for the position. He has eight applicants for the Spanish position and will interview candidates next week. He provided to the Board the 3rd Quarter Honor Roll and the 2nd Semester Honor Roll. It was announced that 47 out of 47 seniors graduated in May. He provided the list of students inducted into the National Honor Society. He provided a copy of the program for the Academic Fine Arts Awards night and congratulated the Students of the Year.

12th – Josh Butcher
11th – Katie Schrodt
10th – Laura Lacquement
9th – Emma Johanson
8th – Magen Andrasko
7th – Lauren Noga

3) Curriculum Director's Report Mr. Moser

Mr. Moser updated the Board with the framework for Professional Development for 2012-2013. The PD Committee put together the calendar, the course requirements, and graduation credits and how it will be more learner driven with what the teachers wants and needs are. Several teachers have been working on curriculum since school has been over. A group of teachers along with Mr. Wood and Mr. Moser is attending the Langford Institute this week which is focusing on quality

learning and student centered classrooms. The C-Plan, which is a new program that is combining several reports into one central place, has been delayed again and Mr. Moser will update the Board again in July.

4) Superintendent's Report
Supt. Newsum

Mr. Newsum has not received the list of legislative priorities provided by IASB for the 2013 legislative session. He will be inviting Mr. Ferin to the July's board meeting to review the district's style guide and make a formal approval. The Spring 2012 Quarterly Newsletter has been published and mailed to our district's patrons. Mr. Newsum and Mrs. Gavin visited with the Board about considering Breakdown Insurance with Jester Insurance. John Seefeld has been invited to present to the Board in July about the advantages of the insurance. Don Millage will also be present at the July board meeting to help answer any questions on what the district's savings could be by using this insurance for his services. Mrs. Harper requested to see what our savings would have been this past year if we had the insurance. Mrs. Gavin will provide additional information for the July meeting. Mr. Newsum reviewed the need to have a special election for the Voted Physical Plan and Equipment Levy referendum. He is recommending to table the approval of the VPPEL resolution for the July board meeting until Ahlers & Cooney reviews the wording.

VI. New Business

A. Discuss/Approve Language for Voted PPEL Renewal
Supt. Newsum

Mrs. Harper motioned to table the language for the VPPEL renewal until the July board meeting, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 3 ayes.

B. Discuss/Approve Green Cleaning Resolution
Supt. Newsum

Mr. Furness arrived at 5:20 p.m.

Mr. Gibson motioned to opt out of the green cleaning program due to increased expense for environmentally friendly supplies, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Roll call: 4 ayes.

C. Approve Personnel Resignations
Supt. Newsum

The following resignations were received by the administration:

Jen Pribil – Elementary Guidance Counselor
Paula Chorna - Spanish
Denise Wolff – Kitchen Helper
Laura McIlravy – Dance Coach
Noel Connor – Fundraiser Coordinator

Mr. Gibson motioned to approve all resignations, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 4 ayes.

D. Approve Personnel Recommendations
Supt. Newsum

The following recommendations for personnel hires have been received by the administration:

Katie Brinkman – Elementary Guidance Counselor
Travis Foell – Science teacher
Beth Grafft – Fundraising Coordinator
Adam Hansen – Student Council Advisor

Mr. Gibson motioned to approve all recommendations for hire, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 4 ayes.

E. Discuss/Approve Open Enrollment Requests
Supt. Newsum

Mr. Furness motioned to table the request for the open enrollment request until we hear from the resident district, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 4 ayes.

F. Discuss/Approve Elementary & Faculty Handbooks
Supt. Newsum

Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the 2012-2013 Elementary Handbook and the 2012-2013 Faculty Handbook, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Roll call: 4 ayes.

G. Approve 2012-2013 Sharing Agreement Cross Country
Supt. Newsum

Mr. Furness motioned to approve the 2012-2013 Cross Country Application for Sharing Agreement with the Winterset Community School District, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Roll call: 4 ayes.

H. Confirm – Next Meeting Dates
Supt. Newsum

07/04/12 – Agenda subcommittee by e-mail
07/07/12 – No Board Agenda Meeting
07/09/12 – 5:00 p.m. Board Meeting

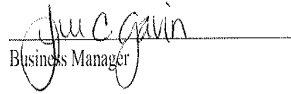
The board requested to move the July board meeting to July 11 at 5:00 p.m. due to possible softball playoff games.

VII. Adjournment

Mrs. Harper motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 5 ayes. Time: 5:40 p.m.

APPROVED


Board President


Business Manager

Avoid the Danger Zones!



School Bus Safety!

Always remain 10 steps away from the bus to be out of the "Danger Zone" and where the driver can see you. Always cross the street in front of the bus. Never go behind the bus.

To be safe when they travel to and from school, follow these simple safety rules:

AT THE BUS STOP:

- Always walk to the bus stop. Never run.
- Walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, walk on the left facing traffic.
- Always go to the bus stop about five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- While at the bus stop, wait in a safe place away from the road. Do not run and play while waiting.
- Never speak to strangers at the bus stop and never get into the car with a stranger. Always go straight home and tell you parents if a stranger tries to talk to you or pick you up.
- Wait for the bus to arrive, watch for red flashing lights and the stop sign to be extended, and cross only when all traffic has stopped. Look left, right, and left again before crossing.

ON THE BUS:

- Go directly to a seat. Remain seated and facing forward for the entire ride.
- Talk quietly (so the driver will not be distracted).
- If you need to talk to the bus driver: wait for the bus to stop, raise your hand, and call the driver's name.

- Never throw things on the bus or out the windows. Never play with the emergency exits.
- Keep the aisles clear at all times.
- If there is an emergency, listen to the driver and follow instructions.

EXIT THE BUS:

- When getting off the bus make sure you walk (not run) three more steps away from the door. This is the best place to be around a bus. Stay away from the bus wheels and watch out for moving cars!
- Once you get off the bus, go straight home so an adult will know where you are.
- Only get on and off the bus at your designated stop. If you need to get off the bus somewhere else, you will need to have a note from your parents.

If you leave something on the bus, never return to the bus to get it. The driver may not see you come back and they may begin moving the bus. Also, if you drop something near the bus, tell the bus driver before you attempt to pick it up, so they will know where you are.

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There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy, please contact the district's Equity Coordinator.

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