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Superintendent's Report
For
Hampton Board of Education Meeting
11/17/21
Written 11/10/21

A note of apology:

Last month's Superintendent's Report which I submitted to the BoE contained a number of grammar errors, including run-on sentences and confusing statements. The submitted document was in fact my unedited draft of my report. I cannot tell you how that draft was included in your official BoE packet and for that embarrassing error I apologize.

The Covid vaccination for our students:

Regardless of the final approval of the vaccine for children aged 5 to 11, the administration has not changed its current practice of having all children wear face masks. There will be no mandated vaccination requirement unless we are required to impose that on all our students. The administration does not recommend at this time that HES offer a vaccination clinic at school. We feel that parents and the child's pediatrician should make those decisions.

As the plan for child vaccination moves forward, we will inform parents of any changes in our current Covid related procedures at HES.

In addition, I will call together the Reopening Discussion Group in order to discuss in depth how HES will end our Covid procedures including which of the changes that were made could be retained because they serve the needs of parents.

School Calendar for 2022-2023:

The proposed academic calendar has just been released by EastConn and it is included in your packet. I have reviewed the proposal and since HES offers individualized professional development for each teacher and staff member, I am recommending the following adjustments to the EastConn calendar:

First day for Teachers: August 22, 2022

First day for students: August 24, 2022

Professional Development Day on October 7 be a regular school day

Professional Development Day on November 8 (Election Day) be a regular school day

Professional Development Day on March 3 , 2023 remain as scheduled
No school for students

Last day of school remains as scheduled 6/7/23

This schedule as recommended will allow HES to complete its 183 day academic schedule at the same time as the EastConn calendar. These recommended changes have NOT been discussed with Mr. Henrici, the Superintendent of Regional District 11 as of the writing of this report. I will update you at your 11/17 meeting if there are any possible changes.

Playscape is being installed:

You may recall that we have purchased a playscape unit rather than an entire playscape. Since we had to remove the old wooden playscape a year ago, we have been searching for the funds to replace it. We have determined that purchasing one unit at a time will allow for the rebuilding of a playscape for our students.

The first unit purchased is an arch with wire covered climbing netting that was specifically designed for children 5 to 12 years old.

Please welcome two new members of our staff:

First: Ms. Shelly McNulty, if approved by you, would be our Director of Pupil Personnel Services. She will be in charge of our Special Education Department. You have her resume in your Board packet. You should also have received my forwarded email of her note to all staff members that she sent out on Friday, 11/4/21. I am hopeful that you will find Ms. McNulty as qualified and personable as we did when we interviewed her.

Second: Ms. Yvonne Bowen is our new Administrative Assistant. You have received her resume in an earlier email.

Both people bring a wide experience, high level of skills, especially in technology and very diverse back grounds.

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