

Hampton Elementary School

Superintendent's Report September 26, 2018

Written 9/20/18

General Comments:

The opening days of school went well even with all of the heat and humidity. We did make a few changes from having the gym classes work in the library / media doing health activities or playing low impact games. Lunches were also moved into classrooms as was indoor recess so we could take advantage of the "cooler" temperatures inside the building.

Since these few weeks of school provided us with ample sunshine, we did not want our students to be exposed to all of that bright sun that could impact their skin. As for the classes themselves, the rooms were already for our students' return and teachers began their SRBI inservice training on Tuesday, August 28.

The Open House was attended by a large group of parents and a few "graduates" who came back to visit. Sam has a full report

General Maintenance:

The Stanley Doors were installed on Friday, September 7 and all but one door of the specialized ADA compliance issues have been addressed and seem to be working very effectively. At this point the Stanley door Access Technology installers are working on the third interior security door which was a problem since it did not have a Stanley door opener and a new opener had to be ordered that added an extra \$2,000 approx. cost to the ADA compliance efforts. We have also had to address the electrical aspects to these new door openers and these costs were not anticipated.

The fire alarm system was checked during our annual fire inspection and the panel box was not in compliance. The Fire Marshall directed Sam to make sure that the box was repaired and that he would return the following week to inspect the system. Please ask Sam for any up dates.

Academic:

He will ask that you review and act on hiring a new part time (0.6 FTE) Library / Media teacher.

Heat Related Concerns:

The excessive heat did create issues of air conditioners that could not keep up with the heat build-up in this classrooms that had A/C in the windows. I asked that all A/C remain running during the evening hours in order to maintain the ambient temperatures at

about 75 degrees. One A/C unit in the Pre-K needed to be replaced. In all, we have 9 rooms that are air conditioned not including the library/Media and the office suite. There are five rooms that have no air conditioners but they all have at least one fan.

The temperature in the multipurpose room has reached 85 degrees and once that happened, the gym classes were moved to the Lib/Media for either health class rather than a regular gym class or time to have the students play board games. Recess was held indoors for four days to avoid the high temperatures and the sun.

Each day, I personally visited each classroom and Sam also spoke with Beverly concerning the weather conditions. Lunch was moved from the multipurpose room to classrooms three times because of the heat. Beverly reported that one student was brought to her office who needed to drink water and rest from her gym class that was being held outside at the time (first time block in the morning on 9/6/18).

Open House:

Open House was held on September 12 and from all indications, parents were pleased with the event.

EastConn:

I was invited to stand an EastConn meeting with a group of superintendents and an agency named EducationWorks to explain how we have implemented our individualizing educational process for our students and teachers. I reviewed the two year long road to our current status where we can more clearly see how we can improve our educational process through faculty professional Development coupled with curriculum changes through the scheduling process and the use of technology supports. Our Professional Development, with the work of EastConn and Diane Dugas uses both large group presentations and one-on-one PD so each teacher can privately discuss and experiment with their teaching skills and lesson planning. I also described our work on the report card revisions. I believe that the attendees were pleased with my presentation about our efforts. I emphasized that His is a "Little Power House" in our efforts to personalize our educational efforts.

Superintendent's Work Schedule for October, 2018

The work week for October is scheduled Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30 to 11:30 and Wednesday from 7:30 to 1:30. I will be out of state from Oct. 9 to Oct. 17 but you may reach me via email or text messaging. I check my e-mail twice each day.

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