

## **Community Coffee Recap**

### **May 15, 2018**

**Pawsitivity Story** - The purpose of a Pawsitivity Story is to share something positive. The school is promoting "Pawsitivity" with staff, students and the community.

- PGTA has reached a tentative contractual agreement.
- PG track team is sending participants to compete at the IESA Class AA State Track and Field event.

### **Standard Based Grading**

Ms. Maggiore explained the transition to Standards Based Grading (SBG) for District 46. For the past two school years, there has been a committee collaborating to transition current report cards to a Standard Based Grading system. During the 2018-2019, Kindergarten, First grade, Second grade and Third grade will evolve to the Standard Based Grading system report card in ELA and Math. SBG for Writing was rolled out this year for K-5. SBG puts emphasis on a student's mastery of the Illinois State Standards, using "I can" statements to reflect goals accomplished with a four point scale; 4 - exceeding grade level expectations and independently demonstrates mastery beyond end of year expectations, 3 - meeting grade level expectations, 2 - developing toward grade level expectations, with support, the student demonstrates grade level expectations, 1 - emerging toward grade level expectations. Learner Qualities will continue to be separated out from academic progress reporting in K-5: "C"onsistently demonstrates independence with few reminder and/or prompting, "O"ccasionally demonstrates independence at times and may need reminder and/or prompting, "S"eldom demonstrated limited independence and needs frequent reminders and prompting. The tentative plan is to roll out Fourth and Fifth grade ELA and Math in 2019-2020, and Jr. High in 2020-2021. Social Studies and Science will continue to have letter grades.

Positive points - SBG will communicate better feedback for both the parents and the students. It will let them know their child's strengths, needs, support, and enrichment. It will be very specific with scheduled learning to meet targeted goals.

Potential downside - SBG will contain a lot of information, so will be lengthy.

The information will be communicated in the fall with presentation, Panther Press, Curriculum night, etc., knowledge is power.

Discussion items:

District 155 is not switching to SBG, they will still report ABC grades, influenced by higher ed.

Co-curricular teachers would like more choices in their statements.

Kindergarten, First grade and Second grade have a report card that is similar to SBG.

Acknowledgement that teachers will have more work to do with this type of report card.

Learner Qualities formerly thought of as conduct/behavior/citizenship.

MAP scores and teacher recommendations are used for placement in D155.

District 47 and 26 are currently using SBG.

### **Academic Programs**

Staff was issued tentative assignments today. We are working through the movement/hiring process.

Staff movement/hires for 2018-2019 school year:

Kindergarten - Julia Rohrer

1st Grade - Open

4th Grade - Morgan Ellers (New)  
5th Grade - Haley Roehrkasse (New)  
6th Math/7th Science Teacher - Nicole Marunde (New)  
8th Grade Science - Jennifer Piech  
Band Teacher - Jeff Crylen (New)  
Elementary Aces Math/K-8 Math RtI - Amy Burnidge  
Elementary STEM - Colleen Cotton  
Instructional Curriculum Coach - Joy Rempert

#### **Other topics from participants**

- **Mention of a Science Olympiad program - STEM related, District 46 should investigate doing this.**
- **Personnel report regarding Leave of Absence reporting in BoardBook.**
- **Possibility of concerts being recorded and sold?**  
Based on the law, if students are in the photo and have opted out of release, the school is not allowed to release the photo/recording if they are in it.
- **PG Calendar, sync with own calendar?**  
There is a new app for the district website, currently soft roll out. Will look into iCalendar Syncing.
- **Follow up with new PG App - Need to add PTO and Board information.**
- **6th, 7th and 8th graders will be eating lunch at the same time?**  
Yes, they will all have lunch at the same time, they will utilize the MPR and JH lunchroom.
- **Elementary lunch times changing?**  
They will start at approximately 11:10, about the same time as this year.
- **Nurse situation?**  
We are currently looking for a Certified School Nurse. There are not a large number of nurses that hold that certification. The District needs to perform the required steps necessary to look for a qualified applicant before we are allowed to ask for a waiver from the state to hire a Registered Nurse.
- **Teachers using DonorsChoose.org website?**  
A few Prairie Grove teachers have used this site.

The next Community Coffee will be August 21, 2018. Have a great summer!