

Stockton High School Principal's Report

TO: USD 271 School Board Members
FROM: Lindsay Cravens, 8-12 Principal
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RE: Board of Education Report

Monthly Building Report

Currently, we are in the process of state testing. Thank you to all of the teachers for preparing our students to do their best. A special thank you to Mrs. Kuhlmann, Mr. & Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Dunlap, and Dr. Cole for administering the tests as the added stress bears a lot. Also, thank you to Mrs. Basart for keeping the technology running strong. A deserving appreciation to the SHS staff for preparing breakfast/snacks for the students on testing days. It was amazing seeing the kids congregate in the lounge to eat, visit, and breathe before the tests began. We also held a Pep Rally to kick off the Spring testing with positive messages from staff.

FastBridge Assessments have been wrapped up with a few possible makeup tests to be completed. The students have worked hard to show improvement as the ELA and Math tests become more challenging as the year progresses. These tests help drive instruction and have shown we have come a long way in nine month's time but also demonstrate that we still have room for improvement.

The Building Leadership Team traveled to Saint Francis on a blustery March 27th. We met with Principal Dave Morrow, as well as their HS Math instructor, HS ELA instructor, and Special Education teacher. We focused on their incorporation of interventions and enrichment time at the secondary level. We are on track to incorporate similar aspects of their plan. I really saw the passion in our educator's that day as they took it all in, asked questions, were motivated by ideas, and the discussion and laughter everyone had. We have great people teaching our students, I can't say that enough!

The BLT has also been meeting to finalize scheduling as CTE class information comes in with new ones to add to pathways.

On the same topic, my mentor, Toby Countryman from Quinter stopped in for a visit. He wanted me to share with my staff that the building "just feels different" and changes are working. He said we have amazing things happening in Stockton and to keep going. I have one visit to Quinter left to wrap up the mentoring process.

Mid Continent League (and MCEL) and Northern Plains League (and PTL) meetings have commenced since Spring Break. The transition is in place from one to the other. Thank you to Mr. Bedore and Mr. Hull for spending more time with me than they would like to as we navigate new schedules, venture to new territories, and build new relationships.

Senior Trip and Prom went well and parents and sponsors did a fantastic job making those times memorable for our students.

Launching Leadership with Dr. Britton Hart and Jessica Griffin wrapped up on April 6th. Thank you BOE for allowing me the privilege to be a part of the cohorts in Elevate and Launching Leadership. Over the past two years I have learned so much from our small group settings and made strong connections with other principals in the state that I can call for advice or ideas and they can do the same with me. This experience has been incredibly valuable!

Please see the Committee Organization page for updates in all extracurricular activities.