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To: Mr. Mahoney and Board of EducationFrom: Kip CrandallRe: December Board ReportDate: December 13, 2016

Current Enrollment:

 7^{th} Grade – 88 8^{th} Grade – 114

SIP Goals & Progress:

<u>SIP Goal 1</u>: At each grade level 5% more students will achieve their MAP growth target* in the areas of reading and math and close the free/reduced vs. paid lunch status achievement gap in math and reading by 2.5%. *(as compared to trend data indicating what would normally be expected) Systematic reviews of student data notebooks are taking place in homeroom classes to get students antiquated with the new data dashboard feature in Power School. This data, along with standardized testing data, will be used to set quarterly goals by the students. Chapter two of the book Game Changers was presented at our November staff meeting. Teaching comprehension and content was the theme.

<u>SIP Goal 2</u>: At each grade level we will close the free/reduced vs. paid lunch status attainment gap by 2.5 %. Not currently part of the SIP but an initiative that may help address this goal is the creation of the DLR Mentoring Program. Open Program student Ryan Corson will be working with Joanna Cermak and me to get this project off the ground. First order of action is a mentor training session with five members of the Mt. Morris Lutheran Church. Once training is complete and a volunteer commits to being a mentor, we will send them to secure finger printing and a background check.

<u>SIP Goal 3</u>: As a result of a focused effort related to "soft skills" (organization, goal setting, acts of kindness, etc.) activity participation, I am an Eagle, Eagle Hours and attendance percentages will increase over 2015-16 percentages. Current attendance rate is 94.8%. Eagle Hour data not currently comparable.

PPAC: - A meeting was held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 and topics discussed were:

- 1) SIP update
- 2) PBIS reward days
- 3) 5 Essentials Survey

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Professional Development:

"Game Changers" book study – chapter 2 was presented at November staff meeting by Adam Albrecht. The chapter discussed strategies on how to teach comprehension and content both.

Adam Albrecht also presented the staff with an interactive presentation on how to utilize the email feature in the grade book. This will enhance a teacher's ability to communicate with parents and involve them in the instructional process.

Events List:

- 1. Dec. 06 Builder's Club Mtg. 7:00 a.m.
- 2. Dec. 06 Card Club 3:00 4:30 p.m.
- 3. Dec. 08 FCA Mtg. 7:00 a.m.
- 4. Dec. 13 DLR Band/Choir Concert 7:00 p.m.
- 5. Dec. 20 Builder's Club Mtg. 7:00 a.m.

Positively Speaking:

DLR spends Saturday, November 19th at Barnes & Noble in Rockford



A photo of all the Barnes and Noble book fair helpers (left) and Helena Holden-Fox reads to two young patrons at Barnes & Noble. DLR raised money to support our library.

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DLR homerooms initiate "Food for Thought" program.



As a result of the engagement survey conducted as part of our SIP, two DLR homerooms now run a program designed to help with hungry students at school. More details will be shared by our students at the January board meeting. Pictured on the left is almost \$1,700 worth of snacks donated by General Mills for the program. On the right are Mr. Gale and Mrs. Bothe's homerooms thanking General Mills.

DLR celebrates academic successes at 1st quarter awards assembly.



8th grade 1st quarter high honor roll

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DLR to initiate mentoring program with the help of OHS Open Program student Ryan Corson.



Pictured above are members of the St. Paul Lutheran church (who will be our first batch of student mentors), Joanna Cermak and Ryan Corson (Open Program Student) They are in a training session with Jan Freed (head of table in picture to the left) Sterling Schools Asset Coordinator. The training took place on Wednesday, December 7th.

Respectfully submitted... Kip Crandall

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