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To: Mr. Mahoney and Board of Education
From: Kip Crandall
Re: March Board Report
Date: March 13, 2018

Current Enrollment:

Pre-Kinder - 24
7th Grade – 116
8th Grade – 89

School Improvement Plan (SIP) Goals & Progress:

SIP Goal 1: DLR PARCC attainment scores for meeting and exceeding in Math and ELA will double from the 2016-17 results. Our recent visits to other middle schools in the area yielded some interesting scheduling concepts, but due to our staffing structure not feasible to implement at David L. Rahn (DLR). This mainly had to do with separate reading/writing blocks at each of the three schools visited. However, we also learned that successes in the classroom were attributed to what was going on within the class as well.

SIP Goal 2: Focus on increasing student leadership roles in school such as leading school assemblies, planning SOAR activities and classroom responsibilities. I was able to visit the Illinois Math & Science Academy (IMSA) on Friday, February 23rd to explore their LEAD program which all sophomores take. This is an intensive evening and Saturday course structure designed and taught by upper classmen to all sophomores. To replicate that program would be unfeasible for DLR. However, I did learn that Marmion Academy has a four year leadership class that utilizes Covey's "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens" as their textbook during their freshman and sophomore years. We do study that book as 8th graders at DLR and will also look to see what if anything comes about with "The Leader in Me" implementation prior to exploring a formal leadership plan further.

PPAC: - Next meeting to be held on April 18th.

Professional Development:

3/7 – Beyond Textbook (BT) standards template work

3/23 – ESSA presentation by Dr. Mahoney followed by BT standards template work

DLR teachers will be required, as per the SIP action plan, to complete one PD session through a digital platform and share that experience out during a staff meeting.

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Handbook First Read:

DLR will be submitting their first read for handbook changes in April. The extension is due to further discussions needed with reference to student suggestions and scheduling changes.

Events List:

1. Mar. 14 – Student Council Mtg., 7:00 a.m.
2. Mar. 15 – Band Extravaganza, 7:00 p.m. – BHC
3. Mar. 16 – Report Cards home
4. Mar. 20 - Builder's Club Mtg., 7:00 a.m.
5. Mar. 22 - FCA Mtg., 7:00 a.m.
6. Mar. 23 – 11:40 dismissal – BT work
7. Mar. 26 – Apr. 2 – Spring Break
8. Apr. 3 - Builder's Club Mtg., 7:00 a.m.
9. Apr. 5 - FCA Mtg., 7:00 a.m. (Rally Around the Pole)
10. Apr. 7 – DLR Spring Fun Night, 7:00 p.m.

Positively Speaking:



DLR wrestlers win Rt. 72 Conference Tournament for the second consecutive year and qualify five wrestlers and one alternate for the Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation (IKWF) state tournament. Left: conference team picture – Right: state qualifiers Gabe Eckerd, Lane Halverson (alternate), Grant Stender, Jokiah Sewell, Daniel Dominguez and Izzy Ruter (not pictured).

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Dr. Mahoney and Mr. Crandall attend Millikin University Boot Camp with education majors on Tuesday, February 27th. Pictured left is Dr. Mahoney leading the panel discussion for junior and senior education majors. The panel answered questions related to the field and also unprompted questions from students. Pictured right are the Millikin alum that were involved in mock interviewing senior education majors. Feedback was provided from those interviews to students to aid in their preparation for securing a teaching position.



Amanda, Weston, Mandy, Emmitt and Jared win January lunchroom drawing for free Valentine Dance tickets.

Respectfully submitted... Kip Crandall

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