

## **Superintendent Board Report**

**January 18, 2024**

### **Schools:**

#### **Junior/Senior High:**

12/5 - Ranger Rally at High School held for State Championship Football Game

12/7 - State Championship Football game

12/9 - Students in Action (SIA) volunteer activity @ McDonald Giant Eagle (Cole/Cornell)

12/13-19 - HS Holiday Spirit Week

12/14 - Drama presentation @ City Theater (Maxin)

12/18 - Academic League @ Canon McMillan HS (Krajci)

12/18 - Chorus Winter Concert

12/19 - HS Holiday Celebration

1/12 - Fall Sport Breakfast (Scarpone)

1/12 - Peer Jury @ Burgettstown (Artim)

Ranger Pride Cafe is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays  
12/1 - Staff Meeting - Discussion of PBIS Program Planning

12/15 - Staff Meeting - Preparation before the holiday break

1/9 - At-risk Student Meeting - Review of data with counselors & student support staff

1/11 - Instructional Cabinet Meeting - Budget review and end of quarter instructions

1/12 - Budget Meeting - Review budget procedures and documents for 2024-25.

Review signing in/out of Frontline. Review of end of quarter processes, deadlines and requirements.

1/12 - Counselor Meeting - Preparation for 2024-25 scheduling, teaching, assignments, and master schedule development

#### **Elementary Center:**

Santa Shoppe was held from December 4th through the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Breakfast with Santa was held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Elementary

Holiday parties were held on December 19th

The Varsity Football and Cheerleading Pep Assembly was held December 6th.

The Holiday Concert was held on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **Athletics:**

**Varsity Football** – Finished the year Blackhills and WPIAL champions. First conference title since 2013. First WPIAL title in school history. PIAA runner ups. First appearance in State Championship in school history. Several players earned all conference accolades. Matt Sieg and Lou Ryan made all media 1<sup>st</sup> team all state. Matt Sieg and Corey Bouchelle made second team coaches select PA Football News All State.

**Boys basketball** - Varsity team is currently 9 – 4 and on top of section 4 play. The JV team is currently 3-3 overall. 8 th grade team is 7 – 2 overall and the 7 th grade team is 6 – 2 overall. Boys basketball senior night will be held on 2/6 vs. Carmichaels at 7pm.

**Girls basketball** – Varsity team is currently 9 – 4 overall and in 2 nd place in their conference. Raney Staub broke the 1000 point mark for her career in a victory over Brentwood. The JV team is currently 4-2 overall. Girls basketball senior night will be held on Feb 8 th at 530pm vs. Sto Rox.

**Wrestling** - Boys team is currently 1-4 in team duals. Individually Braedon Welsh won the Tricada tourney and finished in the top twelve at Powerade. Anthony Salvini finished second at the Tricada tourney. Nathan Harrison finished 5<sup>th</sup> at Tricada. In Jr. High Archie Shattuck finished second at Tricada and Terrell Cooper finished 6<sup>th</sup>. The girls have been impressive on the mats. Abigail Dolanch won the Mt. Lebo tourney and Isabella Spotti finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. Wrestling senior night will be held on Wed, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Wash High at 7pm.

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**Elementary Life Skills:** Consultation with Watson Institute is ongoing. Monthly team meetings are being held with the classroom staff, related service providers, and administration to provide a forum for discussion. There is continued progress with all students. Additionally, facilities is preparing information about the proposed move for the sensory room.

**Monitoring:** All monitoring data was submitted to PDE on time. On-site monitoring is occurring on January 23 and 24, with interviews ongoing thereafter with staff and families.

**Paraprofessionals:** We are proposing the hire of the open paraprofessional position tonight. All staff positions would be filled at that point.

**GUIDANCE:** Scheduling information for 24-25 is set to distribute on 1/17, with a similar format to last year. There is one new course (Conservation Science) in the Horticulture track. All families will once gain be offered a meeting to discuss scheduling. The counselors have their Calendly links ready for scheduling these meetings. Meetings may be in person, on the phone, or virtual via Google Meet.

## **FEDERAL PROGRAMS**

**Monitoring:** Monitoring data is due virtually by March 31. As soon as the Special Education monitoring is complete, we will pivot to ensuring that all data is uploaded by the deadline.

## **Facilities and Grounds**

Over the month of December 2023 and early January 2024 the Facilities Department at Fort Cherry School district have been very busy. The time before the Holiday is a full of activities and celebrations. With the excitement of the holidays and celebrations, the cleaning staff have had extra work. The staff have handled this time very well and no disruption in general school function was affected. During this time of year our indoor winter sports begin to take center stage, this pushes more events into our gyms

and wrestling rooms. Our staff has done a tremendous job keeping our facilities welcoming and prepared for these events.

Over the holiday break we were able to change the filters on all of our HVAC units, as well as grease all the belts and grease points on each unit. This is a major task even in a small district such as ours. We were also able to check, repair, work on and improve the functionality of our door locks and restroom fixtures. We have also begun the process of painting railing, restrooms and other areas during the winter months.

I also made some slight adjustments to cleaning areas within the High School, this has not caused any issues with performance at this time. I will continue to monitor this moving forward with the goal of best utilizing our staff and resources.

Our daylight staff also returned the PTO Christmas decorations to storage in Hickory and helped move materials and chairs around for the Holiday concerts on campus. With this past week's first big dip into the winter weather our staff has performed well, keeping the campus clear of snow and ice and again welcoming to community and visitors. This is much the same as grass and landscaping in the warmer months, a lot of time effort and attention must be paid to this. The ice and snow cause issue with community safety and that continues to be at the top of our efforts.

Any cares and concerns about functionality, service and safety please reach out at any time. I am also open to ideas and concerns on how we can continue to improve our processes.

#### **State Funding Applications, Mandates and Updates:**

Comprehensive Planning process continues with analysis of data

Reviewed CDT and PVAAS growth data with principals and interventionists

Completed AP Potential reports for counselors to send to parents

WCCF awarded District \$5,000 grant to enhance STEAM curriculum

Received IU1 grant support (\$5,000) for Racing Drone Program in collaboration with Avella School District

Presented grant proposal to LSA (Local Share Account) to secure funding at the public meeting for a Anatomage table to support academic preparation for Veterinary curriculum and anatomy.

Met with counselors and administration to address questions regarding math scheduling

Attended several truancy hearings to address chronic student issues at the high school

Attended several hearings to address chronic behavior issues at the high school

Thank you to the Fort Cherry School Community for supporting our Football team during the WPIAL Championship game as well as the state championship game.

The District has held several negotiation meetings with the teachers regarding the current agreement in December.

Reviewed updates to PA Smart Grant application