Superintendent Board Report

Schools:

Junior/Senior High:

- Ms. Cole has addressed a significant deficit of completed attendance protocol documents, including SAIP documents, letters, citations, and CYS referrals. The high school administration will continue to have a high number of truant students this school year (i.e., 18 or more absences). However, since Ms. Cole has handled the coordination of SAIP meetings and citations, the administration has found that parents are indeed showing up either in person or on the phone to participate in attendance meetings. The conversations have been productive, and the pace at which new truancy cases are emerging has slowed.
- The administration had addressed a safety threat on March 19th with local police. The safety concern was deemed non-credible.
- Khloe Schuck and Nathan Weidner are this month's students of the month.
- Walker Sherwin was recognized for committing to W&J to play soccer.
- Lady Rangers basketball advanced to the first round of the PIAA playoffs before losing to Kennedy Catholic.
- Braedon Welsh finished 4th in the PIAA individual championship after winning the WPIAL championship and regional championship.
- Principals 200 Club recognition
- Archie Shattuck earned 5th place in the 212 lb. JHS Wrestling Championships
- Abby Washinski was a 12U wrestling champion (115 lb.).
- Winter Keystone Exam scores have been received. An additional 7 students passed the Algebra I exam, 9 students passed the Biology exam, and 2 students passed the Literature exam.

Elementary Center:

- The CDT Diagnostic and DIBELS administration has been completed. Data has been analyzed and discussed at grade level meeting. Tier I, II, III groups have been established and are monitored on a monthly basis.
- Dakota Skiulli selected to receive the South Hills Area School Districts Association (SHASDA) award for the second quarter. Adelei Kennedy was recently ranked the #1 Slopestyle skier in the 7-8 year old age group, #2 rail jam skier in the 7-10 year old age group, and the #7 halfpipe skier in 7-8 year old division.
- The second wave of Flight School has been completed and the After School Acceleration Program is underway.

Athletics:

Girls Varsity Basketball - Finished the year 20 – 6 overall. Won back-to-back section championships. Won 2 WPIAL playoff games. Qualified for State playoffs.

Boys Varsity Baketball - Finished 13-9 overall and second place in the conference. Qualified for WPIAL playoffs.

Wrestling - Braedon Welsh won a WPIAL and Southwest Region title this year. Finished 3rd in the state. Ella Trahan won a WPIAL girls title. Abby Washinksi won the Keystone Girls 12and under state title.

7/8 volleyball - 7th grade currently undefeated. 8th grade 10-2 overall.

Bocce - Finished the year 4-2 overall and qualified for the team playoffs at Peters Township.

Spring Sports – updates

Baseball – currently has 35 on the team. Section play will begin soon.

Softball – currently has 13 on the team. Section play will begin soon.

Track and Field - currently has 35 on the boys and 35 on the girls rosters. Section play will begin soon.

Tricada coach of the year banquet – Will be held Sunday April 27th at 2pm at the Hilton Garden Inn. Honorees and ticket information will be released over the next week.

Technology

- Tech Rangers have assisted with getting devices repaired and a committed core of students has emerged who have been volunteering their time to assist during study hall periods several times per week.
- Desktop upgrades are complete. Working with Upcycle and other vendors to finalize device buyback options to get money for old desktops and laptops.
- Held Newline demonstration for the elementary staff to go over new features and answer teacher questions regarding potential display panel replacement.
- After the Chromebook issue, I researched recalls and met with administration. Also, removed all IdeaPad Chromebooks from circulation. The devices were deactivated and the batteries were removed to eliminate potential for any further issues.

Pupil Services and District Safety Coordinator

- Special Education ESY summer dates scheduled
- Students visit to transitional employment facility in Washington
- The FCSD Crisis Response Handbook is still being revised with the assistance of Officer Ziemianski. The estimated completion date is estimated to be in April, 2025 and submitted to the Safety and Security Team for review.
- Elementary Life Skills (currently 5 students): ESY NOREPS have been completed.
- Teachers have identifyed students that qualify for extended school year and the dates or the weeks of July 7th and July 14th.
- Monitoring: Corrective action items have been completed. Items have been reviewed and approved by PDE.
- Paraprofessionals: We are currently fully staffed.

GUIDANCE

The K–12 339 plan was returned for minor revisions. We will resubmit later this month when the corrections are complete.

The Administration is working on the master schedule grid before handing it back to the counselors for balancing.

Counselors will meet with all students next week who took the Winter wave of the Keystone Exams. Parents will be informed via phone of their child's progress toward meeting this graduation requirement, and they will be informed of the options for remediation to prepare for the Spring Keystone Exams.

GIFTED

An improvement plan to enhance Gifted services has begun related to gifted procedures, policies, and expectations and will be on-going through October.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Monitoring: Monitoring: Meaningful consultations for nonpublic schools have been completed. Attending the next Federal Programs meeting that is scheduled for April 03, 2025. Title I funding has changed for next year and adjustments will be made with non pubs.

Paraprofessionals: We are currently fully staffed.

Building and Grounds

- Meeting with Union regarding employee.
- AZ Janitorial Services meeting, discussing supplies and pricing.
- Working on Sidewalk Concrete RFP our solicitor is reviewing everything before we post it.
- Siemens Door Store Front Discussion with Mike Kessler, Philip Richardson, Mike Ziemianski. (Summer Project)
- Meeting Jennifer Zubal Printscape Imaging & amp; Graphics for signage outside classrooms of Elementary & amp; H.S. Locker Room Projects/Exterior door windows etc.
- Review of building staff and work assignments.
- Meeting with Signage Cassidy for signage outside classrooms of Elementary and H.S. Locker Room Projects/Exterior door windows etc.
- Cleaner Interviews.
- Meeting with Equiparts Joe Ferraro- Locker room showers/Lockers.
- Marlite Craig Signage, Imaging & amp; Graphics for signage outside classrooms of Elementary and H.S. Locker Room Projects/Exterior door windows etc.
- Participated in Blood Drive Fort Cherry H.S. Gym.
- Meeting with Huckestein, our vendor for HVAC with my two maintenance guys.
- Meeting with Tom Scarpone Coach meeting.
- Landscaping baseball field mount and bases Completed.
- Meeting w/ Sam Baudoux Electro-Kote H.S. Lockers.
- Meeting with staff member and administration regarding performance concerns.
- Meeting with triple solutions with Becky Uchic. Walked the H.S and elementary revisited classrooms, offices, restrooms for proper count of fixtures etc.
- Conducted performance review of both buildings and staff assignments.
- Worked a Sunday for the play because no one accepted overtime.
- Building and Grounds Committee Meeting.
- Call Offs, Covering Overtime and Pay Roll, Bills.

State Funding Applications, Mandates and Updates:

Met with high school administration and safety concerns regarding the Chromebook battery malfunction and spoke to local fire chief.

Met with staff regarding resignation and possible District employment.

Met with Building and Grounds Director regarding staffing.

Addressed discipline issue with employee.

Met with grade level leads and department heads regarding academic achievement needs.

Reviewed high school scheduling course numbers.

Attended kindergarten registration and met with families.

Attended the first Washington County Tax Expo to share the value of the Fort Cherry School District and local communities.

Met with Youth baseball and softball teams.

Coordinated IU1 student showcase. The District will share the success of the Anatomage Table and Flight School at PennWest University on March 25, 2025.

Met with administration regarding the cost of Bradley Center MH counselors and the impact on each school.

Met with McKinley Architecture and Engineering regarding stadium bid project

Confirmed permits for NPDES were submitted to Washington County on March 11, 2025.

Laudermill Disciplinary Hearing held.

Emergency Shooter Training drill may be scheduled after hours at Fort Cherry Elementary and Jr./Sr. High School to better inform first responders.

Student Teacher meeting held with Point Park University.

Met with Bus contractor to address camera installation concerns.

Addressed a parent concern regarding student discipline.

QuickSilver confirmed they will be able to accommodate our JV and Varsity golf teams