HHS Principal Report

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1.0 ASVAB

Our juniors just completed taking the Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test on Thursday, December 5, 2024. If there was only one test we could administer to students in high school, it would be the ASVAB. Not only does the test look at the typical reading, math, and science areas, but it digs into electronics, auto and shop, and mechanical comprehension. Students receive information to guide career decision-making far beyond just academic readiness. The test administrators will return in January to discuss the results with the students and answer questions.

2.0 InterQuest Detection Canines

IDC visited the high school on Wednesday, November 20, 2024. During this visit, we not only did locker sweeps, but had students exit various classrooms so the dog could check student materials. I am incredibly pleased to report we had no hits by the dog. Having our students see the dog in action will hopefully aid as a deterrent.

3.0 Clean Lab Update

A wall is being erected to seal off the shop bay between the woods and welding bays. This sealed space will become a clean lab to house our 3D printing, laser engraver and vinyl cutting equipment. For those unaware, a dirty lab is the regular shop environment where excessive contaminants are around (e.g., sawdust, metal shavings, etc.), whereas a clean lab is one with equipment that could be compromised by contaminants. The clean lab will be utilized for both the “Fab Lab” class (fabrication lab) and our SBE program (school-based enterprise). Once it is up and running, I will invite the board to view it and speak with Tyler Heimermann.

4.0 Health and Safety Update

OSHA is beginning to hit closer to home (Byron). Hayfield’s Health and Safety Committee is carefully looking at all areas of the school, from custodial to shop areas, and everything else in between. Terry’s crew had been diligent in their efforts to look and correct any violations, and assisting staff to understand. One area we have had to make a correction on is the Christmas door decorations. No more than 50% of a door may be decorated. Mock OSHA inspection documents were shared with staff. They address lighting, appliances, proper use of cords and much more.

5.0 Mid-Year SRO Update

Deputy “Bob” Morris continues to be an invaluable asset to Hayfield Community Schools. He brings such positivity to the students, and they react well to it. Bob and I have created an effective model of SRO/administrative teamwork transcending

traditional models. Whenever possible, we jointly investigate all issues. This joint effort allows us to individually monitor behaviors and conduct frequent check-ins with both of us fully knowledgeable of the various situations. We are planning to present our model to the Dodge County Commissioners this spring. They need to see how valuable the SRO program is to our communities.

6.0 Personal Finance

Beginning this school year, all entering ninth grade students must have personal finance before graduating. Dorien Grav agreed to teach the new course, and we chose to go with the Riverland course allowing college credit if students so desire. Dorien does frequent updates on what the students have covered and will be learning next. Students are learning about loans, credit cards, retirement investments and more. I encourage board members with time availability to come in and see the course in action. She teaches the course third (3rd) period (9:37-10:19 AM). Dorien does an outstanding job with our students.