HHS Principal Report

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1.0 Homecoming

The weather truly cooperated for homecoming week. Our students were fantastic. The various events were successful, particularly the powder-buff and powder-puff games on Wednesday. The home athletic events for CC, VB and FB made for a busy student week.

2.0 Interquest Detection Canines

IDC visited the high school on Tuesday, October 8, and put on a demonstration assembly for our 6-12 students and staff. The canine handler was Richard Shaffer. He spoke to the students about the dog's capabilities and how students are approached if anything is detected. Richard and I emphasized that the use of the dog is a deterrent and not an "I got you!" After the assembly, we swept the lower-level locker bay and found nothing detectable.

3.0 New Staff, Reassignments and Leaves

I am quite pleased with our new additions to the staff. Adam Himle, English, and Ashley Hallstrom, paraprofessional, have been a tremendous asset to the high school. Adam brings his years of experience as a Rochester teacher to our young students. Ashley, new to the field of education, has flourished in her role. I keep nudging her to become a teacher.

Our reassignments are doing equally well. Kasey Krekling is thoroughly enjoying the teaching of PE and Health. He's exposing our students to archery, golf, and so much more. Tanya Rieken is settling into her new role as the office manager for special education and counseling. Her role is a little unique as it will develop over the course of the school year.

We are patiently awaiting the birth of Michelle Johnson's baby boy. She is equally ready! The pool of long-term substitutes is dry. We posted without a single bite. Sara Gillette will be moved from her media role to the grade 6 long-term substitute for Michelle. It was felt that we needed a person who knows the students and our programs to take over this position.

4.0 Health and Safety Update

Terry Picha and his crew, as well as our two shop teachers, are making great progress on equipment safety (OSHA). We have several pieces of equipment in a lock-out, tag-out status awaiting some newer safety guards. Our team is working closely with Tom Talcott from IEA.

5.0 Student Conduct Update

Our students have started the year out very well. Behaviors have been minor, and we're seeing some improvements. Based upon the previous year, vaping reports have vastly improved. No students have been in the office to report vaping in our bathrooms, and no parents have called to complain about vaping. We did have to lock the boys' bathroom in the lower level for a window of time due to some ceiling tile damage. It is now open, and we are monitoring the situation.