HHS Principal Report

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1.0 Registration for SY2024-2025

Jess Meek, Tracie Bestor and I completed the registration forms on Friday, February 16. The forms will be reviewed with the students next week. The following week will be the actual registration events for grades 8-11 (Next years 9-12). Adjustments in offerings for next year include:

Agriculture

- Animal Science – Large and Small (Removed)
- Small Engines (Moved to Industrial Technology)
- Ag Carpentry and Structures I & II (Moved to Industrial Technology)
- Animal Science – Large (Added)
- Animal Science – Small or Companion (Added)
- Agriculture Economics (Added)

Career and Technical Education (CTE)

- Small Business Enterprise – SBE (Added)

Business

- Personal Financial Management and Planning (Added)

English

- English 10 (Added)
- British Literature (Removed)
- Journalism (Removed)
- Public Speaking (Rolled into Communications)

Industrial Technology

- Basic Electricity (Rolled into Home Improvement - DYI)
- Super Mileage II (Added)

Mathematics

- Technical Math A (Added)
- Technical Math B (Added)

Physical Education and Health

- Physical Education 10 (Added)

2.0 School Resource Officer (SRO)

When I began my duties as your 6-12 principal, it was the first time in my career working with a SRO. Having Dave Skadson last year, and Bob Morris this year has

been invaluable in our school. Bob and I work closely on nearly every issue with students. This team approach allows both of us to follow up with students individually or together. Communication is excellent between us. Students know we work together to solve problems (e.g., vaping, skipping class, disruptive behaviors, etc.). I want to personally thank Gregg and the school board for supporting this program at Hayfield.

3.0 Grading for Learning

When I joined the Hayfield team, I noticed we have Grading for Learning. Although the program has some merits, it doesn't address our senior high school students' preparation for the reality of work and school. By allowing students to retest and turn assignments in well beyond the due dates, students are not actually preparing for the real world. We have also experienced conflicts with the college when it comes to retesting. Some allow it, and others do not.

We have discussed one plan to create a hybrid "Grading for Learning" to place more responsibility on the shoulders of senior high students. There are several more meetings ahead to explore options. Regardless of the outcome, teachers will always possess discretion to retest students if they feel it necessary. More to follow in the next several weeks.

4.0 ALC Advisory Meetings

Tracie Bestor and I have attended a couple of meetings at the ALC. The major debate seems to be the ALC Diploma (ZED Diploma). The smaller schools (Hayfield, BP, Tritan) appear to be in support of moving forward. The larger schools (KM, Byron, Stewartville) are hesitant. The discussions have focused on credits.

The ALC will have fewer credits for their diploma. Students wishing to go that route will not graduate early nor receive a Hayfield Diploma. Those wanting a Hayfield Diploma will be required to attain our number of credits. We are also looking at some shared programming. Students may travel to Hayfield for credits in FACS, AG and Industrial Technology.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, February 21, 2024	-	School Board Meeting @ 5:30 PM (HES Conference Rm)
Friday, February 23, 2024	-	Jr. High Choir Festival (Byron) @ 8-1:00 PM
	-	Snow Week Assembly (East Gym) @ 2:15 PM
Saturday, February 24, 2024	-	Snow Week – Semi-formal Dance (West Gym) @ 7-10:00 PM
Monday, February 26, 2024	-	ALC Advisory Meeting (Kasson) @ 10:00 AM
	-	Dodge County Task Force Meeting (Mantorville) @ 12:00 PM
	-	ARB Meeting (Kasson) @ 4:00 PM
Wednesday, February 28, 2024	-	Kake City Jr. High Band Festival @ 8:45 AM
Monday, March 4, 2024	-	PLC (2-hour Late Start)

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 - School Board Meeting @ 5:30 PM (HES Conference Rm)