HHS Principal Report

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1.0 Hitting the New Year Running!

Tracie Bestor, school counselor, and I will be meeting with all departments on Monday, January 22, 2024. The purpose is to layout our course offerings for SY2024-2025. Several adjustments, additions/deletions, will be made in some of the course offerings. A new requirement of personal finance will be added to our business department. Our CTE courses, Ag/Industrial Tech/FACS, will also experience adjustments. The board will get a complete overview of the adjustments during the February school board meeting.

2.0 ASVAB Interpretation – Friday, January 19, 2024

The U.S. Army National Guard is coming on Friday, January 19 at 8:10 AM to meet with all the juniors to review their ASVAB results. I've said it before and will repeat it often, the ASVAB is one of the best assessments we can give our students. It's for everyone and not just the college-leaning students. Students usually walk away from the interpretation session with a new outlook on their strengths and weaknesses, as well as possible new directions. Any board member is more than welcome to sit in on the meeting.

3.0 Band/Choir Trip to Florida – Friday, January 26, 2024

The band/choir begin their journey to Florida on Friday, January 26. Both have been rehearsing the music to be performed at Disney World. Deputy Bob Morris, Hayfield SRO, will be visiting with the students and also conducting the bag checks before departure. A very nice time of the year to escape the cold.

4.0 Riverland Discussions Continue

Tracie Bestor and I are visiting the Riverland Campus to discuss our concurrent enrollment programs with Jean Kyle, Director of College Partnerships and Transitions. Some of the tabletop discussions will center around mathematics opportunities for students seeking careers in the trades or non-science related fields. We will also discuss the new personal finance requirements and what might be available to students under concurrent enrollment.

The other major topic of conversation will be the new U of M agriculture center being built in Mower County. The facility will open multiple opportunities for students interested in agriculture management and sciences. Riverland will be working closely with the U of M – St. Paul Campus and the Hormel Institute to develop supporting programming for the new facility.

5.0 ALC Site Visit – Friday, January 19, 2024

Tracie Bestor, Deputy Morris and I will be taking a tour of the ALC facility in Kasson on Friday afternoon. We wanted to see the facility for myself and talk more about their programs. The ZED high school principals have been meeting regularly to discuss the ZED ALC diploma. We are working our way through various contentious topics and multiple personalities to reach consensus. Sticking points have been the credits, diploma choice by the students, course requirements and the rigor of programming.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, January 10, 2024	-	School Board Meeting @ 5:30 PM (HES Conference Rm)
Wednesday, January 17, 2024	-	Concurrent Enrollment Meeting @ 9:00 AM (Riverland)
Friday, January 19, 2024	-	End of Semester 1
	-	ASVAB Analysis @ 8:10 AM (Flex Room)
	-	Early Dismissal @ 12:30 PM
	-	ALC Tour @ 1:30 PM (Kasson)
Monday, January 22, 2024	-	No School – Teacher Workday/Inservice
Wednesday, January 23, 2024	-	Start of Semester 2
Monday, January 29, 2024	-	Dodge County ARB @ 4:00 PM (KM HS)
Monday, February 5, 2024	-	PLC Meetings – Late Start
Wednesday, February 7, 2024	-	School Board Meeting @ 5:30 PM (HES Conference Rm)