

March 14, 2017

TO: Media

FROM: Dr. Kathy Goad, Tri-County School Corporation

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, March 13, 2017

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, March 13, 2017.
The following topics were covered:

1. Dr. Goad announced that a 1.1% budget has passed the House for Schools across the State of Indiana and Tri-County will probably result in a loss due to this budget.

2. Ms. Hall announced the Students of the Month:
Tri-County Primary School – Jaylynn Humphreys, Blake Earney

Ms. Hall announced the Students of the Month:
Tri-County Intermediate School – Chezney Porter, Caden Dimond

Dr. Rowe announced the Students of the Month:

Math – Tyler Niblock
PE/FACS/Health – Keahi Zussman
Language Arts – Kaitlyn Peters
Social Studies – Zach Gretencord
Fine Arts – Courtney Lehe
Science – Kaitlyn McGee
CTE– Savanna Priestner

Tri-County High School – Tyler Niblock
Tri-County Junior High School – Alyssa Kirby, Autumn Ross

3. Under the Reach Higher Showcase, Ms. Hall asked Mrs. Tracy Zarse, 2nd grade teacher, to present to the Board a program call Reading Buddies that Mrs. Zarse and Mrs. Ashley Hensler are doing with their students. The 2nd grade students pair up with Kindergarten students, and pick out books to read to the Kindergarten students once a week. This program has given the 2nd grade students responsibility, having to pick out the right type of books to read, learning to teach, being a good listener, becoming a role model and mentor, while improving good reading strategies. They are in the process of doing this with STEM also and both have been a good experience for all of the students.
4. Under the Technology Report, Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, reported that in a new cost saving initiative, the technology department are getting ready to roll out printer management software. This will allow us to track printing and copying in the district on our copiers. Then with reporting features we will be able to look for areas where we can cut back on paper usage. Next year codes will be given to all users that will release print jobs, which will help eliminate duplicate prints by students who accidentally print to the wrong printer. Today, the technology department issued TCI Teachers ChromeBooks to prepare

for the Chromebook initiative next year in that building. Mr. Sharp did the rollout training and enrolled the teachers at TCI in his Google Classroom that allows them to complete some short training videos on tips and tricks for using their chromebooks.

5. Under Monthly Reports, Mr. Pampel reported that in regards to RWCDC there was several people in attendance at the last meeting on what RWCDC has accomplished up to date.
6. The Board approved the 2018-19 school calendar with the full week for Fall Break.
7. The Board approved the request to use extended sick leave from Mrs. Pam Reed, TCP Instructional Assistant. The Support Staff policy allows one day per every year worked.
8. Dr. Goad asked the Board members to review the updated policies and be ready to take action on them at the April Board meeting.
9. Dr. Goad reported to the Board that she made two visits this last month for the AdvancED External Reviews, and always enjoys bringing back ideas to share with our schools. After visiting with one school, she announced that Tri-County needs to continue to move forward in our classrooms for our students, never move backwards. Dr. Goad reported that there will be 6 different grants for \$1000 each for Summer Camp Grants. Teachers can write up plans for a summer camp and apply for the money to use during the camp, which will be call Summer Connection Camps. Dr. Goad also announced that there will be a community meeting on how the community can make Tri-County stronger, scheduled for March 23, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Tri-County Junior/Senior High School Auditorium.
10. Ms. Hall reported to the Board that the Math Bowl Team placed 4th out of 8 teams, and that the Part I ISTEP tests are over for now, and Part II ISTEP tests will begin in April. Mrs. Mattocks formed an Econ project and felt it went very well, but has more ideas if she does this next year with the students. Ms. Hall announced that Ms. Karen Lowry has been coming on Wednesdays to the Primary School with a few of the Middle School students and have been working with about 15 Primary School students in Buddie Builders. Muffins for Moms was held on March 9th at TCI and Donuts for Dads will be held on March 16 at TCI. Kindergarten Round-up is scheduled for April 13, 2017 at the Primary School from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Ms. Hall shared with the Board members some dates of the many activities planned for the rest of this school year.
11. Dr. Rowe reported to the Board members that she has a calendar of events that she will share with each of the Board members to let them know of the many activities going on now until the end of the school year. This has been a busy spring, with the Boys' Basketball team winning the Sectional, the Part I- ISTEP tests have been completed, the SAT/ACT Boot Camp has met 3 times with the last one scheduled for March 20, and the BPA Contests are going on at the present time. On March 20 a meeting has been scheduled for incoming 9th grade students and their parents at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Also, on April 4 a meeting has been scheduled for incoming 7th grade students and their parents at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. The week of March 20, Mrs. Kochert will begin to meet with students to work on their schedules for the 2017-18 school year. Dr. Rowe announced that the Junior/Senior Prom is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2017.