

Superintendent's Board Report August, 2016

Construction-

The various projects continue to cruise along. The most important being the installation of the four portable classrooms on the K-8 campus. Installation is complete, skirting on, ramps in place, electric and water connected. We are now waiting on the interior finish which will take place next week. Final concern is the installation of the fire sprinkler system. They assure us they'll have it done in time for teachers to occupy by Tuesday before school! Way too close for me and it makes me very nervous. That said, they continue to assure it will get done.

We have new playground chips in place and new bark has been spread at the K-8 this last week now we're just cleaning up and detailing. I think it will look very nice for the opening of school.

Baseball field will be seeded on Monday and Tuesday the 22nd and 23rd. Irrigation is almost complete and drainage will be finished obviously before seeding.

The garden and the stadium project are both moving along slowly but surely with the contractor stretched a little thin. I communicated earlier that the roof will not be installed for this football season but the field and stands will be preserved for use. The roof installation will begin the first week of November. The garden will be ready for spring planting.

School bond-

Laurie and I have met with a variety of ESD representatives concerning our possible pursuit of a bond this upcoming year. We've learned a lot and have a laundry list of items to complete and check off in order to put the district in a position to ask the board for a resolution on this issue. Much more on this later and at the September workshop/retreat. Expect a community meeting during the first half of September to engage stakeholders and provide input to the board.

State testing results-

I'm working on a presentation for the board on our spring test results at the September meeting. If you'd like to look at the raw data you can go here:

La Center- [results-](#)

State- [results-](#)

Preparations for start of school-

I want to thank the many staff that I've already seen in schools, offices and rooms long before they are due back, preparing for the school year. Our K-3 staff volunteered an entire day to count, verify and stamp the new ELA adoption last week.

I am happy to report that I feel confident we will be ready for school to start! Our custodial staff has been working very diligently waxing, cleaning, painting and just generally spiffing everything up. It's looking and smelling great!

Navigation-

The navigation captains have spent time over the summer with Kurt to redesign the curriculum. A couple of the navigation captains will be at Tuesday nights meeting to present their work. I believe you and the students will see good movement forward on this lingering issue.

Change in title and focus-

I have changed Matt Cooke's title to: District Director of Athletics and Extracurricular Activities. This is a subtle change, but it gets to the heart of a change in focus. Matt will focus "district-wide", (K-12) on all activities that occur outside of the school day. Matt will be responsible to identify, create and support both new and current needs of students for activities that make a connection to school. In general, I believe it is important to support chess club and science club in the same way we support football. Matt will work closely with Staci Firl in community education and Aften Pankiewicz-Waldram in FCRC to coordinate facility use, program offerings and clearing the way for all students to participate.