

Superintendent's Report

January 22nd, 2016

BOARD UPDATE

Leaky Roof Uncovers Long-term Damage – In the middle school (Kim Hollopeter's classroom near the office) we had a leaky roof that caused a fair amount of damage to the ceiling tiles. When maintenance started to investigate they quickly realized that there was a significant amount of damage done due to leaks that had probably been occurring since the



remodel. When they opened up the wall (top right photo) they found mold and a lot of rot. We contacted our insurance providers and brought in a contractor to complete the repairs as soon as possible. Everything has been cleaned up and repaired (photo on the left). New roofing has been applied and the

room restored and is ready to be used again. We also had the air quality tested and certified that there is no mold and the room is safe to occupy (see photo lower right). I want to thank all who helped get this matter resolved including our maintenance crew (Rob and Robert), Kim Hollopeter and Lauri Landerholm. Great job and kudos to the entire crew! Additionally, I want to thank ESD 112 Risk Pool liaison Jeff Boydston and the Bob Colf Construction crew for their quick response to our emergency.



Sewer Line Repairs – Before Christmas break we had a clogged sewer line in the middle school. Rob brought in a crew to clean out the line and run a camera down the pipe to verify all was good. They were able to get the line working again, but the camera showed that there were a number of combination locks in the pipe in a section that was not accessible by a clean out

access port. Apparently they had been flushed down the toilet and wouldn't clear the line due to their mass. So we decided that it was less expensive in the long run to dig down and break open the pipe to clear the locks than to have the company continue to try and fish them out. Additionally, having a new clean out port would make it easier in the future if our efforts to educate students not to flush locks down the toilet failed. So, if you are in the middle school hallway next to the MS gym doors and see that the flooring has been removed, you will know that the brass cover is the new clean out port. The flooring will be replaced once the concrete is cured. FYI.



Levy Committee – We have been working with our levy committee to get the word out about the upcoming M & O Levy. They have been really working hard! Lots of new ideas as we have really expanded the committee and added many new faces to the effort. I would like to say kudos to Walter Hansen and Josh Soske for being mentors to all of the new committee members. Also a big thank you to Amy Moore and Melinda Mazna who have stepped up to serve as co-presidents of the committee. I have gotten a lot of really good feedback from many about their work getting the message out about the levy. Hopefully you too are hearing good things too.

Reimbursement with the City for Track Paving – We have completed the process to submit the paperwork for reimbursement to the city for the costs of paving the track (\$264,400). They have since reviewed everything and submitted the required request to the Department of Commerce for reimbursement. Since this is our first time through the process, we are not sure how long the Department of Commerce will take to review, approve and cut a check to the city of La Center. Then we will need to get the funds from the city and deposit it back into the district's reserve fund. My hope is that this will be accomplished before the end of February. Knock on wood!

I think that is all for now. Please give me a call if you have any questions. Talk with you later.

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