

## Board Report Hidden Valley High School

10/6/2010

Dear Board members,

As of today we have 759 kids enrolled at Hidden Valley, including 5<sup>th</sup> year seniors, our MAC kids and our special populations. On a day in, day out basis our staff is working hard to meet the academic needs of all our students. We would like to have more, but our current reality is that our school is the smallest it has been during my tenure at Hidden Valley.

The following is a list of notable things from the start of school (in my world since Aug.8)

Our 3 day staff in-service was abbreviated but met the needs of our staff. It was a bit rushed, but adequate.

The work of the professional learning community has several expressions:

- OAKS Assessment and Preparation for it
- Review & revision of Counseling Services
- Educational Technology for the improvement of Instruction
- PBIS (this has been a stellar group of teachers)
- Language Arts Improvement of Instruction with Focus on Writing
- Math Standards Applied to Algebra I and Geometry

Small groups of teachers have been working on a variety of projects to improve our teaching.

I would like to acknowledge Rob Saunders and his “going the extra mile” approach to helping teachers with many aspects of technology and district programs. We now have 6 Smart Boards being used daily. Additionally Mike Durrant has fostered the best Math teacher collaboration we have had for years.

As far as the student are concerned:

Our Linkcrew classes conducted a thorough orientation to high school for our new freshmen on September 7. It was very well planned by Junior and Senior Students of Lorilyn Townes and Sandra Wright.

Our students were fully informed of their rights and responsibilities during 3 days of TEAM. A school wide assembly and statement of expectations from the principal got us off to a positive start of school. We work daily to catch kids doing good things.

We have a pretty well behaved group of kids. Our daily discipline is pretty much limited to freshman foolishness.

About 150+ parents have completed applications for Parent Assist and we have daily requests to enroll. We will be publicizing this during conferences on Oct. 7 and at Open House on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Students are pleased with our new AP World History class and Matt Kennedy has done excellent work in bringing it to life.

Jael Hanson is an incredible SPED teacher who has greatly improved the structure and services in our Life Skills class.

We are currently working on a staff reduction plan that will ease the transition due to the retirement of Michelle Sesock. We wish her well in her next adventure.

You are welcome to visit me at school or e-mail me with any of your questions and concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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