

Chilton ISD School board Report for Month of January 2014

I've spent a lot of time this month visiting with several representatives from companies that are offering their proposals to install retro-fitted LED lighting equipment. After going over different proposals, I can see that in time we would get a return on our initial investments in about four and a half to five years. These savings would come from electrical provider incentives, more efficient equipment and reduced maintenance. These companies have provided us with graphs and data to review and are also willing to come to meetings to present proposals. I'm sure the decision to upgrade will be based on cost and the company that can give us the best ROI if made. From my stand point, I would recommend going with the LED strips and driver which can be used with existing troffers. This particular fixture is a tube free design and would prevent confusion in future lamp replacement.

We received a visit from The Texas Department of Agriculture. As mentioned in weekly report, this agency works in conjunction with the Structural Pest Control board. We did okay on the inspection but there are some new rules that we must conform to. We will implement a written guideline that identifies threshold actions to use pest control chemical applications; documentation will have to be kept on all yellow labeled chemicals. At present we use no yellow labeled chemicals so documentation will note that only green labeled chemicals are used and I must attend an IPM refresher course and then re-attend every three years to stay compliant. By the time this report is reviewed, I will have already schedule a course that will probably be given in Austin, Texas.

Our activity bus is still in Salado, Texas being repainted and having school name and school mascot logos applied (Cap a Bus). Upon completion of the activity bus, all other school vehicles will have school name and mascot added. This will be a timely process but will eventually be complete.

Other activity going on this month includes restroom wall repair in boy's bathroom main hallway of elementary building. The areas under the urinals have become water logged and the boys have figured out that it can be kicked in. We are repairing areas by putting in treated wood and sheetrock that is designed for moisture type areas and then we will reapply ceramic finish. I am still looking for tile to match existing in high school hallway so that a permanent repair can be made. We continue with our maintenance, transportation and custodial assignments.

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