

Board Briefing for June 2009
Hidden Valley High School

Dear Members of the TRSD School Board,

This report is our wrap up edition of the news at Hidden Valley. We have tried diligently to meet the academic and emotional support needs of our students at our school. We have provided family in-depth interventions with several students to keep them on track. Our two special education programs under the care of Mike Wessner and Tracey Raggi have shown us again that 18-20 of our students require very specialized care and provide us with several critical management issues that keep us on our toes about student and staff safety. We truly serve a very wide spectrum of student capacity at our school.

Below are listed several things that have gone well:

- FBLA won its 8th straight State Championship.
- Our baseball team lost in the State Semifinal.
- Nineteen kids qualified for the State Meet in Track.
- Sammy Carpenter won a State Title in Equestrian.
- Our Spring Band Concert was excellent.
- Planning for the schedule for 2009-10 has been labor intensive and provided for continued professional dialogue.
- We had 39 Oregon Scholars in our 2009 Senior Class.
- Our seniors were celebrated at graduation on June 3. We received literally hundreds of compliments about how well we connect to our kids and the job that we do to honor them publically.
- Our office manager, Susie Biller produced an incredibly well done, artistic graduation program.
- A senior, Erica Olds, the editor of our yearbook took on huge responsibility in the absence of our Art Teacher, Julie Bickle. Erica delivered a top quality Annual on schedule. They had a very successful sale and made a good profit.
- I am looking forward to our conversation with the board about the trimester schedule. You probably have heard a lot about the lack of time for teachers to collaborate. Many, many students really enjoy the length of our classes and the notion that they have only 5 classes at a time. I have heard many teacher comments that show we are making good progress on this major transition. Continued shaping of our programs is in order.
- As we shrink our staff and adjust our schedule we are committed to providing the best classes that we can for our kids. The process of reducing class offerings and having more requirements is something difficult for our staff.

Thank you again for your support throughout the 2008-09 school year. It is my pleasure to serve our kids on your behalf.

Sincerely,

Dennis Misner