



Medford Public School
ISD #763

Medford High School

School Board Report

October 2014

1. Busy Students!

- Homecoming week wrapped up with pep-fests that included a class cheer competition and recognition of our student athletes
- All 11th & 12th graders attended the College & Career Fair on October 10th

2. Teacher-Learners

– Workshops

- Julie Ridenour, Theresa Buendorf, Sarah Thursby, and John Ott attended SMARTBoard training in Rochester and will be sharing their skills at an upcoming “Appy Friday”
- Tricia Wagner attended an Instructional Mentoring and Peer Coaching Workshop at MSU
- Chris Ovrebo attended a Emerging School Leaders and Student Discipline workshop put on by MASSP

– Data Day (October 15th)

- The high school staff spent time developing school-wide learning behaviors and student engagement expectations, reviewing school-wide achievement score and growth score data, reviewed and started working on setting individual student achievement goals, and then worked in PLC’s to align curriculum and address what we want students to learn in each of our classes

3. Teacher of the Month

- Julie Ridenour, our DAC & Tech Integrationist is our Teacher of the Month

4. Technology Update

- In the first month of the iPad rollout:
 - i. 83% of High School staff have used the iPads as part of a learning activity
 - ii. 76% have used Schoology as part of a learning activity
 - iii. There have been 7,000 visits to our Schoology website, 213 courses created, 3,746 submissions, and 3,135 files uploaded

- iv. Common iPad uses in class include: access to internet resources to research or complete assignments, retrieving and uploading assignments, capturing images to supplement lab reports and make scientific observations, using the camera or microphone to create project to demonstrate understanding, taking notes, producing documents, reading iBooks, and communicating with teachers and other students
- v. Useful apps include: Schoology for retrieving course resources and submitting assignments, Notability for taking notes and annotating documents, Google Apps for email and document creation, Remind for communicating with students, Socrative for formative assessments, and Genius Scan for converting documents to pdf format for easy modification
- vi. In the future: finish rolling out iPads to our students, streamlining the use of apps and identifying which apps are best for which tasks, and continued training in the use of Schoology and SMARTBoards

5. MCA-III Results

- Math: We continue to make progress in closing the gap between our scores and the state average. Most progress was seen in the 10th and 7th grade while the 8th grade experienced a set-back
- Reading: Secondary results were mixed. We were very pleased with the results we saw in 7th and 8th grade. The 10th grade results indicate we have some work to do. We looked at reading data and the Teaching & Learning Team is focusing on strategies and support we can offer across the school to support the reading proficiency of our students
- Steps to improve: The math teachers will be revisiting the standards in their PLC's this year and receive some time to look at assessments to be sure our expectations for proficiency match those that the state expects on the MCA exams. We have implemented some of the Rtl supports in the high school that have helped in the 7th and 8th grade. We have formed a Teaching and Learning Team that will be dedicated to looking at available data to help us improve instruction across the secondary. This year's focus for the Teaching and Learning Team will be on secondary reading strategies. The English/Language Arts department will also be revisiting their standards and looking at our local expectations for proficiency to see that they match the state's expectations.
- Growth data is being used to set goals for each of our students and will raise awareness of the assessments we are giving and the purpose for each one. Students will be looking at their past scores and then tracking their progress throughout the year.

6. Upcoming Activities

10/24	10 th Grade attending "To Kill A Mockingbird" at MSU
10/27	NHS Blood Drive
10/27-10/31	SADD sponsored Red Ribbon Week (Drug Prevention)
11/6	End of Quarter #1
11/11 & 11/13	Conferences

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