

August 20th, 2018 - Superintendent Report - Mr. Ehler

Vision: Empowering all for lifelong learning

Mission: Creating an educational community where lifelong learning is valued, excellence is expected, and all are prepared for the future.

School Board Elections:

We received one application for one of the 3 openings for 4-year terms. Joyce Iverson is seeking re-election.

We also received one application for the 2-year term. Chris Grindland has completed an application for this position.

Congratulations To:

Rushford Days Committee and the City of Rushford for a very successful community celebration:

We assisted RASA with the rental and use of the theatre for their summer production of Mary Poppins. We had a number of our students involved in the play. I was very impressed with their rendition and performance of "Mary Poppins". Congratulations to everyone who participated and/or was involved with the play.

Tours - We hosted these during the celebration.

I appreciated Mrs. Lawston's help and assistance with the tours.

Our baseball field was used to host the Old-Time Baseball Game.

We were happy to have an active role in the Rushford - Days Celebration.

Classes '73,'83 & '63 - Class Reunions and Tours:

They all took tours of the new school.

The Class of '73 toured both buildings.

The Class of '63 donated a tree (Marmor Maple), that was planted on the south side of the new school. The tree was given in memory of their deceased classmates. I extend our thanks and appreciation to the Class of '63 for their donation and for providing this tree to enhance our school grounds.

New School Year:

We have been working to get things in place for the start of the new school year. We are excited to have a number of new students and staff members joining us this year.

The Technology Parent meeting was held on July 26th and Fall Sports meeting on Aug. 9th. These were informational meetings to assist us with getting things in place for a successful school year and in getting our fall sports off to a positive and productive beginning.

We will be sending out a notice to our parents regarding eLearning Days during inclement weather during the school year. We are required by statute to notify our parents of our plans to continue utilizing eLearning Days in the event of inclement weather.

Condolences and Sympathies to the Auman Family:

I extended our condolences and sympathies to the Auman Family (Husband - Trevor and children - Xander (11th grade) & Aubrie (5th grade), on the death of Tracey (wife and mother). She endured a courageous battle against brain cancer and passed away on Wednesday, August 1st.

I have reached out to the family and have offered our services and assistance as the family copes with their loss.

Update on progress on the Athletic Fields:

The dry conditions have provided some steady progress on the fields. Winona Nursery hopes to begin seeding by the end of the month.

Update on progress on the Sidewalk – Pine Meadows Lane:

The progress has been very steady and will be completed in time for the start of the school year.

We have been working with MnDOT and the City of Rushford to ensure that the crosswalks are in compliance with all the various mandated guidelines and regulations.

Buildings & Sites:

Middle School Building:

We are working on the transfer of the title and of course for the payment on the building. I hope to have everything completed by Sept. 15th.

Elementary & HS Buildings:

The Redevelopment Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, August 22nd to determine a course of action for the redevelopment of the property.

The City of Rushford has begun some preliminary work on a Plan B and will be sharing that with our committee members at our meeting on Wednesday.

Auditors:

They were here on Tuesday and Wednesday this week (Aug. 14th & 15th).

A special note of thanks to Toni and Laura for all their time and efforts to have things in place to assist the auditors. They did an outstanding job in preparing for the auditors.

Negotiations with ESP:

When have had two meetings with another one scheduled for Wednesday, August 22nd @ 4:30 PM.

My thanks to Jon Pettit, Valarie Howe and John Linder for their help and assistance with the negotiations.



Meetings and Upcoming Events:

Monday - September 17th @ 5:30 PM - Monthly Board Meeting