

## **INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Taylor Stephenson April 8, 2013

**1. School Safety:** Fernando Perez, DPS, will present safety training for BISD and representatives from law enforcement, Border Patrol, EMS, Volunteer Fire Department and City and County Government on April 11 at 9 am to noon.

**A maintenance project for the summer** will be to move the High School Principal's office to the new high school and to remodel present annex office for a classroom. Glass window, gated doors in hall ways (secretary can buzz door to open). All doors but the front door will be kept shut. Also, administration is working on installing a glass window so that the elementary office can see and buzz in visitors. Will discuss these issues with Mr. Perez. Board members are welcome to attend this training.

### **2. Changes for 2013-14:**

**a. Closed campus for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students.** Was in the District Improvement Plan, recommended by Brackett District Advisory Committee. Would like to implement; considering the vote to approve the plan as a vote to accept this recommendation.

**b. Drug testing** for all students at BHS who participate in extra curricular activities (includes one act plan, band, choir, athletics, FFA, UIL academics, and any other extra curricular activity where HS represent BISD. Was in district improvement plan. Would like to implement considering the vote to approve the plan as a vote to accept this recommendation.

**c. Seniors....only one period off campus (not 3) unless gainfully employed.** If employed, administration expects a weekly report on attendance and on performance at the job. This is administrative; and change will be made by administration.

**d. 6 weeks grading periods for secondary and 9 weeks for elementary...**reports to parents every 3 weeks. This is administrative and will be made for next year.

**e. Staffing for 2013-14 obviously with a \$400,000 deficit and where 85% of all budget is personnel, we will have to make cuts for next year.** The cuts will be made this year upon retirement or resignations of school personnel (through attrition). Administration will ask questions about every open position--do we need to fill it? My goal is to reduce the deficit to at least \$200,000.

**3. Uvalde School Board Spring Workshop Thursday May 2, 2013** at SRSU Matthews Student Center, SWTJC Bluebonnet Room.

Registration 5:30 to 9 p.m. Registration deadline is Tuesday April 23.

**4. Instructional Materials Act and Technology Fund:** We have a balance of state funds that we will lose at the end of this fiscal year if not spent on technology or Instructional Materials. Principals must submit all requests for instructional materials by April 15. At that time, we will determine how much we have left for technology. I sent a survey to all teachers asking for their list of technology needs. So, we will start with instructional materials, followed by teacher needs in technology, AND if \$\$\$ are left, I propose to buy a notebook or tablet for every senior. Cost about \$400 to \$500 each and

have about 50 seniors...\$20,000. The goal is to use the tables like IPADS to take notes in class (as in college level classes), to do research on tablet and to possibly download the teacher's notes and instructions for the daily lessons.

**5. I did a survey of secondary academic departments....effectiveness, needs, direction....**I am analyzing these surveys now for needed changes. The major suggestion was more teacher input into design of staff development sessions. This change will be implemented for 2013-14.

**6. Banners .....given by Stan & Jan Metcalf Kinney County Post vinyl for baseball & softball fields.** In production now....our maintenance staff will put them on plywood....use during seasons, and return to storage afterward.

**8. Legislative Session Update**

**9. Personnel resignations, recommendations....during executive session.**

**Thanks for your support.**

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