

Newbridge High School
School Board Report

November 4, 2010

Number of Students: 95

We just completed an excellent first quarter at Newbridge that saw several new undertakings begin. We are working closely with OYA and the University of Oregon to adapt the PBIS system to our correctional setting. Warren Helgeson has taken the lead for us on this project and is making excellent progress. All teachers are using a new grading system called TAC that is being required of all YCEP programs. It is similar in many ways to the data base system that Three Rivers uses but allows all corrections programs to easily transfer youth from one facility to another. Also, based on recommendations from last year's accreditation visit, we are revamping our math program. Teresa John, math teacher has begun to work with the district math coach and my math and science teachers are scheduled to participate in a workshop on proficiency based grading.

A real concern of mine has been the stability of our budget. We received news of adjustments last week that leave us in about the same place we started the year. We lost about 35,000 in the general fund portion of our contract but made up for it in funding from then edujobs bill. What still concerns me is the potential for further cuts based on a potential change in the facility population. Currently we normally serve between 95 and 100 youth. OYA is considering decreasing the school age population at Rogue Valley to 75 or about 25%. This is unlikely to happen until sometime in 2011 so it is unlikely to affect us for this year. However, the future impact to this program could be significant.

I would like to highlight my special education teacher Bonnie Cameron and her assistant Gale Barlow this month. They provide great service to the youth we serve and are great advocates for them as well. At last count, 42% of our students are receiving special education services. Given the amount of turnover we have, this creates an incredible amount of IEP meetings, testing, and paperwork- not to mention the class time. Bonnie and Gale do a fantastic job of accomplishing it all!

I will also mention that I have submitted a board request for approval of a \$7,000.00 contract from OYA to provide some services to the small number of older youth in the facility. We do this primarily through a manufacturing program after school. If the contract is not approved we are unable to provide any service to the older youth. Last year a similar contract was approved for \$10,000.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Fuller