



Medford Public School
ISD #763

Medford High School

School Board Report

November 2014

1. Busy Students!

- 11 FFA members attended the National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY
- 23 Student Council members attended the Southeast Division leadership workshops in Rochester
- The NHS Blood Drive collected 64 units, which beat their goal of 60 units
- 10th Grade students attended “To Kill A Mockingbird” at MSU
- 43 Students attended the WE Day Program

2. Teacher-Learners

- Workshops
 - Tricia Wagner & Jerome Johannes attended the State Student Council and National Honor Society Leadership Forum
 - Tricia Wagner attended a Peer Coaching Seminar at MSU on instructional mentoring
 - Theresa Buendorf attended the AP European History workshop at the U of MN
 - Kim Goblrish, Sara Routh, Jerome Johannes, Tricia Wagner, and Chris Ovrebo attended the Ramp-Up to Readiness Fall Leadership Seminar that focused on family engagement strategies
- Staff Development Day (November 7th)
 - The instructional practice focus was on writing and using learning targets in daily instruction. Research indicates that raising student awareness of what they are learning through the use of learning targets has a positive impact on student achievement. We used an article and discussion on how to write and integrate learning targets into daily instruction.
 - Faculty then worked in their PLC groups to continue the process of aligning state standards with instruction and writing learning targets for each class. This is part of the year long focus on curriculum in our PLC activities.

3. Teacher of the Month

- James Tratz, our 7th & 8th Grade SPED teacher is our Teacher of the Month

4. Technology Update

- The second roll out of iPads to the 9th and 11th graders is planned for The weeks of 11/24 and 12/1. Ipads will be issued in smaller groups over the course of two days to answer questions and provide initial support in smaller groups.
- There is a Family Technology Night for 9th and 11th graders on Thursday, 11/20.

5. SLEDS Data

- A new statewide data warehouse called Minnesota SLEDS has made post-secondary data on our graduates more accessible. A few things about our graduates:

Class of:	% Enrolled in Post-Secondary		% Public 4 Year	% Public 2 Year	% Private 4 Year	% Private 2 Year	% Outside MN
	MHS	MN					
2006	78%	63%	26%	52%	11%	4%	11%
2007	72%	66%	35%	23%	19%	8%	19%
2008	71%	69%	11%	61%	6%	8%	17%
2009	59%	69%	20%	16%	16%	4%	44%
2010	74%	69%	33%	31%	3%	-	36%
2011	64%	68%	33%	30%	-	4%	33%
2012	64%	69%	20%	29%	17%	6%	31%

• Top 5 Institutions

Class of:	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
2006	Riverland	South Central	Winona State	MSU-Mankato	Dakota Cty. TC
2007	MSU-Mankato	Gustavus	NDSU	Riverland	UMD
2008	Riverland	South Central	RCTC	MN School of Bus	SMSU
2009	NDSU	Gustavus	IA State	Riverland	South Central
2010	Riverland	MSU-Mankato	UW Stout	NE IA CC	RCTC
2011	MSU-Mankato	Riverland	SDSU	MSU-Moorhead	BSU
2012	Riverland	RCTC	St. Cloud Tech	Winona State	Bethel

6. Parent Conferences

- Parent teacher conferences were well attended, we are working on tallying attendance and comparing it to past years. Teachers appreciated having access to resources in their classrooms and a more private setting. There was some concern expressed from parents that this format was less efficient and took more time than conferences that took place in the commons. This was also the first opportunity to reach out to families to discuss each student's post-secondary plan to meet the World's Best Workforce requirements. We will track families we have contacted and make a dedicated effort to get the remaining families to spring conferences.