

Superintendent's Report

June 2016

I will be available via e-mail or phone through June 30 if there are any issues that cannot wait for Superintendent Lane. Once staff leaves, it is generally a very quiet time; there should not be much that cannot wait for July 1. I can be contacted through the school e-mail until June 30. Kristina and Lise have my cell phone number if that works better.

I have been filling an in-basket for Superintendent Lane. He has emptied it twice, so now there is not much he does not have. One of his first items of business will be to act on any teacher hires for open positions that remain. This includes the English/curriculum position (Dolores Fox's replacement), WLC school nurse (one year leave), fourth grade position (teacher moving out of state), and middle school science (teacher will be nominated for a position "up north").

Extended K Update:

- There are 19 students signed up for extended K for next year and five more "in the pipeline".
- The fee has increased to \$225 per month for nine months, September through May.
- The revenue based on the 19 students for extended K is \$38,475.
- The total compensation for the para/director and for 3 hours of aide time in the afternoon, when most of the students are enrolled in extended K, is \$36,291.
- We have secured funding from Health and Human Services which pays the district on a sliding scale for each parent who qualifies based on income guidelines. Parents pay the difference. The process took longer than expected, but this is now available for the full 2016-2017 school year.
- The average number of students who ride the bus to and from FRES was 14. While arrival/dismissal times might be tweaked for next year, this is working. (Behavior on the bus does not always "work".)
- We are no longer duplicating health services with an LPN and RN. We sadly said goodbye to the LPN, who was an invaluable extra pair of hands.
- We are no longer providing snacks from food service for morning and afternoon, as students come with ample food from home and often do not eat the snacks. We will continue with the special milk program.
- During the last year, there was one incident observed of traffic on route 31. It was the first early release day, and everyone was leaving at the same time. The two lanes of traffic work well. (Unless you are a staff person caught in the line, which is a good time to check e-mail.)

The teachers and staff have done an outstanding job of making the Early Learning Center a success. It shows in the students' accomplishments, confidence, and smiles.

My stay in NYC is open-ended and while there I will be teaching science (chemistry and related courses) for Virtual High School. VHS is happy for me to teach for them, and I am looking forward to learning how to deliver instruction through a new medium to students from around the world. It brings me full circle to where I began - teaching a diverse group of students in and from many countries.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Tyrie, Ed.D.