

Update to the Board

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FACILITIES

- Front doors have been replaced and seem to be working properly!
- The theater is still not complete. There are several issues we are working through including: doors, installation of remaining seats and repair of ripped fabric on seats.

FINANCES

- See Tiffany's report
- We are working to have the 2017-2018 ready for preliminary board review at the April meeting.

ACADEMICS

- Winter STAR data is in and we are thrilled to see such tremendous growth in our students. We always have room to grow, and will continue to do so, however, these scores are a great indicator of early success in our school.
- **In Reading:** Grades K-6 and 8th all saw measured growth for students in the At/Above Grade Level category from fall to winter. Kindergarten saw a 20% growth, 1st grade-22%, 2nd grade-17%, 3rd grade-6%, 4th grade-4%, 5th grade-7%, 6th grade-4% and 8th grade-4%. These grade levels also saw similar percentage of decline in the number of students identified as Needing Intervention from fall to winter. 7th grade scores in reading were flat from fall to winter testing cycles.
- **In Mathematics:** Grades 1-6 and 8 all saw measured growth for students in the At/Above Grade Level category from fall to winter. 1st grade saw a 17% growth, 2nd grade-20%, 3rd grade-7%, 4th grade-8%, 5th grade-2%, 6th grade-6% and 8th grade-8%. These grade levels also saw comparable percentage declines in students identified as Needing Intervention from fall to winter. Kindergarten did not test in Mathematics and 7th grade scores were (again) flat from fall to winter
- School leaders and teachers will be using this data in the months to come to make improvements in instruction and to differentiate further to meet student needs. Students will test again in the spring and we will share that data with you when it is available. If you have questions about individual student data, please contact your homeroom teacher. If you have questions about school level data, please email Jen Sharp, our Academic Director, or myself. We are happy to answer your questions.
- Preliminary discussions are underway to determine mathematics curriculum moving forward. Teachers, students and parents are not happy with Pearson for a variety of reasons. We will be compiling data, as well as curriculum comparison for board consideration in the coming months. This change would be for the 2017-2018 school year.

ENROLLMENT

- Over 500 students have responded to our Intent to Return email, so we feel our enrollment data is as accurate as it can be for planning purposes for next year.
- We continue to field inquiries about the high school. Some general information we can share with families would be very helpful.

STAFFING

- We have several special education jobs posted for next year.

CULTURE/STUDENT LIFE

- The Spring Auction planning is underway! Committees are formed and we have chairpersons for each. Additionally, we have two committee chairs to oversee the whole event who have experience hosting these types of events at other schools. Committee chairpersons are: **Shannon Zielonka and Joanne Holt**
- Board help is requested.... Will give you donation letters at the board meeting.
- The event--Denim and Diamonds will be October 21, 2017 at the Wildlife Experience. Both a live and silent auction will be held that evening, as well as lots of other ways families can donate to the school. Food will be served, along with dancing! Should be a fun night.

BOARD HELP NEEDED

We will need board assistance with corporate sponsorships for the spring auction. I will provide details at our next meeting.