October 7 and 21, 2008

EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

BOARD HAPPENINGS

OCTOBER 21ST REGULAR MEETING

- Shirley Smith, Director of EACS’ Summer Center program, along with Assistants Becky Beardsley (who has been with the program since its inception 17 years ago) and Greg Geise (who has been with the program for 10 years), shared highlights from this past year’s program which had an all-academic focus, and involved students from Pre-K through 8th grade.
- Bob Rohrbacher, Executive Director of Student Services, provided additional information to the Board regarding Student Discipline, Summer School, and ADM/Enrollment.

OCTOBER 7TH WORK SESSION

- Dr. MacLean, Deputy Superintendent, presented findings regarding the advantages/disadvantages of transitioning from a three- to a two-semester schedule for all EACS high schools beginning with the 2009-10 school year. Board discussion followed. A recommendation will be presented at the 10/21/08 School Board Meeting.
- Dr. Novotny shared with the Board the proposed updated Mission Statement and new Vision Statement for the District which were developed by the Strategic Planning Committee.
- Mrs. Lightfoot asked about the status of Activities Passes for senior citizens. Dr. MacLean will follow-up on this and get a recommendation to the Board.
- As a part of the Strategic Planning Dr. Novotny will give a State of the District Address tomorrow night at Park Hill Learning Center. The “Listening Tour” meetings will begin on Monday, October 13.
- On October 28th, students from New Haven, Paul Harding, and Heritage High Schools, will have the opportunity to attend “The Pact” – the story of three African American doctors who made a pact when they were young to stay off the streets and to become doctors. This has been made possible in part by a grant from Dupont Hospital.
- President Terry expressed his gratitude to the district for all the love and expressions of kindness shown to him and his family since the death of his mother a week ago.
- Promulgation of New Administrative Policy 6500 - Title I Instructional Programs

RECOGNITIONS


EACS is proud to have 3 schools who have qualified as “Four Star Schools.” They are Cedarville Elementary School, Leo Elementary School, and Leo Jr./Sr. High School. The award is the highest state distinction and is based on student achievement on ISTEP+ assessments and overall attendance rates. Job Well Done!

A letter of commendation was recently received for PHHS’s Assistant Principal/Athletic Director C.C. Fullove who went above and beyond his duties in resolving a situation at his school during an athletic event. Super!

The Governor’s Council for People with Disabilities announced the 2008-09 class for the Partners in Policymaking Academy. This class includes Board member Rick Allgeier. Great!

MEEL and NHMS have teams participating in the Indiana Academy for Parent Leadership. This is a parent information and resource center funded by the U.S. DOE. Team members include Parents: Amanda Scheitlin, Renee Alexander, Josefina Cervantes; and Staff: Abby Akers, James Hendrix, Rhett Butler, and Gail Wonderly. Awesome!

PERSONNEL

- Welcome New Hires ~
  - Shannon Walker, teacher, NHHS
  - Sarah Cramer, teacher, SOEL
  - Sarah Thompson, ESL teacher, HIEL
- Resignations~
  - Cori McKenzie, para, PHLC, eff. 08/08/08
  - Donna Miller, para, NHHS, eff. 10/03/08

Superintendent’s Visits

- Heritage Jr./Sr. High School
- Leo Jr./Sr. High School
- New Haven High School
- Paul Harding High School
- Prince Chapman Academy
- Southwick Elementary School
- Village Elementary School
- Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School