

Superintendent's Report

May 21st, 2015

BOARD UPDATE

- **New Bicycle Trailers Have Arrived** – As part of our bicycle grant, we were allowed to purchase two small trailers to carry bicycles to field trips. When we ordered our new vans a couple of years ago, we ordered them with hitches and it looks like we can now put them to good use. We can also use the trailers for other purposes such as student field trips (WSU Imagine Tomorrow, band performances, concerts, science trips, etc.) so I am confident they will be put to good use in the years to come.



- **Rallying the Troops** – Recently we had the large water heater in the new wing of the high schools spring a huge leak. In actuality, there was water gushing everywhere and created a very large mess. True to the La Center spirit, everyone chipped in to solve the problem and clean up the mess. Andy Taylor and Pete Rosenkranz in particular were heroes in getting everything cleaned up quickly. The photo to the left shows Pete holding down a hose into the floor drain as we were trying to drain the tank. He was fairly soaked as it kept spraying him if he moved even the slightest. The water heater has now been replaced and everything is back to normal operation. Thanks to all who helped out on this emergency effort.

- **Maintenance Crew Prepping for Graduation** – The maintenance guys are hard at it again working to get everything prepped for graduation. Power washing, raking, trimming, hauling bark and vacuuming up the parking lot. A huge thank you to Rob, Herm and Robert for all their hard work. Looks great guys!
- **School Data Solutions** – We have been working to find ways to make our data collection and analysis more efficient and timely. Recently we had a demonstration from a company named School Data Solutions. We were very impressed with their customization of the data, their ability to pull from a variety of sources and the level of service and support. Many other districts in our area are either operating from School Data Solutions databases or will be moving to it soon. In our area, Evergreen, Battle Ground, Vancouver, Camas and Washougal are all using SDS or will be soon. Based on this, we have entered into an agreement with School Data Solutions to pilot their program for this upcoming school year. What is cool about it, we can do this for free and there is no obligation. So in the fall I expect you will be receiving new data analysis documents that we are able to pull from our new School Data Solutions software. We will keep you in the loop as this progresses.

I think that is all for now. Please give me a call if you have any questions. Talk with you later.

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