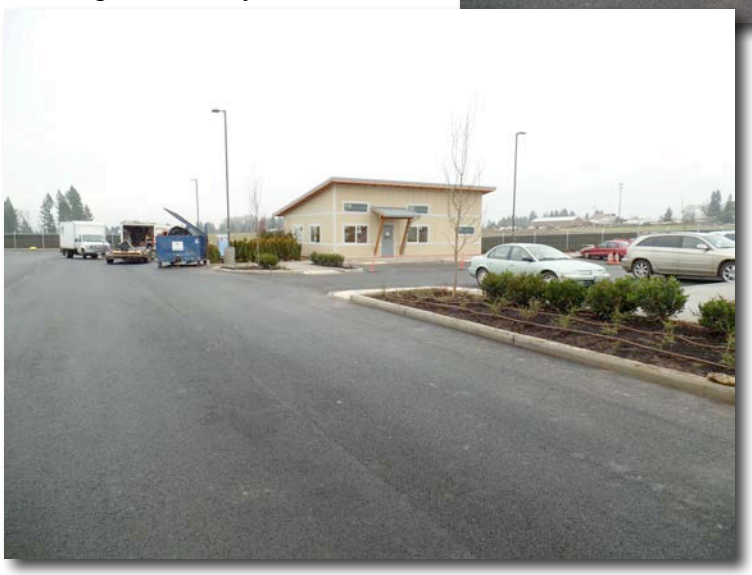
Superintendent's Report

January 24th, 2014

BOARD UPDATE

- **KWRL Bus Facility Update** – The construction of the new KWRL Bus Facility at the La Center Junction (officially known in KWRL as Paradise Point Lot or PPL) is progressing very well. Light poles have now been installed, the bus drivers building is in the final stages of completion and landscaping is being completed. As you know all of our transportation operations is being done from this facility so we have also begun the work of our maintenance team beginning the process of shifting their operations from their old building adjacent to the elementary play shed over to our old bus barn (our soon to be maintenance building. There was a nice article in the Reflector about the new KWRL site that was quite good. I hope you had a chance to read it.



- **K-8 Campus Parking Lot Improvements** – On another facility project we have been working on, we are also nearing the completion of the enhancements to the K-8 parking lot. The retaining wall is now completed and crews have been working on the island at the bottom of the lower entrance that will separate

traffic heading east from the traffic heading west. Striping should also be completed soon as well along with landscaping. Additionally, the construction on the back side of the building continues to move forward as the fence is now up and safety bars have been added between the poles that divide the walkway from the Ivy St. connector road. We will also be adding addition sidewalk

in and around the victory bell due to the increased student traffic flow to support K-8 students as they leave the building. We have also found that parents are now tending to congregate in this area waiting for students that adds to the congestion. We hope additional sidewalk in this area will help reduce this issue. All in all, our work to transition to the new traffic pattern has gone reasonably well. Parents are learning how to navigate the new protocol and we believe separating the buses from the cars has enhanced the overall safety of our students. I am very proud of our students and staff for making this adjustment so smoothly.

- **High School Field Lighting** – There continues to be steady work towards completion of the field lights for the high school athletic field. Josh Soske has been a tremendous leader of this work along with so many contractors and staff to make this next step towards the dream of having our high school teams playing on the HS campus a reality. Josh has been tremendously humble about his leadership but deserves so many kudos for his leadership. There is no doubt it has been a team effort, but he has been so dedicated to pulling this together.

- **Baseball/Softball Batting Cage Upgrades** – As another huge gift by our community, Bob Colf has offered to finish pouring the concrete within the batting cages. We are so blessed to have so many wonderful community members like the Colf family who consistently and unselfishly give of themselves, their skills and their resources to improve our facilities for our students.
- **Middle School Art Show** – The middle school art class recently had put up their art project they have been working on this semester. This has been occurring for several years now and each year I am more and more impressed by the quality of the student art. Kudos to Mr. Westerberg for his dedication to providing this opportunity for his students.

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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