Teaching and Learning Update April 2014

***With spring break this report is short both because I don't want to bore you with mundane items, but most because the activity over the last month was simply "doing the work"! This has been a good thing.**

Curriculum/ Materials Adoption- After you gave your final approval of the math materials I have begun the process of negotiating the actual purchase of those materials. This is not difficult but it is time consuming and very important because of the value of these contracts.

I have completed the district technology availability survey. This survey focuses on the technology that our students have available to them away from school and at home. You will find a link to this report in your packet. I apologize for the rough formatting of the data but my technological savvy wasn't up to the conversion from Google forms to pdf to word for formatting and back to pdf. That said the information is both accurate and insightful. We will be using this information moving forward when making a number of decisions around adoptions and access to instructional materials. I think you'll find it very interesting.

Professional Development- We just completed our two-day bicycle-training seminar that I know Mark is including in his report so I won't beat a dead horse. (or bicycle) Next up, math instructional materials use across all three buildings! These training will be ongoing and much of it will occur over the summer preparing for the fall implementation.

ELL- Nothing new to report!

Career and Technical Education (CTE)- We are in the process of starting a "Leos" club (junior Lions) to serve as our leadership and service club for all of our CTE students in both the metals and woods programs. The club will be open to all students.

Title I/LAP- Same as last month, *planning for K-12 summer school opportunities. I'm really excited about the opportunity to polish and improve the programs that we began last summer and expand those opportunities to more students with this year's enhanced LAP budget. We are currently planning for a four-week summer school from July 28th through August 21st. Students would go full days, Monday through Thursday. I'm very excited that it looks like we will have the budget capacity this year to provide transportation for students.*

Highly Capable- The fourth grade math is cool team is competing this Friday and I hope to have results to share with you at the board meeting.

We are just beginning our evaluation of students for the highly capable program. This is a very important learning opportunity for us as this will be the first time we've assessed K-2 so we will have a keen eye on the process and the results that will inform future processes.

Home School Academy- We will be having two parent linkage meetings this coming week to gather information and ideas from our current parents as they look back over the current year's successes and challenges. From those meetings we will implement the appropriate changes to program and curriculum and then begin our promotion and recruiting for next year.

Misc.- I will have a copy of the "College Level Placement Results" from Clark College for you at the meeting. This is a report indicating our graduate and running start student's success taking first year college courses. My initial review of the report is that we are definitely making progress!

Dave.