La Center High School May Board Report 2010

Curriculum- I am really looking forward to the board being able to consider the adoption of the health curriculum materials that the adoption committee and the IMC have approved. We have learned a bunch from this process that can be applied and/or modified for future adoption processes.

Mrs. Morris is planning a summer credit recovery option for our students here at La Center that will be self-funded and offer another option for our students. As you can guess it will be focused on hands-on experiences and community work and involvement.

Athletics- We are wrapping up the spring sports season and it has been very successful. Girl's golf finished second in the district and Melanie Hodge was individual champion qualifying for state. Rachel Hodge is the first alternate to state finishing 6th in district. Boy's baseball finished the season playing in the district tournament. Even though they lost both games, this was a very good season, as they hadn't qualified for the tournament for a number of years. Boy's soccer finished their season by missing the district tournament by 1 game. Boys track took 4th place in the Trico league and will compete at the district meet this Friday. The girl's team won the league championship for the 3rd year in a row and look to defend for their third district title this Friday as well.

Teachers- Mrs. Morris and the project study students have completed their garden and raised beds and are currently growing a huge number of plants and vegetables. The plan is to have the cooking and nutrition classes use the produce whenever possible.

Congratulations to Mrs. Karukes and her life skills class on another successful plant sale. Not only did the sale earn dollars for other classroom activities and field trips but also it was a great learning experience for the students.

A big thank you to Sara Harris, who once again providing lunch for our staff during teacher appreciation week. This was not any ordinary lunch! An additional thank you to her for baking 1000 cookies for student led conferences and providing the volunteer time to serve them with coffee and punch to all of our guests!

Mrs. Bounds and the AP government class are currently working to evaluate school lunches for nutritional value and student satisfaction and will be making recommendations to the district food service committee.

Students- We have our spring AP testing results back! It was another great year for our students and staff. In physics we had 6 out of 7 students score a 3 or better. In calculus 9 out of 12 made a 3 or better, government and politics made 6 out of 12 and literature and composition had 9 out of 18. A 3 or better is generally the level a student needs to meet to qualify for college credit. Nice job everyone! Additionally, we are expanding our AP offerings next year to include AP Biology and we have grown our government and politics class to be two sections next year.

Students had a wonderful prom last Saturday that was well attended and ended without any incidents or issues. Thank you Mr. Cooper for another fantastic job of organizing prom.

Mrs. Landerholm and Mr. Cooper just completed another year of "Cats Pride" awards and will be recognizing all of this year's nominees during our spring activities assembly!

High school showcase- you will hear from Shawn Link as she describes her groups experience with the ESD lesson study model that her group started the year with. Part two will be Shawn and Brian Zylstra describing for you their experience with the middle school lab classroom experience, once as participants at the middle school and later their experience with the same opportunity at the high school in Brian's room. I will finish up with a short discussion around our re-accreditation process that we completed this year with our three building goals that were a result of this process.