**Teaching and Learning Update May 2014**

**Curriculum/ Materials Adoption**- Math materials contracts have been negotiated and orders placed. In fact we will start seeing the first delivery of materials before the board meeting. I have included a memo in the board packet asking you to declare our old math materials as surplus. This will allow us to dispose of them via a book recycler to both re-coop some budget dollars but to also free up storage space.

Bicycles have been ordered and we should have them ready for use when students return in the fall.

Amy will be continuing on with the science adoption work. The next step in this process will be to assemble a parent advisory group for all three buildings to provide on-going input to this process. If you know of anyone who has previously contacted you with an interest in science please refer to Amy or send Amy their name and she can contact them directly.

**Professional Development**- Well it's all about math this summer and into the fall. K-2 will have a two day PD class on June 24th and 25th provided by the publishers of the Bridges materials. Grades 3rd-5th will have all day training on the 26th of June from the MyMath publishers. The middle school and high school teachers will be meeting in teams at various times over the summer to review the new materials in detail and plan both lesson plans and transitions between grade levels and math levels.

**ELL**- Nothing new to report, our student count remains static so that means our budget will come in right where it should be!

**Career and Technical Education** (CTE)- We are finalizing an articulation agreement with Lower Columbia College in "Introduction to Business". This has been a goal of our work in CTE for some time. Thank you to Amy Neiman for making this finally come together.

**Title I/LAP**- As we finish up the year we have a few budget dollars available in LAP (learning assistance program) budget that we need to spend. We have identified three areas to expend these dollars that will expand our use of technology in support of these students. We will be creating a new 15-student lab in Mrs. Wing's room. In addition we will be adding a chrome book cart with 25 chrome books for both Mr. Holland's room in the middle school and Mrs. Thayer's room at the high school. This will allow all of these learning environments leaders to be much more diversified in their instruction to meet individual student needs and challenges.

**Highly Capable**- Here is the report on the State "Math is Cool" competition in Moses Lake from Mr. Poppert.

> Last Saturday (5/17/14) was the "Math is Cool Masters" competition in Moses Lake for 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. As you may know, La Center Elementary sent a 5th grade team of four and two individuals from 4th grade. All six students had a blast and did well.
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> The fifth grade team took 4th overall in their division with Dominic D'Emilio taking first place and Eli Johnson taking eighth place in the individual competition. Samantha Coyle and Conner Sudmier made up the rest of the fifth grade team.
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> Unfortunately, our fourth graders did not place, but had a great showing. The fourth grade

individual participants were Meagan Stabell and Thomas Boyle.

**Home School Academy**- Bonnie has conducted two parent meetings this last month to invite comment and evaluation of our first year as a home school. The results were very positive, meaning that parents and students were very happy with the general status of the program. There are a few small items that were suggested that we would implement and make the necessary changes to the handbook and to our procedures as a result. If you noticed the reader board this week, we have begun our promotion and recruitment activities for the spring. With that in mind it looks like our numbers will be up in the fall over this year as we continue to grow.

Dave.