Superintendent's Report

June 21st, 2014

BOARD UPDATE

- **High School Athletic Fields** – The work on the high school athletic field continues to progress. They are in the final stages of prepping the field for seed, which should be accomplished this next week some time. They have also been busy completing the work necessary to pour the concrete footing for the retaining wall to support the new bleachers. Speaking of bleachers, they should be arriving very soon and will be stored until the retaining wall is finished and backfilled. I believe the target date for putting the bleachers together is around July 12th.

  I had the chance to work with the crew putting in the rebar for the footings and was so impressed with the passion and enthusiasm of the nearly two-dozen guys working on this one particular day. We were working in teams and I could hear them talk about why they were so excited about this project and what it meant to them. I also could hear them talk about why they love living in La Center and how it compares to their experiences (as either adults or as children) of living outside of our community. I just wished their conversations could have been recorded and placed in a time capsule to be shared with future La Centerites fifty years into the future. What a gift that would be! This experience made me ponder what was the story of those who built our old bleachers all those years ago. I imagine it wouldn't be too much different if we could somehow hear their stories today, but still moving none-the-less.

Finally, I want to tell you that the La Center Lions club has stepped up as well and will be providing the labor to build the new ticket booth we will be constructing near the NW corner of the district office. It will be a very nice

double entrance structure that will have plenty of space to showcase the many people, companies and organizations that have given so much to this project. Since so many people will travel through this structure as they enter the field area, we want to make it a quality building that will allow us to celebrate the tremendous gifts of time, money, equipment and materials given by so many to make this dream a reality. FYI.

- **Renovation of Two Portables** – We are working over the summer to renovate two of our portables. One is the portable near the district office that will serve as the new home of the LINX Program. The Home School Academy is located on the other side, which was renovated last summer. We will also be adding a bathroom that is much needed. The second portable renovation is the one nearest the cafeteria on the K-8 campus (See photo to the left). This is where our ACE program is located. A bathroom will be added here as well. Both of these portables are the oldest two we have in the district and are definitely in need of refurbishing.

- **Cody Sherrill Memorial Ceremony** – On June 11th, the La Center LEOs dedicated a bench and a flower garden in the middle school courtyard to honor Cody Sherrill. It was a well-attended event and was very moving to say the least. The Sherrill family was clearly moved by the effort and impressed with the work that had been accomplished by the LEOs. Further work in the courtyard is planned for next year as part of this ongoing LEO service project.

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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