

## NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF IN- TEREST:

- **First Day of School will be Tuesday, September 6, 2005.**
- **Freshmen Orientation is tentatively scheduled for September 6th and more information will be forthcoming on the High School website.**
- **Tri Town (Next Meeting) Sept 7, 2005 7:00 PM Stow Town Hall**

## Leadership Search

Dr. Ron Larrivee, Principal of the Center and Pompositticut Schools has announced his resignation effective June 30, 2005. Dr. Larrivee has been Principal of both schools for the past ten years, and has accepted a position as the Director of Learning Services for a charter school in Norwell.

A search committee is forming and will involve parents, staff, teachers and district administrators to find a successor.

There is an ambitious time line so that we may be able to find the right candidate before summer is in full swing. The committee will conduct screenings, develop questions for the first round of interviews, and be the ones to recommend two or more finalists to come and visit with me and spend a day in the district. During this interview I may bring back one or more candidates to spend a final interview with me, or decide to reopen the

search.

I will keep you posted over the summer of the progress of this search and will keep the parents posted via our website. As it happened last year, it may not be until early August until we have found just the right candidate.

Plans are being developed in the event we need to have an interim for a brief transition time.

### *Student Taste Test*

The student council at Sawyer School sampled a variety of chicken entrees as part of a taste test to see what variety the students liked best. Student Council Advisor, Thea Tully, arranged for students to meet with George LaCroix, Director of Food Services, to taste five different products available from Tyson Foods, and available for school lunch programs through the school commodity diversion program. This was a blind taste test. Of the five items tested, four were in a statistical dead heat for taste and one clearly was not liked by the majority of the students. The results will be used to determine purchases for next year.

### *Data Report*

A data report on the results of the final grades for how our students did in mathematics will be shared at our meeting in August. We are just now getting the final grades for the fourth quarter and did not have time for this meeting. We will also be looking at our ELA performance by grade as well.

## *ASCD Conference*

I will be attending a conference in New York on June 27, 28, 29, and 30 focused on leadership for differentiated instruction. The conference is sponsored by the Association for Supervisors of Curriculum Development (ASCD). The four day conference is for principals, directors, assistant superintendents and superintendents to look at a variety of instructional practices and the leadership strategies needed to engage teachers in new ways of teaching and assessment.

## *Eighth Grade Recognitions*

I had the good fortune to attend each recognition night for our eighth graders on Tuesday evening. The three events, one held in each community are very similar in nature, but each has its own unique event. All of our students receive a certificate of completion and depending on the community, a variety of awards are part of the ceremony.

The Luther Burbank Middle School dedicated their ceremony to Mr. Sam Pawlak, who is retiring after thirty four years in the Nashoba Regional School District.



## *School Health Advisory Committee*

Ms. Ann Farrell, Nurse Leader, held a meeting of the School Health Advisory Committee on June 8. This committee, like the school councils, is made up of parents and nurses from each of the schools and is working to advise Ms. Farrell on the health and wellness issues that need to be addressed to support student learning.

## *Welcome*

I want to welcome three people to the administrative team.

Mr. Thomas Moore has been appointed to the Assistant Principal position at the Mary Rowlandson School. Mr. Moore has been a long time teacher at MRE having taught fourth and fifth grades. He is also a former principal, having been principal at the Luther Burbank Middle school. Mr. Moore has been appointed for one year.

Ms. Tracy Conte has been appointed to the position of Assistant Director of Special Education. Ms. Conte has been the Out of District Coordinator for the past four years and is working toward completion of her administration degree.

Dr. Glenn Williams has accepted the position of Dean of Student Services at Nashoba Regional High School. Dr. Williams has been with the District for two years as a team chair and school psychologist. Previous to this he has been a guidance counselor, a special education administrator and a school psychologist.

All three are very excited about their new roles and are already hard at work with Ms. Linenkemper in hiring new staff, working on the designs of the learning labs and making sure there is a seamless transition.

## *Transportation*

The administrative team met with Dee Bus Service on Tuesday. We reviewed the procedures, bus evacuation and seat belt protocols, and timelines for kindergarten route announcements. We will be announcing the AM and PM kindergarten placements by July 15th once Dee Bus has had a chance to review the recommended bus runs already provided to them. Bus runs will be published in early August and students will learn their bus routes by newspaper and by viewing our website.