

BOARD REPORT
August 2018
BOWE SCHOOL

Principal: Craig Stephenson

ADMINISTRATION:

- Staff Evaluations in July

<i>Tenured Certified Staff</i>	0
<i>Non-Tenured Certified Staff</i>	0
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COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- None
- I asked Diana Cibo to compile a list of committees functioning in Bowe during the 2017-18 school year as well as a list of the members for each. Here is what I have: School Leadership Team (SLT); School Improvement panel (ScIP); Positive Behavioral Supports (PBS); Renaissance; Professional Development School (PDS); Cheer (a sunshine club committee); Culture & Climate Committee (ad hoc?). While I know the function of some, I am attempting to determine the purpose of others.

INSTRUCTION:

- Teachers have been in working on curriculum, including ELA and Social Sciences.
- Due to budgetary issues, we have a reduction of one 4th grade teacher, an SEL teacher (although we are getting back a half time SEL who we will use in the AM and share with Rodgers), and a library aide (Christine Grehlinger). We have also not replaced one paraprofessional position (Kelly Pritchett).
- Class sizes in Grade 4: Average – 24.3; we have one outlier maxed at 22 due to smaller room size; the rest range from 24 to 26.
- Grade 5: Average – 21.2; the range is 19 – 23.
- Grade 6 – Average – 22.2; the range is 22 – 23

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL:

- There is a non-instructional impact resulting from staff reductions. We are currently revising the duty schedule to account for lost positions. Additionally, we need a special in the PM to ensure that teachers get there contractual prep. We will likely adjust Mary Aruffo’s schedule to provide a PM special at Bowe. Working on finalizing that this week.
- Met with PTO parents on August 9th to discuss fundraising, communications, meeting dates, and goals.
- Established dates for “Coffee with the Principal” and posted on the website. The first one is October 3rd. Subsequent dates: 12/5/17; 2/6/19; 4/3/19 & 6/5/19. Here is the link - <https://www.gpsd.us/Page/6248>.
- I am working on minor revisions to Code of Conduct and Handbook. In collaboration with my PBS team and with some feedback from parents through my coffee with the principal (and some feedback from kids), we will prioritize making further, more substantial adjustments as the year progresses. I want teacher, parent and student buy in and wholesale adjustments this summer without their input will not achieve this.

OPERATIONS:

- Cafeteria is cleaned, painted, and waxed. All classrooms will be waxed by Monday. Next up is main hallway followed by the remaining hallways and the gym. (Update: Main hallways are done)

- I am working with transportation to establish a bus line up for dismissal. I would like to see busses line up in an established sequence daily to reduce disciplinary issues during dismissal and to enhance safety.
- I was looking to adjust dismissal procedures by switching locations for bus lineup and parent pick up. I am told a switch will not work so we will continue to have busses line up in the front loop and parent pick up occur in the rear loop. Busses apparently cannot make the turn in the rear loop. Arrival and dismissal will be something I monitor closely to see if we can improve it all.
- Need to do something about the butterfly garden in the front of the building and the sign on the corner. Grounds crew did cut back bushes covering sign. It needs some paint now.

NURSE:

- None

STUDENT NOTES:

- The Real Men Read summer program was a success. I attended the July 24th meeting and there was a big turnout of students and parents at the library. The kids seemed to be really enjoying it.
- Bowe rising 6th grader Ashley Armstrong won the all-around title in her age division at the 2018 United States Association of Independent Gymnastics Club (USAIGC) World Championships, held Monday and Tuesday, June 25 and 26, at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress. Here is the article link - https://www.nj.com/south-jersey-towns/index.ssf/2018/07/11-year-old_glassboro_gymnast.html

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- REPEAT FROM JULY REPORT: Mrs. Belcher, the Guidance Counselor will hold a new student/parent orientation on August 28th for any new student entering Bowe School.
- The final summer date for the Real Men Read Summer "Book" Camp at the Glassboro Public Library is August 21. The meeting is from 1:00 to 2:00 PM.
- Back to School Night at Bowe is scheduled for September 12th at 6:30 PM.