

BOARD REPORT
September 10, 2018
BOWE SCHOOL

Principal: Craig Stephenson

ADMINISTRATION:

- Staff Evaluations in August

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

- None in August
- Committee Meetings Scheduled for the 2018-19 School Year:
 - School Leadership Team (SLT) - 4th Wednesday each month
 - School Improvement panel (ScIP) – 1st Wednesday each month
 - Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS) – 3rd Wednesday each month
 - Professional Development School (PDS) -

INSTRUCTION:

- SEL Teacher, Dr. Molly Ann Light-Stevenson, is now full time and will be taking the lead along with the administrative team in modeling the strategies that will be implemented school-wide. A portion of the monthly faculty meetings and monthly PLCs will be dedicated to focusing on SEL.
- We have adopted at Bowe and I believe district-wide the call to action for students – “Bulldog Ready!” Teachers have been establishing routines to get students Bulldog Ready to focus and learn each day
- With the elimination of the world language position, WL instruction will be delivered through Duolingo (<https://www.duolingo.com/>) and within the Social Sciences block.
- From the Back to School Newsletter: **“Bowe to Implement a 1:1 Technology Initiative for 2018-19** - We are excited to provide all of our students from Grades 4 through 6 with access to Dell laptops through a 1:1 technology initiative that will be fully implemented this coming school year. This summer and in the coming weeks and months, we are providing our staff with professional development support to assist them as they begin to integrate the use of these devices in their lessons. Students will be using the devices as tools for activities, research, projects, and assessment. Teachers will be using programs like Google Classroom, Duolingo, and Clasdojo with the kids every day. 4th and 5th grade laptops will be stored in classroom charging lockers, while 6th graders will be able to take them home for activities, projects, and home assignments. Parents will need to sign a User Agreement (<https://www.gpsd.us/Page/5758>) and 6th graders will pay a \$20 user fee to be able to take devices home. Additional information on our exciting 1:1 initiative will be forthcoming.”

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL:

- I have updated sections of the Bowe Website:
 - Under the “Information” Channel I am adding resources and info for parents – bell schedules, forms, info about SEL, link to Handbook, postings of monthly newsletters, first day presentation to students, etc.

- I have also added a Staff secured Channel that is only visible to staff when they are logged into the site. This contains a variety of forms and documents for teachers. It ensures they have access to the most up-to-date forms and docs - <https://www.gpsd.us/domain/739>
- From the Back to School Newsletter: **“South Jersey Summer Institute – Congratulations to Ms. Aruffo** who was selected to participate in the South Jersey Summer Institute for Educators, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce Southern New Jersey and a variety of Southern New Jersey businesses. Now in its twenty-eighth year, the three-week South Jersey Summer Institute was held in July. Educators from throughout South Jersey visited a variety of businesses throughout the region, including Campbell Soup, CHOP, Lockheed Martin, Salem Nuclear Power Plant, and Mannington Mills, just to name a few. They had the opportunity to learn firsthand the skills that successful businesses are looking for in current and future employees. Ms. Aruffo earned the distinction of being selected to represent her peers as a featured speaker at the culminating Institute dinner. Congratulations Ms. Aruffo and thank you for representing Glassboro and Bowe School so well.”
- From the Back to School Newsletter: **“Dr. Brent Elder Recognized for His Work at Bowe School -** Congratulations to Dr. Brent Elder for being selected as a recipient of the Frances S. Johnson Junior Faculty Innovative Teaching Award. Dr. Elder and our staff members on the PDS (Professional Development School) committee who continue to work tirelessly to provide our school, staff, and future educators with the tools to enact school-wide reforms designed to create a truly inclusive educational environment. We are excited to continue our PDS partnership with Dr. Elder and Rowan University in the 2018-19 school year and beyond.”

OPERATIONS:

- Transportation – Arrival has been smooth the first two days with busses largely arriving on time. Parent drop off has been smooth. Busses have been delayed arriving on campus for dismissal. Friday was improved, but two busses have consistently been the last two to arrive for pick up. I have sent SchoolMessenger communications to parents. I need the ability to send communications to specific bus lists. I will put in a work request.
- Building/Grounds/Maintenance – The crew did a nice job getting is ready for opening. The building looks good. We did have issues the first day with excessively high temperatures in the cafeteria and a few classrooms. Our maintenance team did fix the cafeteria which was much improved on Friday. In general, the temp in the building was better Friday helped by better conditions outside.

NURSE:

- Medical history lists of students were shared with appropriate staff.

STUDENT NOTES:

- From the Back to School Newsletter: **“Real Men Read -** Congratulations to all of our Bowe students who participated in the Real Men Read summer program hosted by the Glassboro Public Library. Meetings were held throughout July and August. Bowe teachers Ms. LoCastro and Ms. Rencher, with assistance from the library staff, facilitated a variety of activities designed to support and grow the literacy skills of our students, as well as their ability to access the wealth of resources available at the library. Additionally, guest speakers met with students and free books were distributed, along with a variety of other prizes designed to foster a love of reading. Thank you to the Glassboro Municipal Alliance for providing the grant that made this award-winning program possible.”
- From the Back to School Newsletter: **“Whitney Crescent Summer Reading Program -** Congratulations as well to the students of Whitney Crescent for successfully completing a summer reading program. Students participated in a celebration on August 22nd during which their reading accomplishments were recognized. Well done!”

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Bowe Faculty Meeting – 9-10-18
- Back to School Night at Bowe is scheduled for September 12th at 6:30 PM. We will begin with a short presentation by me at which I will introduce you. Parents will then visit with teachers. At the end of the evening, to kick off our 1:1 initiative, 6th grade parents will be able to sign the Student User Agreement and pay the \$20 user fee for the laptops. The 6th graders will be the only grade taking home their devices.
- Bowe Picture Day – 9-26-18