

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Glassboro High School

January, 2014

Dr. Danielle F. Sneathen

A. ATHLETICS

1. Having difficulty finding a new school doctor to administer sports physicals and cover home football games in the fall. Several pending state laws are making the process problematic.

B. ACTIVITIES

1. Class of 2015 is sponsoring a student/faculty basketball game as a fundraiser on February 26, 2014. Jamey Cleary, the Junior Class advisor, is running the fundraising event.

C. HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

1. The staff has been working on their SGO analysis from the first semester fitness test scores and the students are reaching their goals.
2. The staff expressed a concern about class sizes. See personnel below.
3. Currently all physical education classes are being pre-tested in the physical fitness tests. Due to facility restrictions and weather temperatures the pacer test is being substituted for the mile run. The other tests are sit and reach, pull-ups, sit ups, and shuttle run.
4. Ms. Phillips is teaching health during the first cycle (22 days). Her 9th graders are being taught the human sexuality unit and the seniors are being taught First Aid and CPR. Seniors will have the opportunity to obtain CPR certification at the end of the course.
5. Health Cycles
 - a. 1st cycle= Feb. 1 to March 6th - Phillips
 - b. 2nd cycle= Mar. 7th to April 8th - Byard
 - c. 3rd cycle= April 9th to May 16th - Enuco
 - d. 4th cycle= May 17th to June 19th - Neilio

2. PERSONNEL

A. Athletic:

1. The AD has interviewed and is in the process of recommending a new head coach for softball and boys tennis, two assistant softball coaches, an assistant boys track & field coach and a substitute athletic trainer for Danielle Williams as she will be out on maternity leave beginning on March 7th. The AD is compiling certifications, finger printing approvals and other documentation for these candidates. The AD is still working on finding an assistant Junior Varsity baseball coach.

B. Health & Physical Education

1. The Physical Education department members expressed a concern in the area of personnel. Since the budget crunch three/four years ago, the department has been operating without the services of a Half-Time Health/Physical Education teacher. Previously, this shared teacher taught 2 sections of PE at GHS. This staff reduction has increased class sizes to 35 to 40 students in one class. It becomes a problem when there are 3 or 4 classes scheduled in one block which can lead to as many as 105 to 160 students in the gym at one time. The AD suggests that either a full or at least a part-time instructor be added to the department, so that class sizes can be at a safe and manageable size.

3. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION

- A. Several athletic buses have been late picking up teams for away games, but the athletic department is continuing to work with Mrs. Spencer to resolve the problem.
- B. Championship banners for the Tri-County Conference and All-State student athletes still need to be rehung.
- C. Wall mats in the auxiliary gym/wrestling room need to be re-glued to the wall as per QSAC review.

4. BUDGET AND FINANCE

- A. The 2014-15 athletic budget has been completed and entered into Systems3000. An effort was made to stay within the recommended amount that Mr. Pudelko presented. A justification was submitted for the additional funds requested. These monies are needed to keep the programs operating at the bare minimum. Mr. Pudelko has a copy of the operating cost for each sport and each recommended sport. Please see the prioritized wish list with costs below:

Wish list items in priority order

- 1- Custodial costs for 8 Saturday/holiday winter practices (\$1,200)
 - 2- Security for 2 night soccer games (\$740)
 - 3- Staff CPR training (\$500)
 - 4- *Funds for weight room supervision (\$5,000)
 - 5- Coaching professional development funds for clinics (\$750)
 - 6- Banquet funds for honored students (\$1,000)
 - 7- Holiday tournament entry fees (\$800)
 - 8- *Reinstate golf program (\$7,000)
 - 9- *Middle school girls basketball (\$6,500)
 - 10- *Cross country programs for middle school and varsity boys & girls (\$14,000)
- *Funds not added to budget (Systems 3000)

5. PUBLIC RELATIONS AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

- A. See above statement.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

- B. Planning meetings have begun for the annual GHS Black History Celebration.

- C. Dr. Sneathen held her first faculty meeting at GHS. This meeting honored Ms. Maureen Morrison, the GHS Teacher of the Year.
- D. Dr. Sneathen attended the After Prom Meeting on 1.27.14, the Referendum Committee Meeting on 1.27.14, and the GHS Sports Hall of Fame Meeting on 1.28.14, in an effort to learn more about these important Glassboro community groups.
- E. The individual being recommended for Danielle William's maternity leave could be offered a position by an NFL team before the leave ends, but the candidate has assured the AD that he will provide him with ample time to secure a replacement.

MATH/SCIENCE DEPARTMENTS

Ten seniors will take the MARCH HSPA on March 4th. These ten students will receive their JANUARY AHSA results on March 21st. Anyone not demonstrating proficiency on the JANUARY AHSA will participate in the APRIL AHSA.

The MARCH HSPA results will be available by Memorial Day. The April AHSA results will be available by the first week in June. Any student not demonstrating proficiency by June will not be able to receive their diploma or participate in graduation activities. A JULY AHSA is available.

10 Pedagogy students from Rowan will be observing our math teachers from 2/6-4/17. Big thanks to Mr. Beaver, Mr. Wisniewski, Mr. Rulon and Mrs. Stewart for assisting the future educators.

Mr. Morrison will be making his annual trip to the JETS competition with our math students. Good Luck!

Mrs. Keating will be making her annual trip to the GCC Technology Fair for Women.

Our 3 STEM students are taking spring courses @ Rowan in Calculus 3, Freshman Engineering Clinic II and Biology. We wish them well this semester.

Biology – The current unit is an UbD unit dealing with the building blocks of life. Students learn about the 4 major macromolecules, including their functions, importance to our bodies, why we need all four, and what would happen if we took one away. Students also learn that enzymes are vital for cellular processes and what conditions affect them. In our first lab of the course, the Toothpickase lab, students will play the role of enzymes metabolizing substrate (toothpicks) under various conditions (higher concentration of enzymes, lower concentration of substrate, competitive inhibitors, and temperature). They then analyze their data to determine the affect each alteration has on the rate of the reaction.

Human Anatomy – Students are starting their first UbD unit, Introduction to the Human

Met with attendance students
Organized Program Planning Guide presentations. Parent session was held on 1.29.14.
Met with Military for SAT Prep

BUSINESS/TECHNOLOGY/FCS DEPARTMENTS

Thank you to Mrs. Kim Syversten who created the new signs around the building with teacher's names, photos, and degrees earned on them. These signs not only help with directions around the building but will serve as a source of pride for the accomplishments of the GHS faculty. A special thank you to Ms. Susan Evans from the English Department for supplying the photos used for the signs.

The DECA Consumer Bowl Team has been preparing, after school every Monday through Thursday for the Gloucester County Consumer Bowl Competition which will be held on Tuesday, February 25th (snow date Friday, February 28th) at the Gloucester County Main Library - Route 45 and Wolfert Station Road, Mullica Hill. This year's team consists of Jenn Hopkins (Captain), Ti'Niejah Lee, Corinna Periera, and Breanna Willis (Alternate).

WORLD LANGUAGE/MUSIC/ART DEPARTMENTS

The World Language Department hosted another successful Multicultural Festival on 1.16.14. The evening was well attended and after the multicultural feast in the cafeteria the students displayed their talents in performances on the GHS stage. Both the food portions and performances went well.

Madame's fall semester students completed their exit interviews and Le Petit Prince performance-based assessment successfully. Madame Kruse is now currently teaching French III honors and two sections of French I this spring semester. Students are just getting introduced or reacquainted with French.

Madame is producing Glassboro's Got Talent again this year. She ran auditions and 10 finalists/groups have been selected for the show. She is busy organizing the show, acquiring judges, filming clips used for a montage at the show, and coaching the finalists as they prepare for the show itself on March 14th. The show serves as a fundraiser which will support the Class of 2016 and some expenses for the trip to France in 2015.

Madame was selected as Teacher of the Month at Glassboro High School.

Madame continues to advise the French Club. Many members have participated monthly in recipe contests, learning about the French holidays, and pumpkin decorating this fall. The club is planning a French scavenger hunt, movie night, and possible restaurant trip for the spring.

Madame continues to volunteer running an independent study with a senior who has a scheduling conflict for French III and IV honors.

Madame has submitted information with regards to next year's trip to France to Dr. Sneathen. Dr. Sneathen will be sharing that information with Dr. Silverstein and the board for approval so that Madame can proceed with organizing the trip. Madame expects to have a student meeting of interested future juniors and seniors in February.

Madame continues to serve as a member of the SLT, school leadership team.

The Music Department held its annual Tri-M Musical Honor Society Induction Ceremony on 1.23.14. After the ceremony, a benefit concert was held in which students and staff performed.

The Music Department held the annual Glassboro Idol contest on 1.30.14. This year's winner was Enrica Iacovone but all of the students performed beautifully.

ENGLISH/SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENTS

Students in Mrs. George's Humanities Class performed skits based on popular musicals.

English I Read 180: In January, students completed Workshop 4, "The Science of Happiness." Students read scientific, survey-based, and periodical texts that discussed what made people their age happy. At the reading table, students created mock iPhone screens, complete with apps and contact lists, for characters they are reading about in their books. Students continue their vocabulary and Scholastic software studies, and most have several full-length novels by this time independently.

Students in Mrs. George's Read 180 2 class significantly improved their lexile scores since last tested in October.

English I CP: In the month of January, students tackled Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." In addition to regular journal writing and vocabulary exercises, many students fell in love with Shakespeare (and *along with him*) unexpectedly. Some students emerged as natural dramatists during class readings, and most enjoyed writing in Middle English and artificially aging paper during the Lost Letters of Verona Project. Students composed formal, expository essays of literary analysis discussing themes and characters in the play.

Debates and Persuasive Speeches were performed by 10th graders in Ms. Evans' classes.

Students in Mrs. George and Mrs. Hartman's English III classes completed an MLA style research paper. Mrs. Hartman's class also completed a unit on political protest practicing open ended response writing with textual evidence in the process.

Mock Trial Moderated by Mr. Cino

"This year GHS competed for the 8th consecutive year in the NJ State Bar Foundation Mock Trial Competition. This year's trial was a criminal case where the defendant, Sid

Sawyer, was accused of vehicular manslaughter. The competition this year was tough as GHS had to face off against two of the perennial county powers - Washington Twp. and Kingsway. We unfortunately lost our first two cases and were eliminated from the competition but the students did an excellent job preparing and performing their arguments. It was disappointing to be eliminated so early in the competition but the team is rife with dedicated underclassman who show a lot of promise and give much hope for the upcoming years.”

Board report- GHS nurse

Septer Octobe Novem Decem January

	Septer	Octobe	Novem	Decem	January
Health office log #of days/month	19	21	15	14	19
Illness (1a,3a)	127	133	71	103	119
First Aid/injury(1a,3a)	133	95	77	98	112
Health Information Counseling (1b,2a)	22	38	24	24	48
gym excuses	20	13	9	9	21
medications (daily and as needed) (2e, 3b)	41	61	53	43	52
asthma (rescue inhalers, nebulizers)	2	3	2	1	1
Accident reports	25	27	9	11	20
infectous exculsion	0	0	0	0	0
Sent home	8	14	6	9	9
Sent to hospital/Physican	4	8	5		5
doctors notes	8	5	3	2	11
other (student medical emergencies)			2		2
Screening (2e)					
heights/weights	0	0	8	105	102
Blood pressures	3	4	3	103	79
hearing	2	0	1	0	62
vision	2	0	1	0	1
scoliosis	0	0	0	0	0
I&RS	0	0	0	0	0
CST	2	0	1	2	4
Sport Physicals	149	10	0	0	0
Screening Referrals	0	0	1	0	1
Evaluations and Planning					
Individual Health Care Plans	11	0	0	0	0
medical 504 plans	11	8	3	0	2
I&RS case management	0	0	0	0	0
home instuction applications	1	1	3	3	2
home instuction returning	0	2	1	1	3
new student health record appraisals	25	10	8	11	5
Immunizations requested	3	4	3	2	2
TB tests requested	0	0	0	2	0
TB test evaluated	0	1	0	3	0
Working Papers	3	1	1	2	1
students excluded (non infectious)	0	0	0	0	0
Agency Referrals	0	0	2	1	4
Total number of students services	602	438	297	535	668
Other					
attendance calls incoming	95	161	131	145	170
attendance calls outgoing	28	46	20	39	50
parent/guardian conferences	10	12	14	1	3
guidance/CST/I&RS conferences	5	3	2	1	4
health Classes taught	0	3	0	0	0
Reports submitted	3	2	1	1	1
HIB meetings		3	1	1	2

Staff

health office visits	18	26	23	16	22
Trainings/teaching	1	0	0	0	2
Workman's comp claims initiated	1	3	0	1	7
referrals	2	2	1	1	5
Education of student medical needs	64	8	2	0	7

Meetings/Workshops/Activites

Teacher inservice	1	0	0	0	0
Faculty	2	1	1	0	1
Departmental (Nurse, Health/PE)	2	1	0	1	2
I&RS	1	0	1	1	1
Drills	0	0	1	1	2
Nursing Continuing ED/workshops	0	2	2	1	0

Other

Free/reduced lunch forms	>150	10	5	5	3
Review emergency cards	>550	10	8	11	5
Substitute plans	1	0	2	0	1
bulletin boards	1	0	0	0	1
Blood drive	set date	2 meeting	1 meeting	60 donatic	set date
Volunteering/fund raisers/mentoring	1	2	1	1	1
Back to School night	1	0	0	0	0
Reflection	2	1	2	0	1