

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT
Glassboro High School
February, 2015
Dr. Danielle F. Sneathen

ATHLETICS

INSTRUCTION (EDUCATIONAL PLANNING, STUDENTS' ISSUES AND ACTIVITIES)

- Award ceremonies have be rescheduled for the following dates: Winter sports- March 9th @ 7pm and Spring Sports June 4th @ 7 pm.
- Clayton & Glassboro high schools are taking their requests to form a Co-op tennis program for both boys and girls teams to the Tri-County Conference. If the conference approves of the programs, the request will be presented to the NJSIAA for final approval.
- We have had to cancel 4 junior varsity girls' basketball games because of injuries and illnesses. We hope to be able to finish the season.

ADMINISTRATION (PERSONNEL)

- Posting the fall cheerleading position.
- All evaluations of head coaches have been completed. Post season meetings are being scheduled this week. All Head Coaches will be recommended to return for next year.
- Do the people interested in volunteering on athletic teams coaching staff still need to be finger printed prior to BOE approval request is submitted?

OPERATIONS (FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION)

- One gymnasium scoreboard is not working. It needs a new transformer and we are waiting for part to be delivered.
- Rowan University Track & Field coach has informally requested to use our field event areas to conduct their Rowan Open Girls Track & Field Meet (May 1, 2) and the Boys South Jersey Open Meet on April 30th.

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Ms. Phillips is currently in Health.

A meeting was held with Ms. Callahan, Ms. Phillips, Mr. Neilio, Mr. Cusack and Dr. Sneathen on 1.29.15, to discuss the option of opening half of the gym to limited student use during Unit Lunch under the supervision of the PE department.

PERSONNEL

Ms. Jennifer Roberts started working as a Mathematics teacher on 1.29.15.

The fall cheerleading position is being posted.

TRANSPORTATION

No issues.

FACILITIES

The scoreboard in the gym is awaiting a part to be repaired.

There were multiple leaks in the school building on 2.2.15 due to the heavy rains and the deteriorating condition of the roof.

TECHNOLOGY

No issues.

MISCELLANEOUS

Plans are underway for our annual Black History Celebration assembly. Meetings were held on 1.7, 1.12, and 1.28. The event is planned for 2.20.15.

The 8th Grade Orientation and the Freshman Lock In were held on Friday, 2.9.15 and both were successful.

Dr. Sneathen has attended multiple planning meetings with Rowan University members and their architects regarding the installation of a new traffic light outside the student parking lot on Bowe Boulevard.

Dr. Sneathen attended the Multicultural Festival which was held on 1.15.15, the Thespian Induction Ceremony on 1.16.15, and Glassboro Idol which was on 1.22.15.

Mr. Cusack attended the Tri-M Induction Ceremony and concert on 1.20.15.

Ms. Bodden attended the Snowball Semi Formal on 1.30.15.

SKI CLUB – A NOTE FROM MR. SCHEUER:

The Glassboro High School Ski Club would like to report a very successful ski trip to Lake Placid, New York and the high peaks section of the Adirondack Mountains. We arrived on a very cold Friday night at Lake Placid, NY and woke up early to take full advantage of a beautiful, albeit sub-zero, day. Winds were high, but spirits were higher

as everyone from our beginners to our advanced members took full advantage of a sunny day on the slopes of historic Whiteface Mountain. Even with gusts of 60mph and wind chills in the -30s, we bundled up tight and made the most of a great day. We returned to our hotel where we got cleaned up and headed out for the evening to tour the scenic and historic town of Lake Placid, rich with Olympic history. Our first stop was the two ice skating rinks from 1932 and 1980. We were able to take in part of an amateur game of hockey while seated in the 1980 stands where the “miracle on ice” took Place. Afterwards we continued on to Mirror Lake, where a toboggan run was set up and ran out onto the frozen lake. We split into teams of two, three and four and tried our best to beat the record for longest ride, each of our teams going about 30mph and 250 meters out onto the lake! Next we made our way to an old restaurant with vintage décor and a warm, wood-burning fireplace for dinner. Then it was time to rest up for day two.

On day two we got up early for breakfast and packed up to head south to Gore Mountain. There we had a “blue bird” day with near perfect conditions as the wind and cold had lifted and blue skies were bountiful! Everyone explored the diverse terrain and great character this mountain had to offer. Some of us even worked up the courage to ski “The Rumor,” the steepest slope in the northeast. After a full day, we packed up our things while smiles still hung on our faces as we shared stories and recounted the great time we all had throughout the weekend.

This will surely be a memory I will never forget and hopefully our students will cherish it equally. I want to again extend my thank you to all of the help and the support offered to us by our administration, our superintendent and other helpful colleagues such as Ms. Terry Grisi, Officer Ron Marchese, Mr. Matt Enuco, as well as our parents and the members of the board of education. As we look to the future, we hope to create many more memories for future club members and to open the doors for new members to explore these winter sports as well as moments to cherish for a lifetime!

MATH/SCIENCE DEPARTMENTS

Ten seniors completed the January 2015 AHSA. (Previously they did not demonstrate proficiency on the March 2014 HSPA or the October 2014 HSPA) These students will spend February preparing for the March 2015 HSPA. If these students are unsuccessful on both the January 2015 and March 2015 Assessments, they will participate in the April 2015 AHSA. This April assessment is the students’ last chance prior to graduation to demonstrate proficiency. There is an additional opportunity in July, 2015.

Biology

We just concluded the UbD unit, Evolution. Students completed assignments to gain knowledge on topics such as natural selection, diversity, variation, and how these things affect populations. They completed a lab activity in which the students took on the role of a paleontologist to investigate how fossilized bones suggest information about the evolutionary history of species. The unit culminated with a performance task in which they were working with a researcher that had discovered several fossils off the coast of

Mexico. The task was to take the scientific data of this new animal and use it to classify the new discovery based on the characteristics.

Human Anatomy

We concluded the unit Transportation & Defense which dealt with the cardiovascular and immune systems. Students completed assignments and labs that dealt with blood & blood vessels, the heart, and immunity. This unit ended with a performance task in which the students used a scenario/case study and interpreted basic medical tests to identify some healthy and not so healthy lifestyle choices and the consequences of those choices. It also demonstrated that men and women suffering from the same diseases often experience different symptoms.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

School Days in Month: 20

Total Number of Students Seen (Individual Sessions): 195

Total number of Parent Contacts- By Phone: 105

By Email: 97

Parent sessions: 12

Total Number of Consultations with Teachers, Administrators and Child Study Team Members: 61

Total Number of Conferences with Teachers, Administrators and Child Study Team Members: 33

Total Number of Contacts with outside Services, Agencies, School: 15

Meetings Attended: I&RS, SCIP, GCPCA, Black History Month, Rachel's Challenge, Rowan Mentor, PARCC

Trainings Attended:

Additional Activities:

Organized and helped to implement presentation for 8th grade orientation

Organized MAP testing

Freshman Lock-in

Met with attendance students

Attended PARCC training session

Program Planning Guide presentations

- 8th graders
- Underclassmen parents

BUSINESS/TECHNOLOGY/FCS DEPARTMENTS

No report submitted.

WORLD LANGUAGE/MUSIC/ART DEPARTMENTS

Band

This has been a great year for some of our student musicians who have been earned participation in various honors ensembles. We have seen students from Bowe School, Intermediate School and Glassboro High School earn membership in such ensembles as All SJ Jr. High String Orchestra, All SJ Chorus, All SJ Sr. High Wind Ensemble, Olympic Conference Honors Band and All SJ Jr. High Band. I am pleased to announce one more accomplishment that one of our Glassboro student musicians has made.

Sriram Mohanakanthan, a senior at GHS and member of the Glassboro High School Fine and Performing Arts Academy, has earned a position in the **2015 NJ All State Wind Ensemble**. He earned this recognition through auditioning at East Brunswick High School on January 29th. He ranked second out of the top 15 high school euphonium students in the State of New Jersey. This is Sriram's second consecutive year earning a position in the All State Wind Ensemble. The 2015 All State Band Concert will take place on Saturday, February 21 at 3 p.m. at NJPAC.

We are pleased that the music programs in the Glassboro Public School District have been represented so well through the individual accomplishments of these students as well as the group performances at festivals by such groups as the GHS Marching Band and Jazz Ensemble.

Art

The students are in the process of completing their first large scale mosaic located in the Art Room.

Foreign Exchange Club: Ms. Yáñez and Mr. Prieto are working on the matching process and finding homes for our 22 guests. The itinerary is also coming together. There will be a meeting for parents and students interested on Thursday, February 5th at 7:30 pm in room A-119 at GHS.

Spanish Classes: College Prep level 1 students are learning (reviewing) basic greeting and the alphabet. Honors Spanish 3 students have started their review unit.

ENGLISH/SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENTS

Ms. Evans and Ms. Baldissero went on a Holocaust Museum Trip on January 8th with 43 students and spent an hour with a Holocaust Survivor.

Debates & Speeches were completed by Ms. Evans in 10th Grade English.

Ms. Morrison completed a Short Story unit that focused on symbols, theme, tone, imagery and the students completed a mini PARCC test.

Mr. Wood's English I classes devoted the month of January to *Romeo and Juliet*. Students auditioned for leading and secondary roles and performed the play in front of their classmates. Students learned a variety of dramatic vocabulary words, and practiced skills in comparing texts across various genres. Honors students completed the Lost Letters of Verona project and wrote literary analysis papers that implicated various characters for the deaths of Romeo and Juliet.

English II students spent 3 weeks preparing for final speeches. They studied the words and gestures of seminal public speakers, such as JFK, MLK, and Barack Obama, wrote persuasive essays, and constructed professional PowerPoints to accompany their presentations using laptop computers. Students also completed their final vocabulary unit.

Honors English III completed a unit on Protest Literature analyzing the rhetorical devices used by Chavez, Gandhi, Martin Luther King and Malcolm X.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	Board report- GHS nurse	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
2	Health office log #of days/month		20	20	15	17	17						
3	Illness (1a,3a)		120	172	113	151	98						
4	First Aid/injury(1a,3a)		64	65	65	63	79						
5	Health Information Counseling (1b,2a)		48	49	40	51	64						
6	gym excuses		29	21	18	16	26						
7	medications (daily and as needed) (2e, 3b)		24	41	43	55	51						
8	asthma (rescue inhalers, nebulizers)		8	2	2	7	9						
9	Accident reports		26	29	15	7	21						
10	infectious exculsion		0	0	1	0	0						
11	Sent home/hospital/physican		18	13	10	17	35						
12	doctors notes		12	19	11	7	18						
13	diabetic management (Bloodsugars, insulin, carb counts)		0	0	0	1	0						
14	Concussion (evaluation, assessment, referral/health care plans/504, education to staff/students) S=sport injury; G=gym class; O=other/home injury		14 G=0 O=5	5 S=1 G=2 O=2	4 S=2 G=2 O=0	5 S=2 G=2 O=1	5 S=3 G=2 O=0						
15	other (student medical emergencies)		1	0	1	3	4						
16	Screening (2e)												
17	heights/weights/blood pressures		0	0	56	44	44						
18	Additional blood pressure screenings		1	1	5	6	0						
19	hearing		0	0	0	0	14						
20	vision		1	0	0	0	34						
21	I&RS		0	0	0	1	0						
22	CST		0	2	0	0	3						
23	Sport Physicals	80	71	41	22	29	7						
24	Screening Referrals		0	0	0	0	1						
25	Evaluations and Planning												
26	Individual Health Care Plans		13	0	2	0	2						
27	medical 504 plans		5	3	1	1	0						
28	I&RS case management		3	0	0	1	0						

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1	Board report- GHS nurse	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
2	Health office log #of days/month												
29	home instuction applications		4	0	1	1	2						
30	home instuction returning		1	2	1	0	3						
31	new student health record appraisals		21	19	7	9	6						
32	Immunizations requested		3	4	1	2	2						
33	TB tests requested		0	0	0	0	0						
34	TB test evaluated		1	0	0	0	0						
35	Working Papers		4	1	1	1	1						
36	students excluded (non infectious)		0	0	0	0	0						
37	Agency Referrals		0	0	1	1	1						
38	Total number of students services		478	488	417	476	539						
39	Other												
40	attendance calls incoming		92	139	113	123	176						
41	attendance calls outgoing		5	2	0	2	0						
42	parent/guardian conferences/communication		19	5	8	15	39						
43	guidance/CST/I&RS conferences		3	3	4	4	3						
44	health Classes taught		0	4	0	0	0						
45	Reports submitted		2	1	1	2	4						
46	HIB meetings		1	1	2	1	1						
47	Staff												
48	health office visits	2	29	24	13	23	22						
49	Trainings/teaching		0	0	0	3	1						
50	Workman's comp claims initiated	2	2	2	1	2	0						
51	referrals	1	1	1	0	5	1						
52	Education of student medical needs		11	2	1	0	1						
53	Meetings/Workshops/Activites												
54	Teacher inservice		0	0	0	0	0						
55	Faculty	1	1	1	1	1	0						
56	Departmental (Nurse, Health/PE) safety		1	1	2-trainer	0	1						
57	I&RS		1	1	1	1	1						

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2	Health office log #of days/month		20	20	15	17	17						
58	Drills		2	2	2	2	2						
59	Nursing Continuing ED/workshops		0	0	1	0	0						
60	Other												
61	Free/reduced lunch forms		114	14	3	12	3						
62	Review emergency cards		550	24	5	3	3						
63	Substitute plans		1	1	1	1	1						
64	bulletin boards		2	0	1	0	1						
65	Blood drive		date picked	1 meeting	3meeting &assembl	56 dona	date picked						
66	Volunteering/fund raisers/mentoring		0	1	0	1	1						
67	Back to School night		1	0	0	0	0						
68	Student Nurse		2days	3days	2	0	0						
69	Reflection		0	1	3	0	2						
70		sport physicals, concussion assessments, tracking causes.											
71		drug/alcohol assessments and referrals											