

THE ELL-SALINE ECHO

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OPEN HOUSE WRAPUP

On Friday, October 7, and Sunday, October 9, the USD 307 Board of Education hosted Open House events and gave tours of the new construction/remodeled areas at both the Elementary School and the Middle/High School. Many positive comments were heard from and smiles were seen on the faces of those patrons and former students that were in attendance. Comments expressed at the Elementary School included: "The gym and the library are so much bigger." "The carpeting everywhere seems to make it much quieter." The colors on the wall and in the carpet make it so bright and cheerful." "The new classrooms seem brighter." "The new part ties in so well with the existing building." "Looks great!" At the Middle/High School comments expressed included: "This commons areas is wonderful!" "The woodwork and the tile floor in the commons area and the gym hallway really add to it." "The shop area finally has enough room in it so that projects aren't on top of each other." "Good design." Thank you to everyone that attended these events. If you weren't able to attend but would still like to tour the buildings, please contact the building office and a tour can be arranged for you. We are happy to show off our great facilities and show you what your tax dollars are providing. Thank you for believing in our students and in the future of Ell-Saline USD 307 by passing the bond issue.



OCTOBER 10 BOARD MEETING REPORT

Jamie Bradley was the only board member absent. Action taken was on a 6-0 vote unless noted otherwise.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

AUDIENCE WITH THE BOARD

None

REPORTS

SRO Flesher – His report included: trainings he has taken part in; he will be the DARE officer this year and he will begin working with the 6th grade in October; he has begun the GREAT program in Mr. Carazo's classes; he is reviewing the district Crisis Plan; and so far he has dealt with very few issues within the school.

BOE – None

Mrs. Sprinkle – Her report included: staff IDP goals being written using the SMART goal format; curriculum mapping is taking place; will be attending the Fall Assessment Conference in Wichita; reviewed the October Site-Council; reviewed what is planned for the next three In-Service days; and a list of school activities.

Mr. McDaniel – His report included: working on bell to bell instruction; departmental meetings; Math and English formative data; At-Risk Math Intervention has started; Bullying Committee meetings; teacher evaluations have started; Student Advisory Council and Building Leadership Team (faculty) have met; along with Mrs. Holmes he attended the Advanc-Ed Conference in Wichita; football districts for the next two years; and next week a Dress Code Appeals Committee will meet.

Mr. Minneman – His report included: construction update; enrollment of 482 in K-12 on September 20; kindergarten para position; elementary school part-time custodial position; 2012-13 Football district; thanked the board for their efforts with the Open Houses over the weekend; read five thank you notes; and dates that he will be attending meetings out of the district before the next meeting.

BUSINESS

Board Policy Updates—Second Reading—These were approved as presented.

Gym Air Conditioning—This item was tabled due to lack of information.

2010-11 Kansas Communities That Care Survey—The results of the survey taken last year were reviewed. The results again indicate that our students feel safe in our school and community.

KASB Community Conversations—It was the consensus of the board to not hold one of these meetings.

There were two Executive Sessions (Personnel and Student Matter). No action was taken following either of them.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, November 14, 7:00 p.m. at the District Office in Brookville. If anyone wishes to have an item added to the agenda, please contact President Jeff Parker, Vice-President Anita Bird or the District Office two weeks prior to the meeting.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

The EII-Saline Elementary School Improvement Council met October 4, 2011, in the Red and White room (Mrs. Peterson's old classroom). In attendance were: Dana Sprinkle, Robyn Parker, Kathy Randolph, Robbyn Anglin, Mendee Kramer, Michelle Schrock, Susan Stateham and Pam Dodd. Robyn opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

After introductions were made, the Chairperson and Secretary positions were opened for selection. Pam Dodd will continue as secretary. The Chairperson selection was tabled for now.

Susan gave an update on the testing completed. MAP scores will be printed and included in the first quarter report cards. Susan and several others administered an extensive developmental reading assessment (DRA) for K-6 in order to develop baselines for intervention groups—approaching level, on level and beyond level.

New EII-Saline Elementary Demographic pages were reviewed and narratives completed by Mrs. Sprinkle with the input of council discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05. The next meeting will be December 6, 2011, 6:00 p.m. in the Red and White Room.

Submitted by Pamela Dodd

CPTA MINUTES

for Monday, September 19, 2011

Attendance:

Anita Bird	Mendee Kramer	Kristi Kern
Traci Dent	Glenda Minneman	Misty Holmes
Cindy Larson	Tamra Graves	Amy Helm
Dana Maize	Erin Hecker	Brooke Riedel
Jennifer Walker	April Saskowski	Tara Richards
Dawn Pierce	Karla Alley	Janelle Stelter
Dana Sprinkle	Michelle Cooper	Lisa Wilvers

Principal Report:

Mrs. Sprinkle mentioned there is no school on September

22nd and 23rd. Since the teachers are at the school for a day and a half each day of conferences, they get Friday off for working so hard. Mrs. Sprinkle has registered on My Coke.com so we can use the points to get things for the school. The students have been practicing for severe weather during the school day. They have been practicing by classes. All the students need to be in the basement in three minutes. This is something the students will have to get used to going to the basement.

Secretary Report:

The minutes were read by the people in attendance. Erin Hecker made the motion to accept the minutes. Dawn Pierce seconded it. There was no correspondence this month.

Treasurer Report:

There is \$5,518.86 in the Library Fund and \$5,941.57 in the Checking account.

Old Business:

Mendee Kramer reported that she has all the classroom communicators. Each teacher will be emailed and the packets will be sent home with the student.

Book Fair was last Tuesday and you can still look at the books during conference time. There were plenty of snacks and volunteers for the event.

Family Fun Night is October 1st from 5pm to 7pm. Family Fun Night menu includes walking taco dinner. Janelle will be making a flyer for parents to help with the topping and desserts. We will be having a raffle and playing bingo. Jennifer is checking on bingo supplies.

We have many nights to go out to eat at several businesses and get money for the CPTA. We raised \$174.00 at the Freddy's night. On September 29th it is at Jim's Chicken from 10:30am – 9pm. You must take the flyer and say you are with EII Saline and 20% will go to the CPTA. October 11th is Big Cheese Night from 5pm to 8pm, please bring in the coupon. On October 27th is Spangles on West Crawford night from 5pm to 8pm and CPTA will receive 20%. November 9th is Cozy Inn night from 5pm to 9pm, please bring in the coupon and CPTA will receive 15%. December 13th is a meal night also. January 10th is Quiznos night and we receive 10%.

Have to have board approval to change the dates of the fundraiser. A committee will decide which book we will do from the Great American Opportunity with Chris Meis. The committee will look into the express script gift card program a little more before the next meeting. Next month we will vote on a proposal for the fundraiser. Letters will be sent out to parents to see what they would like to have purchased with the money from the fundraiser.

We have gotten \$500 for box tops so far this year. We had talked about saving Capri Sun pouches but decided they would be too messy.

We have a check from Target Rewards for \$144.32.

Fall pictures will be October 4th and Lisa Wilvers and Dawn Pierce will help with this activity.

Amber is working with Mrs. Songer for Red Ribbon Week. The check was never cashed from the DJ last year.

New Business:

We will start saving Sunny D UPC symbols until November 30th. We will receive 20 new books for each class if we collect 20 labels. It has to be 16 oz or bigger. Teachers will pick the books from Scholastic Books. Traci Dent will handle this project and get them sent in.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Anita Bird

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT’S DESK

Welcome to November from Ell-Saline USD 307. Wow! It doesn’t seem possible that it can be that time of year already. In just a few more weeks we’ll be sitting around our dining room tables with family and friends, eating a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings, and giving thanks for the many blessings that we receive.

This past month I have been reminded of, and have observed, many things going on with our students, staff and patrons that give us cause for celebration and thanksgiving. Every year the University of Kansas recognizes the top 10% of seniors from high schools in the state. This year it was held on October 12 at the Salina Country Club, and three of our top senior students and their parents were recognized at the KU Honors Banquet. They were: Whitney Albers, daughter of Jeff and Christina; Monika Grant, daughter of Scott and Jeanette; and Faith Rasmussen, daughter of Richard and Denise. Our high school vocal students were part of the HOA League Honor Choir that was held on October 6 at Bethany College in Lindsborg. Various FFA teams placed well at competitions they were in and a group of them attended the National FFA Conference in Indianapolis where our local chapter and a past graduate received national awards. The MS volleyball and football teams completed their seasons after giving us plenty to cheer about and showing improvement during the season. The HS volleyball and football teams have competed well throughout the season. Mrs. Marrs has several students working hard in preparation for the upcoming high school play, *I’m Getting Murdered in the Morning*, a murder mystery that takes place at a wedding reception, which will be presented on November 12 and 13. Ms. Brandt and Ms. Grover are working with their students in preparation of the Grades 5-6 music concert on November 10, the HOA Instrumental Honors Concert at Berean Academy on November 8 and the Grades 7-12 music concert on November 17. Our students in various grade levels have completed the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) assessment. A group of high school students participated in the HOA Leadership Conference at HCC on September 28. Numerous educational field trips have been taken to enhance our students learning. Last week we finished our first 9-weeks grading period and looking at the grade reports of the students, even amidst all of the activities going on, our students and staff “kept their noses to the grindstone” to begin the year. A large percentage of our parents attended the Parent-Teacher Conferences where they had an opportunity to discuss their child’s progress with the teachers. Our CPTA and Booster Club have continued to provide additional support for our students and staff. Several district patrons and Board of Education members have given of their time by serving on the Cardinal Foundation for Educational Excellence Board of Directors as they recently met to determine the awarding of various grants. We thank you for having taken the time and interest to attend, support and encourage our students and staff in all of their efforts and encourage you to take advantage

of the upcoming opportunities this next month.

Two weeks ago the Kansas State Department of Education reported to the Kansas State Board of Education which schools made the Standard of Excellence on last year’s state assessments. As was anticipated from the preliminary information of last spring, our schools did very well. On the Reading Assessment Grades 4, 6, 7, 8 and 11 made the Standard of Excellence as well as each school making it Building Wide. On the Math Assessment Grades 3, 4, 6, 7 and 11 made the Standard of Excellence as well as each school making it Building Wide. On the Science Assessment the elementary school made the Standard of Excellence Building Wide. This accomplishment was not made by one factor alone but rather by a combination of factors. This was the result of the students, staff and parents working together and supporting the efforts of each other.

Although we have not yet had the threat of a widespread flu like illness it is about that time of the year when the regular flu bug begins to hit. We will appreciate everyone’s help in containing the flu as well as we have in the past by practicing proper health etiquette and by keeping your children home while they were ill.

It is refreshing to see the interest, and involvement, of so many parents and patrons of the district. Only through your help and encouragement will Ell-Saline USD 307 continue to be a place where your children will receive a quality education. Thank you for your continued trust and confidence.

ELL-SALINE LIONS CLUB

BROOKVILLE

Sausage Gravy and Biscuits

SATURDAY

November 12th, 2011

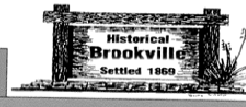
7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Brookville Community Bldg.

Community, Hunters & Travelers WELCOME

Free Will Donations

Proceeds will go to the
Ell-Saline Lions Club
Community Fund

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at www.ellsaline.org

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| Nov. 1 | All Saints Day | Nov. 15 | 3:00 MS BB @ Trinity Catholic |
| Nov. 2 | MS/HS Fall Picture Retakes | Nov. 17 | 7:00 7-12 Fall Concert at Ell-Saline Middle/High School |
| Nov. 3 | FFA @ Linn | Nov. 21 | 6:30 CPTA Meeting at Ell-Saline Elementary |
| Nov. 3 | 6:30-8:00 CPTA Sock Hop | Nov. 22 | MS Winter Sports & Cheerleader Pictures |
| Nov. 6 | Daylight Saving Time Ends (Remember to set your clocks back) | Nov. 22 | 4:00 MS BB Wilson @ ES |
| Nov. 7-13 | HS Buffer Week | Nov. 23-25 | NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break |
| Nov. 8 | 7:00 HOA Instrumental Honors @ Berean Academy | Nov. 24 | Thanksgiving Day |
| Nov. 8 | Election Day | Nov. 29 | HS Winter Sports & Cheerleader Pictures |
| Nov. 10 | 7:00 5-6 Fall Concert at Ell-Saline Middle/High School | Nov. 29 | HS Winter Sports Parents Meeting |
| Nov. 11 | Elementary Fall Picture Retakes | Nov. 29 | HS Scholar's Bowl @ Tescott |
| Nov. 11 | Veteran's Day | Nov. 29 | 5:00 HS Girls BB Scrimmage |
| Nov. 12 | 7:00 HS Play | Nov. 29 | 6:00 HS Boys BB Scrimmage |
| Nov. 13 | 6:30 After-Prom Meeting at Ell-Saline Elementary | Dec. 1 | 4:00 MS BB @ Moundridge |
| Nov. 13 | 2:00 HS Play | Dec. 1 | 5:30 WR @ Minneapolis |
| Nov. 14 | NO SCHOOL—Teacher In-Service Day | Dec. 2 | 4:45 HS BB @ Herington |
| Nov. 14 | Basketball/Wrestling practice begins | Dec. 3 | 9:00 JV WR @ Salina South |
| Nov. 14 | 7:00 BOE Meeting at Ell-Saline District Office | Dec. 3 | 9:30 WR @ Osborne |

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