

## OCTOBER 8 BOARD MEETING REPORT

Marty 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

Delbert Armbrust asked the board to reconsider the maximum speed limit for buses.

### REPORTS

**BOE** – Jeff Parker shared that the SHESC Legislative Luncheon will be held on Thursday, November 15. Jamie Bradley reported that the CPTA Carnival held on October 6 was a success.

Mrs. Sprinkle – Her report included: staff goals have been submitted through MyLearningPlan; she will be attending the Fall Assessment Conference on November 5-7; the School Improvement Council met and discussed the Parent Involvement Plan, Behavior Expectation Plan, Families, School Lunch Program and potential “shoe Swap”; Roundtable discussions with 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students; Bigs and Littles will be starting soon; and student activities.

Mrs. Wildeman – Her report included: character education activities planned by the Cardinals Rock committee; October and November in-service dates will concentrate on the new common core standards; Student Council had a busy week with homecoming activities; and a meeting for juniors, seniors and their parents at 7:00 p.m. with Athletic Directors of KWU and CCCC to explain the recruitment process and to answer questions (this is an informational meeting and not a recruiting meeting).

Mr. Minneman – His report included: information on the Kansas Educator Evaluation Protocol (KEEP) which is an approved system that meets the requirements of the ESEA waiver; SHESC Legislative Luncheon on November 15; KASB Annual Convention in Topeka; post season assignments for volleyball and cross country; and dates that he will be attending meetings out of the district before the next meeting.

### BUSINESS

**Changes in Calendar**—The following changes in this year's calendar were approved. Monday January 21 from a Student Contact Day to an In-Service Day in order for us to participate in a joint In-Service Day with NCAA schools at Southeast of Saline. If we qualify for state volleyball then Monday, November 26, will be changed from a Student Contact Day to an In-Service Day which will replace the scheduled In-Service Day of October 26.

**Approve New Hire**—Emeryld Wills was approved as a Title I Math/Reading teaching assistant.

**Accept Resignation**—Brenda Bockenstette's resignation as the District Office Administrative Assistant effective October 17 was accepted.

**Board Policy Updates**—Since this was the first reading no action was taken. They will be brought back in November for possible action.

**Board Goals**—The board reviewed the goals. No action was taken and they will be brought back in November.

There were no Executive Sessions. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office in Brookville. If anyone wishes to have an item added to the agenda, please contact President Jeff Parker, Vice-President Geena Kejr or the District Office two weeks prior to the meeting.

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, October 1, 2012

The Ell-Saline Elementary School Improvement Council met Oct. 1, 2012, in the ESE Meeting Room. In attendance were: Dana Sprinkle, Kathy

Randolph, Mitch Drees, Michelle Schrock, Rhonda McDanel, Robyn Parker, Margaret Shaver, Kim Parks, Susan Stateham, Melissa Wessel and Pam Dodd.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Kathy Randolph. The first item of business was to select a new Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary. Rhonda McDanel is the new Chairperson, Vice-Chair is Kim Parks, and Secretary is Pam Dodd. Robyn Parker will be rotating off the SIC. Thank you Robyn for many years of service!

Dana Sprinkle reported that the template for the Parent Involvement Plan was complete. The only remaining item was an attachment piece for parent volunteer help opportunities. This would include CPTA, school-sponsored or classroom opportunities. Those in attendance divided into groups to brainstorm events for each month to be compiled by Mrs. Sprinkle and added to the template.

Parents in attendance were asked to give feedback regarding the School-Wide Behavior Expectation Plan. All was positive.

Susan Stateham shared information with parents about the ESE “Family” groups. Others shared positive feedback regarding the same.

Other business included discussion about providing a “PE shoes” swap sometime in Jan. or Feb., when children have out grown them to save on expenses for parents. Another item discussed was the new school lunch program.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Next meeting is Jan. 7, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.

## MONTHLY PARENT LEARNING TIPS #6 RECOGNIZE EARLY WARNING SIGNS OF SCHOOL FAILURE

Taken from RMC Research Corporation.

How will you know if your child is making good progress in reading and writing? What are some early signs that will tell you that your child is having trouble in school? Here are some hints to help you recognize these problems:

Watch for the following signs:

- Your child doesn't want to go to school in the morning.
- Your child squints or has trouble seeing books close up or objects far away.
- Your child doesn't want to do his or her homework.
- Your child is skipping school.
- Your child is not bringing home notes from school.
- Your child is becoming a behavior problem at school.
- Your child is bringing home poor grades.

If you notice any of the above warning signs, what should you do?

- Call the school. Ask your child's teacher how well he or she is progressing in acquiring the basic reading and writing skills.
- Ask the teacher what you can do to help your child learn these skills.
- Ask that the school nurse test your child's eyes and ears to make sure that vision or hearing is not causing a problem.
- Make an appointment to visit your child's classroom to observe.
- Ask the teacher to mail home important notes or arrange to pick up your child's notes at school once a week.
- Ask the teacher for frequent progress reports on your child.
- Have the school attendance office call you immediately if your child is marked absent.
- Continue to stress the importance of education and support the school in any comments you make to your child.
- Offer to help your child with homework – but don't do all the work yourself.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at [www.ellsaline.org](http://www.ellsaline.org)

<p>Nov. 1 All Saints Day          Nov. 2 ACT Test Registration Deadline          Nov. 2 TBA HS FB Regionals          Nov. 3 HS KMEA Auditions          Nov. 4 Daylight Saving Time Ends          Nov. 5 HS Buffer Week Begins          Nov. 5 FFA @ Salina          Nov. 6 7:00 HS HOA League Instrumental Music Honors @ Trinity Catholic          Nov. 6 Election Day          Nov. 8 7:00 5-6 Band/Vocal Program at Ell-Saline Elementary          Nov. 9 TBA HS FB Sectionals          Nov. 11 End of HS Buffer Week          Nov. 11 Veteran's Day          Nov. 12 NO SCHOOL—Teacher In-Service Day          Nov. 12 Winter Sports Practice Begins          Nov. 12 7:00 BOE Meeting at Ell-Saline District Office          Nov. 12 Veteran's Day—Observed          Nov. 13 MS Winter Sports/Cheerleader Pictures          Nov. 13 4:00 MS BB Trinity Catholic @ ES</p>	<p>Nov. 14 Elementary Fall Picture Retakes          Nov. 15 FFA @ Linn          Nov. 15 7:00 7-12 Fall Concert at Ell-Saline Middle/High School          Nov. 16 TBA HS FB Sub-State          Nov. 19 6:30 CPTA Meeting at Ell-Saline Elementary          Nov. 20 5:00 MS BB @ Wilson          Nov. 21 NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break          Nov. 22 NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Day          Nov. 23 NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break          Nov. 24 TBA HS FB State          Nov. 27 HS Winter Sports/Cheerleader/Dance Pictures          Nov. 27 HS Winter Sports Parents Meeting          Nov. 27 5:00 HS Girls BB Scrimmage          Nov. 27 6:00 HS Boys BB Scrimmage          Nov. 28 FFA @ Chapman          Nov. 29 4:00 MS BB @ Marion          Nov. 30 4:30 HS BB Trinity Catholic @ ES          Nov. 30 Fall State Recognition          Dec. 1 TBA HS KMEA Band/Choir @ Manhattan</p>
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### FFA AGRICULTURAL SALES

Amber Bird, Brittany Clancy, Justin Schmutz, and Michael Pieschl, members of the FFA participated in agricultural sales competition in Clay Center. All four members had to take an ag sales test, sell a product of their choice in the individual sales category, and as a team sell Purina Mills horse and cattle feed. The Ell-Saline FFA chapter received 4<sup>th</sup> place as a team facing chapters from all over North Central Kansas. Michael Pieschl placed 9<sup>th</sup> in individual sales and Justin Schmutz placed 5<sup>th</sup> in individual sales.

The Ell-Saline FFA is conducting its annual Holiday Food Drive to benefit the community. We are asking that you bring in as many cans of fruit, vegetables and soup as possible. Boxes of stuffing and instant potatoes are also items of need. Deadline for food items is November 7. Please drop off at the school or notify Mr. Weis for pick-up. Your help is greatly appreciated.

The Ell-Saline FFA is conducting its annual Holiday Fruit, Meat and Cookie Sale. Contact a FFA member to get your order in. You can email Mr. Weis at [vweis@ellsaline.org](mailto:vweis@ellsaline.org). Deadline is November 7<sup>th</sup>.

### FAMILY FUN AND FITNESS

The Wellness Committee joined the Olympian "Going For the Gold" Carnival as they hosted a Family Fun and Fitness event during the CPTA Carnival. An Active Fitness game was lead by Nathan Burgess, Kelsey Burgess & Bob Walters. This Competition consisted of timed ballistic cups, timed rock climbing and basket ball shooting- the best out of ten shots. Becky Walters and Susan Reiff lead in nutrition games of Who wants to be a Foodinair and What's on My Plate. All competitors and parents enjoyed healthy fresh Apples, Pears and Oranges. Volunteer Makayla Pierce also helped serve up "Create your Own Healthy Trail Mix", scoops of whole grain cereal, raisins, dry roasted peanuts and pretzels were the choices. This Opportunity was funded through a grant from the US Dept. of Agriculture/ Kansas Nutrition Education Association, with matching funds from the CPTA. Thank you CPTA for allowing us to join you, the students and parents in "Going for the Gold".

Submitted by Becky Walters

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**Ell-Saline USD 307**

## MS VOLLEYBALL HAS SUCCESSFUL SEASON



Back Row- Coach Marshall, Miranda Work, Randy Sheridan, Reilly Brin, Megan Northcutt, Madison Schuman, Baleigh Griffin, Manager Kadi Relph, Coach Werner  
Front Row- Sydney Omli, Brooklyn Plott, Milah Linenberger, Adriena Rodriguez

The Ell-Saline Middle School A-Team Lady Cards finished their season this year with an outstanding record of 9-1! The ladies finished the regular season as League Champions with an undefeated record of 7-0. They also finished 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the League Tournament to end the successful season. The MS B and C Teams also finished with a successful record of 6-1 for each. Congratulations ladies for all your hard work and accomplishments!!

***GO LADY CARDS!!***

**ELL-SALINE LIONS CLUB  
BROOKVILLE COMMUNITY BUILDING  
SAUSAGE GRAVY & BISCUITS  
Saturday, November 10, 2012  
7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
FREE WILL DONATIONS**

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

## STAFF/STUDENT OF THE MONTH

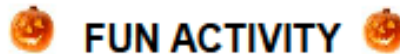


The October Staff Member of the Month is Lee Weis. Mr. Weis is the Agriculture instructor at Ell-Saline. He has been teaching at Ell-Saline for 15 years and has been teaching for a total of 28 years. He sponsors the Junior class, NHS, FFA, and supervises the concessions. In the community, Mr. Weis is involved in Child and Parenting Service, KSU Ag Alumni Board, KSU Ag Education Advisory Board, Central States Climate Change Advisory Board, Career and Technical Education Advisory for Kansas. Mr. Weis' hobbies include fishing, gardening, and tailgating at the K-State football games. In the future, Mr. Weis plans to continue teaching.

The October High School Student of the Month is Senior, Montana Nelson. She is the daughter of Dena Hollis and the sister of Bobbi Miller, Jay Miller, and Alex Miller. Montana babysits for other members of her community. Her hobbies include reading, drawing, taking pictures, and watching her niece, Briley, and nephew, Jaystn. In the future, Montana plans to open her own photography studio.



The October Middle School Student of the Month is eighth grader, Konon Hays. He is the son of Kevin Hays and Amy Minor. Konon is the brother of Keegan and Cade Hays. In school, Konon participates in football, basketball, and track. In the community, Konon is involved in dog training, Pheasants Forever, and Ducks Unlimited. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, playing baseball, and building models. In the future, Konon plans to go to college and go into law enforcement.



### FUN ACTIVITY

Ell-Saline Lions Club & Saline Co. Fire Dist. #13  
presents a family fun or Super Scary Haunted House

**Wednesday, October 31st**

**Times: 7:00am to 10:00pm**





In Brookville (12 minutes from Salina) at the City Hall building on the corner of Perry & 2nd Street

Questions call:  
Shondra Abker @  
822-4842



Admittance is by  
your choice \$  
donation!!

This year they have added a fire safety area to help teach families and children about home fire safety. Games, treats, sit in a fire truck, and meet our local firefighters included.

  Bring the whole family for a fun filled time!!!  

## EXERCISE OUR CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

Next Tuesday, November 6, there will be an opportunity for us to again exercise one of our civic responsibilities. That is the opportunity to get out and vote. Casting our ballot for the political candidates of our choice is one of the basic responsibilities we have as citizens. We have all seen the advertisements on TV for the candidates, heard them on the radio and read them in the newspapers. Between now and November 6 there will be countless more opportunities to learn about the candidates to help us make an informed decision. It is important that we have state legislators, a president and other elected officials that are supportive of public education and are willing to provide the necessary funding to help students meet the accountability requirements set by our elected officials. We need governmental leaders that are willing to provide statewide resources rather than requiring locally elected leaders to provide those resources at an even higher cost to local patrons than it would be if shared statewide. We need governmental leaders that are willing to find solutions that provide more equality of education across the state and nation rather than being dependent on the wealth, or size, of each individual district. If we don't research the options and then express our opinion at the polls then we shouldn't express our dissatisfaction with the results. I encourage all voters to be informed about the candidates and then go to the polls on November 6 and cast our ballots in favor of public education.

## 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 short 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 10 at the Salina Country Club, and five of our top senior students and their parents were recognized at the KU Honors Banquet. They were: Taylor Albers, daughter of Jeff and Christina; Toby Omli, son of Tom and Susie; Courtney Reed, daughter of Tracy and Michelle Hynes; Bryna Reitchek, daughter of Greg and Kriste; and Melissa Wimer, daughter of Joel and Jeri. Our high school vocal students were part of the HOA League Honor Choir that was held on October 4 at Remington High School. 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 MS volleyball team finished the regular season undefeated and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in their league tournament. The HS volleyball, cross country and football teams have competed well throughout the season and all three have qualified for post season competition. Ms. Brandt and Ms. Grover are working with their students in preparation of the Grades 5-6 music concert on November 8, the HOA Instrumental Honors Concert at Trinity-Catholic School on November 6 and the Grades 7-12 music concert on November 15. Our HS Scholars' Bowl team coached by Mrs. Hanson has begun its competition. 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 26. 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 Site-Councils at each building and on the District Calendar Committee. 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.

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 Band Chicken Noodle Dinner

5:30-6:30 November 15, 2012

Mark your calendars for a night of delicious food and entertainment. The Ell-Saline Band with the generous help from Jim's Chicken is putting on a fundraiser to support their Band trip this April. For \$7.00 you can enjoy a mouthwatering chicken noodle dinner complete with drink and dessert. Let the band students help you with the cooking and clean up.

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I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$7.00 each

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Hold my ticket(s) at the door

\_\_\_\_\_ Send my ticket(s) with my child \_\_\_\_\_

Questions: Contact Robyn Parker @452-0875 or

Darcy Bradley @819-4091. Thank you for your support. 😊