

## HS Principal's Report to the School Board, 11/20/17

1. Mr. Jurrens has brought you a list of students for early graduation in December and it is attached to this report. They must complete all coursework and be in good standing to graduate early. Please remember they do not receive their diplomas until May with the rest of the class.
2. Teachers worked during professional development last week on more planning for J-term classes. Students are loaded into classes and will be loaded into "skinny" courses beginning this week. There is much excitement building as we move forward with our PBL initiative. Please leave January 17 from 4-6 pm open to attend our gallery event at the end of J-term.
3. The Building Leadership Team is prepping to address grading in the building and researching whether grade inflation is an issue. One of the team members has written an IPDP action plan after a TLC book study to work through this discussion. Our goal is to discover what we truly grade for and determine how to grade so proficiencies and standards are at the forefront of our assessments.
4. We had approximately 40% of our families attend parent teacher conferences in October. This is a discussion item at the NEIC conference principal's meeting as no high school is above that percent in the conference. We have discussed orientation conference, student-led conferences, and open house conferences in September. I would be interested in hearing your thoughts on this issue.
5. Iowa Big North continues to grow and flourish along with the addition of MOC, WEC, and computer science in the building. As we grow, the parties involved are spending time talking about values and missions of the program. I invite you to visit any of these programs/classes and to give feedback.

### Proposed Early Graduates:

1. Taylor Perkins- will attend NICC 2nd semester
2. Cody Ritter- full time work force
3. Justin Hajek- full time work force (tentative)