## High School Principal's Report to the School Board December 19, 2016

- 1. The end of the semester is December 22. Students will take two days of finals as they have done in the past. We are working on those students who can opt out with 90% achievement, less than 3 absences, and no major behavior incidents, and they will be informed upon return from break. Exams will be during extended testing time.
- 2. The second semester schedule is complete and the guidance department has been working on balancing schedules. We continue to work with students to utilize their time in the best manner including concurrent classes, CTE courses, and advanced core work.
- 3. Staff culture and climate continues to improve and students are benefitting from it. We as in the last few days of our 12 days til Winter Break celebration. We are finding that kids are feeding off the positive attitudes of our staff.
- 4. We will be implementing our Passion Projects April 12-13 at the high school. Each teacher will be working on a two day course during professional development for the remainder of the semester. These courses are linked to a passion of each teacher and will connect to 21st century skills. Stay tuned for updates on their work. Teachers are very excited to share their passions, both in and out of their curriculum with students and many are including a service element in their courses.
- 5. Our PBIS student leadership and our student LEAD group are preparing to work with middle school students to jump start a leadership initiative that can become district wide. Mr. Manson, Ryan Rausch and our student leaders will be working with middle school students on a monthly basis.
- Our CTE staff met with their advisory board last week. We continue to work on tackling 21st century skill issues. These are also skills that make our students career and college ready.

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