

High School Principal's Report to the School Board

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1. We have had a great start to our school year. PBIS activities, the new Code of Conduct, and our reading initiatives to address the SINA designation have been our focus. We continue to have to be creative with schedule as our teaching staff shrinks and we bring in a larger freshman class.
2. Homecoming is September 21-16. Please feel free to attend any and all activities we have planned that week including the parade and king coronation on Thursday, and game and queen coronation on Friday. We appreciate any feedback on how we can make this week more community oriented.
3. R5 and Mike Donahue will again be with us on September 28 and Freshman Retreat was September 10. We believe these events bring our students to a new level of understanding their peers and their social emotional needs. You are invited to attend on the 28th.
4. Our new reading initiative that has rolled out through our TRIBE (advisory) time is already showing some success. Qualitatively, students are talking about what they are reading and thanking us for some reading time. I will be sharing our baseline data with you during the meeting.
5. PLCs are preparing for some deep digging into the Iowa Core during our district wide professional development. Remember we are back to scheduled times during the school day for PLC groups to meet.
6. Our first intervention time is this week. We will initially be addressing students with low grades to decrease our failing rates. Those failing will be assigned as others will be chosen by teachers to come to them. Mr. Montieth will also be working with us during this time.
7. We have fully integrated the Schoology Enterprise at the high school. Our power users have training this week and new users will get a crash course with me. We are running all of our advisory through this program. Students are becoming quite apt with its use.