

EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS



BOARD HAPPENINGS

April 7 and 21, 2009



APRIL 21ST REGULAR MEETING

■ The Crossing—Prior to voting to use this program for the 2009-10SY, Rob Staley of The Crossing Educational Center gave an overview of this community-based alternative education program for 9th-12th grade students who do not function best in a normal school setting. ■ School Choice - Bob Rohrbacher presented School Choice information. ■ Response to Intervention Model - RtI is a general prevention approach that can be used with any academic or behavioral area. It is an approach for identifying struggling students before they fall too far behind their peers. Presenters: Marilyn Hissong, Karen Charters, Teresa Knoblauch, and Jo Ann Roscoe.

APRIL 7TH WORK SESSION

As a follow-up to Strategic Planning, discussion continued regarding 1) Standardization of the elementary school day for 2009-10 of 6 hrs. 10 mins., fulfilling commitment to EAEA. Formal action to be taken at the 4/21 Board meeting; 2) Full day kindergarten will be added at HIEL and HAEL in 2009-10SY, with intention that FDK be added at CEEL for 2010-11SY, and 3) Middle school programming – Dr. Novotny gave a brief overview of the two options presented at previous meetings. Bill Hartman stated that he can't support having three middle schools and three high schools. Janice Kelly responded that we cannot keep things the way they currently are. President Terry feels strongly about hearing from the community on this issue. Feasibility Study (Priorities & Next Steps) - Discussion continued as to what the Board believes the next steps for the District should be. It is becoming clear that a referendum(s) is probably necessary to support our buildings and programs. Dr. Novotny will bring her recommendations to the Board at the April 21st Board meeting. Community meeting(s) will take place in May.

RECOGNITIONS

The Northeast Hoosier Conference Super Bowl was held in March at Belmont High School. New Haven High School ended up taking 3rd place overall. Individual team placements and members: ENGLISH – 2nd place - Members: Natasha Kersjes, Kayleigh Fisher & Katie Cassel; SCIENCE – 1st place - Members: Kassi Beck, Emma Shoemaker & William Byer; INTERDISCIPLINARY – 2nd place – Members: Katie Cassel, Natasha Kerjes, Kassi Beck & Victory Soe. Great job!



Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School Senior Laura Spieth was awarded the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. This 4-year full tuition scholarship also provides \$800 per year for required fees and books. Only six students in all of Allen County receive this Scholarship each year. Laura will attend Butler University. She is the daughter of Stanley Spieth and the late Gina Spieth. Congratulations!



Four of our high schools are participating in the CANstruction Event currently taking place at Glenbrook Mall. Each school - Heritage, Leo, New Haven, and Woodlan - built structures made entirely from canned goods. After the event the canned goods are donated to the Community Harvest Food Bank. Wow!

Hoagland Elementary School

raised over \$1,038 during Zoo Wild Week to benefit the new African Journey exhibit at the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, scheduled to open June 6. On May 6th the school will be recognized at the Children's Zoo as one of the top fundraisers of Zoo Wild Week and will receive a prize from Sweetwater Sound. Awesome!



Both Heritage and New Haven High Schools' counseling programs have met the criteria to become a Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) by the American School Counselor Association. Both schools have had to do a tremendous amount of work designing counseling programs that meet the academic, career, and citizenship development needs of their students, while meeting standards identified in the Indiana Program Standards for School Counseling. Congratulations to Heritage principal Chris Hissong, and New Haven principal Eva Merkel, their Guidance Departments, and their Steering Teams and Advisory Councils for all of their hard work to earn this prestigious award!

Superintendent's Visits

- Harlan Elementary School
- Heritage Jr./Sr. High School
- Hoagland Elementary School
- Meadowbrook Elementary
- Monroeville Elementary School
- Paul Harding High School

PERSONNEL

~Welcome New Hire~

- Roger Newton, Athletic Director, HEHS (09-10SY)

~Admin. Assignment~

- Karen Charters, current Admin. Intern at HOEL, as half-time Principal and half-time resource at MOEL

~Resignations~

- Lenanne Miller, para, LEHS, eff. 04/06/09
- Estrella Raggio, teacher, LEHS, eff. end of SY
- Lisa Miller, teacher, MOEL, eff. end of SY
- Karen Heimann, District Occupational Therapist, eff. end of SY
- Megan Eichel, food service, LEHS, eff. 05/01/09

~Retirements~

- Joan Brown, food service, HIEL, eff. 03/20/09
- Karen West, teacher, PHHS, eff. end of SY
- Marjorie Arnett, custodian, HOEL/PCA, eff. 05/29/09
- Elisabeth Turpchinoff, para, LEEL, eff. end of SY