

EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS



BOARD HAPPENINGS

October 7 and 21, 2008



OCTOBER 21ST REGULAR MEETING

- **Shirley Smith**, Director of EACS' Summer Center program, along with Assistants **Becky Beardsley** (who has been with the program since its inception 17 years ago) and **Greg Geise** (who has been with the program for 10 years), shared highlights from this past year's program which had an all-academic focus, and involved students from Pre-K through 8th grade.
- **Bob Rohrbacher**, Executive Director of Student Services, provided additional information to the Board regarding Student Discipline, Summer School, and ADM/Enrollment.

OCTOBER 7TH WORK SESSION

- **Dr. MacLean**, Deputy Superintendent, presented findings regarding the advantages/disadvantages of transitioning from a three- to a two-semester schedule for all EACS high schools beginning with the 2009-10 school year). Board discussion followed. A recommendation will be presented at the 10/21/08 School Board Meeting.
- **Dr. Novotny** shared with the Board the proposed updated Mission Statement and new Vision Statement for the District which were developed by the Strategic Planning Committee.
- **Mrs. Lightfoot** asked about the status of Activities Passes for senior citizens. **Dr. MacLean** will follow-up on this and get a recommendation to the Board.
- As a part of the Strategic Planning **Dr. Novotny** will give a State of the District Address tomorrow night at **Park Hill Learning Center**. The "Listening Tour" meetings will begin on Monday, October 13.
- On October 28th, students from **New Haven, Paul Harding, and Heritage High Schools**, will have the opportunity to attend "The Pact" – the story of three African American doctors who made a pact when they were young to stay off the streets and to become doctors. This has been made possible in part by a grant from Dupont Hospital.
- **President Terry** expressed his gratitude to the district for all the love and expressions of kindness shown to him and his family since the death of his mother a week ago.
- Promulgation of New Administrative Policy 6500 - Title I Instructional Programs

Superintendent's Visits

- Heritage Jr./Sr. High School
- Leo Jr./Sr. High School
- New Haven High School
- Paul Harding High School
- Prince Chapman Academy
- Southwick Elementary School
- Village Elementary School
- Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School

PERSONNEL

~ Welcome New Hires ~

- **Shannon Walker**, teacher, NHHS
- **Sarah Cramer**, teacher, SOEL
- **Sarah Thompson**, ESL teacher, HIEL

~ Resignations ~

- **Cori McKenzie**, para, PHLC, eff. 08/08/08
- **Donna Miller**, para, NHHS, eff. 10/03/08

RECOGNITIONS



The **HEHS** FFA/4H teams swept the State Horticulture contest recently. Team members included **Laura Morman** - 1st place indiv., **Elizabeth Rohlf** - 2nd place indiv., and **Kari Hammond** - 3rd place indiv. In Senior High 4H: **Audra Franz** placed 1st indiv., **Laurynn Thieme** - 2nd, and **John Morman** - 3rd. In the 4H Jr. Division: **Joseph Morman** placed 1st, **Lindsey Mulholand** - 2nd, **Grant Hood** - 5th, **Austin Franz** - 6th and **Rachel Hammond** - 7th. Congratulations to each of these individuals!

Heritage and **Woodlan High School's** marching bands will compete at Semi-State this weekend. Good luck!

EACS is proud to have 3 schools who have qualified as "Four Star Schools." They are **Cedarville Elementary School, Leo Elementary School, and Leo Jr./Sr. High School**. The award is the highest state distinction and is based on student achievement on ISTEP+ assessments and overall attendance rates. Job Well Done!

A letter of commendation was recently received for **PHHS's** Assistant Principal/Athletic Director **C.C. Fullove** who went above and beyond his duties in resolving a situation at his school during an athletic event. Super!



The Governor's Council for People with Disabilities announced the 2008-09 class for the Partners in Policymaking Academy. This class includes Board member **Rick Allgeier**. Great!

MEEL and **NHMS** have teams participating in the Indiana Academy for Parent Leadership. This is a parent information and resource center funded by the U.S. DOE. Team members include Parents: **Amanda Scheitlin, Renee Alexander, Josefina Cervantes**; and Staff: **Abby Akers, James Hendrix, Rhett Butler, and Gail Wonderly**. Awesome!