

Report of Director
September 26, 2018

1. This year our teacher workshop days fell on August 27th and 28th. Mandatory training for all staff was provided along with numerous agenda items followed by a very successful team building event that required teams, talent and ingenuity. Have included some pictures of our teambuilding exercises in your board packet.
2. Our first student day was on 8/29/18; however, we were not in full swing with all our students until 8/31/18. The current preliminary enrollment is 225 students. You will receive an official count on October 1st. I have included a draft enrollment comparison spreadsheet in your board packet. We are certainly still holding our own amidst declining enrollments overall in our state.
3. I am also excited to inform you of an additional grant that has been awarded to us by the Maine State Board of Education – Perkins Middle School Grant. A total of \$5,455 can be used to supplement our MELMAC Grant for teacher compensation and travel. I was not going to apply for this grant but during a three day vacation decided to apply for \$10,000 not thinking we would get it. However, you never know if you don't apply and even though we didn't get the full amount requested, \$5,445 is better than nothing. Will keep you posted.
4. Our first student assemblies were held on September 6th & 7th. The entire staff was introduced to the students. Lots of information was delivered to the students in a competitive manner by asking questions about driving permits, medications, bullying/harassment etc. and having students answer correctly. Questions are designed for both first and second year students.
5. On September 10th, I attended the Maine Administrators of Career and Tech Ed (MACTE) monthly meeting. Agenda items discussed were DOE Report, New Teacher boot camp, ICS Training, Roundtable discussion all Directors and CTE Conference & Maine ACTE update. Janet Mills, Democratic candidate for Governor presented and took questions/feedback from the Directors. Shawn Moody, Republican candidate for Governor will be present at our October MACTE Meeting.
6. We had two meetings back to back on September 18th. The Policy Committee met and reviewed 13 agenda items. I included the detail of policies and recommendations for your review in the board packet. Our goal is to meet twice a month until we are caught up with our policy recommendations from Charlotte Bates of MSMA. A copy of the agenda is included in your board packet.

The Building and Grounds Committee also met after the Policy Meeting and reviewed completed projects, summer maintenance, regular/remaining maintenance and issues being explored. Discussion was also had regarding snow removal, electronic sign and welding addition. A copy of the agenda is included in your board packet.

7. I will be meeting with Superintendents on Friday, September 28th and with the Principals on October 3rd. Lots to discuss, especially with all the new legislation.
8. As you can imagine it has been a very busy start of the new school year, however, it has also been one of the best start ups ever. We are all looking forward to another great year.

It does not seem possible we are already four weeks into the school year. Unreal how fast the time gets away from us. Hope to see all of you next Wednesday at our Cooperative Board Meeting. Enjoy the beauty of our fall weather and take care. See you soon.