

SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

BRENTWOOD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Principal's Report to the School Board

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CURRENT ENROLLMENT

	P	K	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Projected Enrollment, 2006-2007	11	62	73	57	77	74	67	421
Actual Enrollment, June 2007	13	60	69	51	73	76	59	401
Projected Enrollment, 2007-2008	6	57	71	73	55	78	82	422
Actual Enrollment, September 2007	11	54	78	66	52	74	78	413
Actual Enrollment, October 2007								
Actual Enrollment, November 2007								
Actual Enrollment, December 2007								
Actual Enrollment, January 2008								
Actual Enrollment, February 2008								
Actual Enrollment, March 2008								
Actual Enrollment, April 2008								
Actual Enrollment, May 2008								
Actual Enrollment, June 2008								

PERSONNEL UPDATE

Resignations:

Professional: Helaine Sweet, Speech Pathologist
Support Staff: DawnEllen Fielding, Teaching Assistant
Beatrice Matheson, Lunch Program Aide

New Hires:

Professional: Ketti Davis, Second Grade Teacher
Abbie Frank, Speech Pathologist
Julie Proctor, Kindergarten Teacher (50%)
Support Staff: Robin Fosher, Lunch Program Aide
Robert (Sean) Hartnett, Technology Aide (40%)
Shauna Hayes, Preschool Assistant
Tammy Heath, Assistant Food Service Director
Susan Mayo, Instructional Assistant

We are still interviewing to fill an instructional assistant position at first grade.

SUMMER PROJECTS

The reconfiguration of the front entrance is complete. The new doors are being rekeyed so that the school master key will open them and there will be a key that only opens these doors to lend out if necessary. This is important for allowing the Brentwood Police and Fire personnel

access in the case of an emergency. A key that opens only the rear gymnasium is also being created. This will allow the P.E. classes to reenter the building without opening the main doors but will eliminate the need for a master key to be outside of the building on a regular basis. I have requested a quote for installing a keypad on this door that would work with the current keycard system.

New carpeting has been installed in rooms 1 and 3. One third of the school walls have been painted as scheduled. The school has been cleaned and room changes completed. Music and art remain in the Annex. The preschool has moved to the former support services area. The adults who were occupying this area have moved to tutoring spaces and the secretary is now housed in the main office. The former preschool room is now the fourth second grade.

NWEA-MAPS and NECAP ASSESSMENTS

The NWEA-MAPS assessment was completed in May 2007. Parents received reports on their son's/daughter's performance as well as information about how to use the information and the purpose of the assessment.

The teachers have the information for each their students. This instructional information allows educators to reflect back on the impact they have made in a student's life. In addition, teachers can use the information to plan ahead, determining what instruction and materials are most appropriate for students. By providing this targeted information, they create the best opportunity for learning. MAP tests provide highly accurate results that can be used to:

- Identify the skills and concepts individual students have learned.
- Diagnose instructional needs.
- Monitor academic growth over time.
- Make data-driven decisions at the classroom, school, and district levels.
- Place new students into appropriate instructional programs.

Upon careful review, it is clear that the Swasey Central School third, fourth, and fifth graders, with few exceptions, reached their growth targets for the 2006-2007 school year. The information does not lend itself to creating a comprehensive school-wide report to share with the Board or the community. Its purpose is to provide information for teachers and administrators to use to improve general instruction and meet the individual needs of children.

The NH Department of Education and Measured Progress released the information regarding Adequate Yearly Progress and individual student Growth Targets for the October 2006 NECAP testing on August 28, 2007. I am pleased to report that Swasey Central School achieved Adequate Yearly Progress status at all grade levels in all areas reported. We are currently comparing the Student Growth Target information to that of the NWEA to see how well they correlate. If there is strong correlation, we may want to revisit administering both assessments.

The October 2007 NECAP assessments will begin in early October for Reading, Mathematics, and Writing (5th grade only) at the third, fourth, and fifth grade levels. Brentwood will receive results for these grades plus the current sixth grade once they are compiled and released by the state. It is important to remember that this assessment tests the previous year's learning.

Y.M.C.A. SCHOOL'S OUT PROGRAM

Kristina Wagnitz continues as the Y.M.C.A. School Age Program Director. She was unable to attend tonight's meeting and will be invited to make a report to the School Board at the October meeting. At that time, she will provide information regarding the start-up of the *School's Out* program for this school year.

OPENING OF SCHOOL

Parents and students were invited to attend the annual "Meet and Greet" on Monday, August 27th. There was a terrific turn out and it was a successful event. The P.F.G. sponsored a 'Welcome Back' luncheon for staff on Tuesday, August 28th, which was enjoyed by all. The two 'Back-to-School' evenings for parents (September 5th and 6th) were a huge success with a high percentage of parents attending.

Busses are settling into their routes. There are some adjustments being made to even out the runs and get the busses to school in the a.m. and p.m. in a timely manner. I want to compliment Natalie Perry, the SAU Coordinator, on her willingness to work with me to make the needed changes. Her efforts are deeply appreciated.

The Food Service Program is off to a roaring start. Tim Harrington, the Food Service Director, and Tammy Heath, the on-site Assistant Food Service Director have teamed up to provide good food and an inviting atmosphere. All of the comments regarding both have been extremely positive. They are working closely with Assistant Superintendent Frew, Chief Financial Officer Lunney, and me to explore a variety of approaches that may be implemented during the school year.

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS AND EVENTS

- September 18th: P.F.G. Meeting, SCS library at 6:30 p.m.
- September 19th: School pictures
- October 5th: No school for children; staff in-service
- October 8th: Columbus Day, no school