Superintendent’s Reflections

History is fascinating to me. I was asked to look for some information about the district’s past and when digging through the archives, I came across this original document that is the record of William and Mona Kaltz selling land to the district in 1869!!!

This document was part of a ledger that was handwritten and contained minutes from board meetings and Mortimer Plunkett’s contracts (he was the first teacher hired for School District No. 2, which later became Center Line Public Schools). Mortimer’s first contract was written in 1899, and his annual salary was $350. The first entry for the teacher’s retirement fund was in 1917 in the amount of $10.

The Director of the Board of Education in 1899 was John Kaltz. His salary was $20 per year. He hand wrote the budget, which included $1091.72 in revenue and $963.93 in expenditures. Eventually, Mr. and Mrs. Plunkett were also paid for cleaning the school, laundry, and school supplies. Cords of wood were part of the budget as the heat came from the wood burning stove.

Many of the families who were part of the early history of the district are very recognizable: Busch, Grobbel, Rinke, Miller, Trombley, Hartsig, Kaltz, Grosbeck, Desgrandchamp, Jenuine, Weigand, Schoenherr, Burg, and Buechel. The first recorded handwritten list of students registering for school is from 1912, and 159 students from 53 families were registered ranging in age from 4 to 19. According to the records, Mortimer Plunkett was the only teacher at that time.

This district has a long and rich history of families who have dedicated themselves to excellence. People frequently ask me how it is that Center Line Public Schools never became a part of a Warren school district. I tell them what I’ve been told by those who were here in the early days of the district, “The founding families of Center Line were determined to retain autonomy and have a say in the operations of the district. It was felt that a smaller district could more easily know and support all children and their families.” I believe that this is still true.

Have a blessed day.
The mission of Center Line Public Schools is to provide all students relevant and challenging learning experiences to inspire success and empower them to be leaders of tomorrow.

It was tough to determine a topic this month for the Week in Review. Since I am in the 2nd week of the annual financial audit, it has been a hectic, stressful week. I thought I would talk a little about the audit process. The purpose of an annual audit is for our audit firm, Plante Moran, to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements (checking the numbers to make sure they are correct). An audit also includes evaluating accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the financial statements.

Audit preparation includes creating spreadsheets, scanning, and noting supporting documentation that supports all of what has been done in the district for the entire year. Much of the work is done ahead of time, but a large percentage of the work is based on specific items that the auditors want to look at once they begin.

Some of the areas they look at are assets, which includes cash; receivables (money the district is owed at June 30th); fixed assets (large items worth over $5,000); and prepaid items (the district paid for something before June 30th but get the benefit after June 30th). The auditors also look at the district’s liabilities including accounts payable (money the district owes vendors at June 30th), payroll liabilities (money employees earned before June 30th but paid after June 30th such as spread pay for teachers), long term debt (QZAB loan, bonds, future retirements), pension liability (Center Line’s share of the pension debt), and unearned revenue (money paid for grants to CLPS but not spent by CLPS as of June 30th). This is just a portion of all that the auditors review.

Although the final audit has some more steps to be complete, if you are curious about what the final report looks like, you can check out last year’s audit at https://www.clps.org/apps/pages/audit

In the District

Admins at ALICE Training

Theodore Roosevelt said, “In any moment of decision... **the best thing** you can do is the right thing, the **next best thing** is the wrong thing, and the **worst thing you can do is nothing.**”

CLPS sent a group of five administrators to ALICE Training this week: Shannon McBrady, Klaressa Howery, Jennifer Wickersham, Julian Roper, and John Grob. ALICE stands for alert, lockdown, inform, counter, evacuate--the key response steps identified by law enforcement. We don’t ever want to have to use our crisis training, but we do want to be prepared and trained on the best ways to keep our kids safe! Go to www.alicetraining.com for more information.
The Center Line Public Schools Educational Foundation, begun in 2002 by Dr. Terry Follbaum to enhance education in the district, has awarded 150 grants worth over $252,000 to CLPS teachers and buildings. Funds have gone to improve classroom technology, libraries, curricula, and to fund exciting classroom projects. In addition, the Foundation provides direct aid to students through scholarships and support of team competitions and projects. Amazing things are happening in our classrooms and our district as a result of these grants.

Our two major fundraisers are the annual Golf Outing (held Sept. 20th at Sycamore Hills) and the Vacation Raffle. 2019 Vacation Raffle tickets are now on sale. Tickets cost $100 each and are entered into monthly drawings. There are four prizes each month:

- Vacation package for two to great places like Hawaii, Tampa, Las Vegas, and San Francisco!
- $250 cash
- $150 cash
- $100 cash

Winning tickets are put back into the barrel for the next month's drawing, so you can be a repeat winner! (Exception: You may only win one trip per calendar year.) See our Vacation Raffle page for more information.

We also gladly take donations, where 100% of your donation—whether your gift is $10 or $500—directly benefits students. Contact Lynda Bonnuchi or Sue Pauling; cash, check, or charge options available!

Staff: Want to donate a few dollars each pay to the cause? Choose your amount, as little or much as you want! Tax deductible! Complete the payroll deduction form and send it to Central Office.
CLHS Happenings

Officers in Training

Law enforcement students worked on how officers strive to be safe during hazardous encounter with felons. Training and practice is important so all are safe, including the felons.

Panther Football!

Last Saturday, the Panther football team traveled to Alma College to play a spotlight game against Petoskey. They had a great trip and enjoyed playing in the stadium but fell to Petoskey, 13-30. Tonight the guys take on Lincoln in the annual Brown Jug game at 7pm on Memorial Field under the lights. Come out and cheer them on!

Mark your calendars:
Next week’s game includes FREE admission for our elementary and middle school students!

Check out this month’s edition of The Panther Press! https://clhs.clps.org/apps/pages/PantherPress

A few action shots from our soccer team!
A real life super hero visited Peck! Thank you to all our first responders. We appreciate you!

Peck student leaders caring for the flag.

What’s Up at Wolfe

Be in the Know

Want the scoop on the latest happenings in your child’s school? Want to be a part of your child’s school life and network with other parents and teachers? Research shows that there is a positive relationship between family involvement at the school and student success.

Be a part of Wolfe’s PTC and get actively involved. It will make a huge difference in your child’s academic experience. Come check us out at the first meeting next Wednesday. See you there!

2018-19 PTC Officers

Jenni Briones, President
Erin Bosca, Vice President
Marie Berndt, Secretary

Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, September 26th @ 6:00 PM
Wednesday, October 24th @ 6:00 PM
Wednesday, November 28th @ 6:00 PM
December – No Meeting
Wednesday, January 23rd @ 6:00 PM
Wednesday, February 27th @ 6:00 PM
Wednesday, March 27th @ 6:00 PM
Wednesday, April 24th @ 6:00 PM
Wednesday, May 22nd @ 6:00 PM

Roose Roundup

Meet Heather Klein

I graduated from Oakland University with my Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education, along with endorsements in Language Arts and Early Childhood Education. I am very passionate about helping students grow and find a love for learning! I enjoy playing tennis, volunteering in the community, and being outdoors! I am thrilled to be a part of the Roose family.
Crothers’ Corner

Meet Krista

We are very excited to welcome Krista Helmore to Center Line. She is the new EL teacher for Crothers and Peck. Krista worked at Avondale Public Schools (Secondary ESL), Escuela Avancemos Academy (Detroit, 2nd grade), Kentwood (Intervention, Para), Living Christ for Kids (Elementary/Preschool). She has been certified as a teacher since 2011 and has been instructing students in some way for 7 years. Krista lives in Rochester Hills and enjoys spending time with her family. She met her husband James in college and they have been together for 12 years. They have one son named Alexander (Xander) who turned 2 on September 10th and one dog named Sadie.

Crothers’ PTC’s annual Fall Festival was a big success with over 300 people attending. Everyone was able to enjoy games, a bounce house, a petting zoo, face painting, and free pizza and popcorn. Even Mickey and Minnie Mouse were there!

Celebrating with Uncle Sam

Monday was Constitution Day, the celebration of the ratification of the U.S. Constitution. Crothers had a special guest come to help with the birthday celebration: Uncle Sam himself! He used magic and humor to talk about the wonderful gifts our Constitution and Bill of Rights give to each one of us! Check out the video snippet of some of the festivities on the CLPS Facebook page as well as more photos!

Fall Festival Fun

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**First Five Years**

This 5-week program for parents who have children 5 years and under includes basic parenting skills with discipline that really work as well preparing for school success. Book included. Most classes will provide childcare, the Paper People Program for children in childcare, as well as gas cards for those parents who complete the series by receiving a Certificate of Completion at the last session. (Class closed after 2nd night.)

COST: one time fee of $5 per family. Scholarships available. Register at https://www.careofsem.com/classes/parenting-young-children/

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(29100 Hayes near 12 Mile)

**Monday, October 1, 2018**

5:30 - 8:00pm

$6.00 per skater - nonskaters free!

Come join the fun and meeting your fellow classmates in the district! Sponsored by Roose PTC.

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**Benefit**

**September 22, 2018**

11 AM TO 7 PM

An event sponsored by Hometown Heroes Coffee & More
To benefit Michael's son Colin and Hope Not Handcuffs.

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25029 Van Dyke Ave
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Tickets are $10.00 in advance or $15.00 at the door
Ticket includes: Sandwich, Salad, Beverage, Cookie, & one raffle ticket
We will have Music, Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction, and more. 20% off any menu items will also be donated to this event.

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Upcoming Events

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9/22/2018  FAN Hope Not Handcuffs Fundraiser @ Hometown Heroes, 11am-7pm
9/24/2018  Coffee Club Community Conversations @ Hometown Heroes, 9am & 5pm
            Board of Education Meeting @ Admin, 7pm
9/25/2018  Gleaners Food Bank @ Peck Elementary, 11am-1pm
9/26/2018  Wolfe PTC @ Wolfe, 6pm
9/27/2018  Bond Planning Meeting @ Admin, 1pm
9/28/2018  Glow-in-the Dark Football Game @ Memorial Field, 7pm
            (Elementary & middle school students get in free!)
9/30/2018  CLEF Golf Outing @ Sycamore Hills, Noon
10/1/2018  Elementary Skate Night@ Great Skate, 5:30-8pm

Watching the Grass Grow

The soccer field has been seeded, and the finest layer of grass has sprouted! This early morning sunrise shot represents the coming new day and the growth we are seeing here in CLPS! After the track is striped and sealed and the soccer field temporarily gated, we plan to open the track to the community for walking. Stay tuned!