

Superintendent Report for Meeting

Aaron Rex

9/28/21

- I have had the opportunity to help out in each of our cafeterias thus far and it has been a great experience. I am not sure the cafeteria staff feels the same way, but I get to see how hard they work and the interaction they have with each as a team and with our kids. I will continue to do this throughout the year.
- Marketing Essentials has continued to work on our branding and it has gone really well. I have shared some of the information with you tonight. We are now looking at how we handle our social media in the district.
- We have started to see a bit of an upswing in our COVID-19 cases. Most of these have been at WHS and I believe they will be sharing the impact it has had on the high school thus far.
- Our staff has been working really hard on some new initiatives and honestly just in making sure our kids are receiving high quality instruction. I know that there are challenges, but I want to thank them for all their hard work up to this point in the year.
- The Everside Health clinic has been up and running for a few weeks and we have received positive feedback from our staff.

WAPAKONETA CITY SCHOOLS

Monthly Activity Report-Mike Watt, Director of Operations

September 23, 2021

- Work on the Women's restroom fire is complete.
- I am working with a couple of companies to provide a motorized protective curtain for the high school gym. This would be installed in front of the new videoboard to protect it from baseballs, softballs, etc, while not in use.
- The final draft for the WCA contract is being completed. Once proofed, we will make copies for the classified union.
- The concrete project and flagpole area at the high school is delayed due to the contractor being behind. This is hoping to start with the concrete corrections within the next two weeks. (Weather pending)
- We received our rebate check back for the MS LED project.
- Working on a project for WES for students to be out of the weather while waiting for the buses to arrive..
- Working on the Safety grants provided by the State. I should have these complete in the next week or so..Waiting on quotes to replace the NVR and update cameras at WES and CES
- Working on the upcoming asphalt bids. These will take place late December for the upcoming spring and summer. We normally do two building the first year and then the ^{remaining} remaining two the following fiscal year. There are some "spiderwebbing" taking place at the east lot of the high school. There may need to be some grind and fill...
- The gym sound system is going on 15-16 years old. Looking to get a price to update that facility.

Thanks,
Mike

9/22/2021

-PRESCHOOL-

Preschool is off and running. Our classes are very full. We also have about 20 students on a waiting list. Many of those are four-year-olds that will come to Kindergarten next year. Parents have reported to us that they can't find preschool programs with open spots.

We've seen a big trend in preschool of children with underdeveloped oral language skills. My theory is that these skills are not being developed in preschool age children due to the following reasons:

- being overly scheduled in structured activities like dance and sports. Children learn through unstructured play.
- not interacting with family using language (yes, too much screen time). To build language skills children must have an interactive environment and use reciprocal language.

I fear that we will see a BIG increase in our Speech Services in the next few years.

We have plans to not only provide PD to our Preschool Staff on Oral Language Development and Phonemic Awareness, but to also offer this to local private preschools as well. We will pay for this with what is essentially ESSER funds.

-PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT-

Monday, September 27, is earmarked for a "Data Day." This was intended to be a day that the teachers can really dig into DIBELS, MAP, and Diagnostic Test results as well as any other assessments that have been given so far and start to consider how it will impact instruction and plan for any adjustments they will have to make. We also hoped that those with tested subjects would use the time to look at the item analysis and such. RIMPs for grades K-3 should also be written on this day.

This week I began meeting with those that teach the tested courses at WHS. We are trying a new assessment that is linked to the state assessment. We have met to go over the data from that assessment and discuss if and how it would be used in the future. We have also looked at state test data a little.

-READING INTERVENTIONS-

The Benchmarks and Diagnostic assessments are nearly complete and students have been placed in Tier 3 intervention groups, when appropriate. The interventions have been so well received by the teachers that we have found we need to order additional kits and provide further professional development. (I'll consider this a good problem.)

I checked in with the teachers that are using the phonics whole class interventions this week via survey. There appear to be a few minor problems that we will need to iron out in grades 3-5. Overall, everyone seems very pleased with the re-implementation of Orton Gillingham. The grade level committees worked so hard last year to develop resources that were well organized and easy to use. That has really helped immensely.

Probably my biggest celebration to date with this process was hearing the following from a teacher: *I like that my reading block is so much more active rather than a passive learning time. Students seem more engaged and enjoy reading when it is material they can actually read and everything isn't so frustrating for them.*

The MAP data from 8th grade was very troubling to me when looking at the Projected Proficiency report. To double check the accuracy of the data, we are doing some diagnostic testing on any student that was projected to score at the lowest level on the state test. I do have some concerns with being able to meet the needs of middle school and 8th grade with interventions. However, I still need to look at the finished data to know how big a problem this will be.

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Wapakoneta Virtual School Grades 8-12

- We currently have 47 students enrolled into virtual school as of Thursday September 23rd.
- We currently have 26 students taking three or more classes on-line as of Thursday September 23rd.
- We currently have 22 Seniors, 10 Juniors, 6 Sophomores, 2 Freshman, 2 Eighth Graders and 5 Non-Grads enrolled into virtual school as of Thursday September 23rd.
- We currently have 162 classes scheduled at this time.
- We are currently serving 7 students on an IEP or 504 plan.
- We will continue to make communication a priority with our students. Every student will receive an email with a video attached explaining the expectations and how to navigate the program.
- We continue to contact parents to update them about their child's progress and grades. Parents have the ability to receive a weekly progress report if they provided us an email address.
- Our guidance department receives weekly progress updates on all virtual school students and has been active in communicating with families.

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Wapakoneta High School Board Report

We are now about a month into the school year, and staff and students have been working hard in the classroom. It has been great to see our students attending various field trips that they were not able to attend last year. Our Ag students took a field trip to London, Ohio, for the Farm Science Review this past week. We had about 120 kids participate and all of them were extremely excited for this opportunity.

Earlier this month we hosted our first-ever Showcase for all our students at WHS. This event allowed for all our students to visit the different clubs and activities in one setting. We firmly believe the more activities our students can be a part of during their time in high school, the more connected they feel. This idea came from our Principal/Student Advisory Council and the feedback we received from staff and students was extremely positive. Many of our kids now have a better understanding of all the different groups they can join during their high school career.

Homecoming was this past weekend and our students seemed to have a good time. Many people have worked extremely hard to make this happen. A big thank you to Mrs. Julie Courter for all her hard work in organizing both the Friday and Saturday festivities.

Scott Minnig

Principal



Will Snyder, Principal
Kyle Cutnaw, Assistant Principal

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September 28, 2021

Subject: Principal's Report

Updates:

DLT/BLT Goals: Currently, WMS is continuing to focus on the following strategies:

Teacher Clarity:

- Using grant money, we purchased the magnet below to help our teachers communicate their learning targets for the day. These magnets were posted on our white boards and the teacher then writes the daily learning target next to it.
- We also took our first two hour delay, department meetings, and teacher based teams time to work in departments on standards breakdown, rubric writing, and common assessments using "The Teacher Clarity Playbook."

Power of ICU:

- We are going to begin our Student Assist Time (SAT) on October 4, 2021, and our lifeguard has been assigned students to help get caught up.

Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS):

- We installed goal boards, using a grant, in each homeroom. The goal is to provide these for specials teachers soon. A majority of our classrooms have established an area for improvement/goals. Teachers are providing PBIS points when the class achieves the goal.
- Kyle Cutnaw, Amber Johns, and Dakota Brown presented our PBIS progress to other area schools during our Making Middle Grades Work Reconnect at Owens Community College in Findlay. We received a lot of positive feedback on our practices after the presentation.

Additional Items:

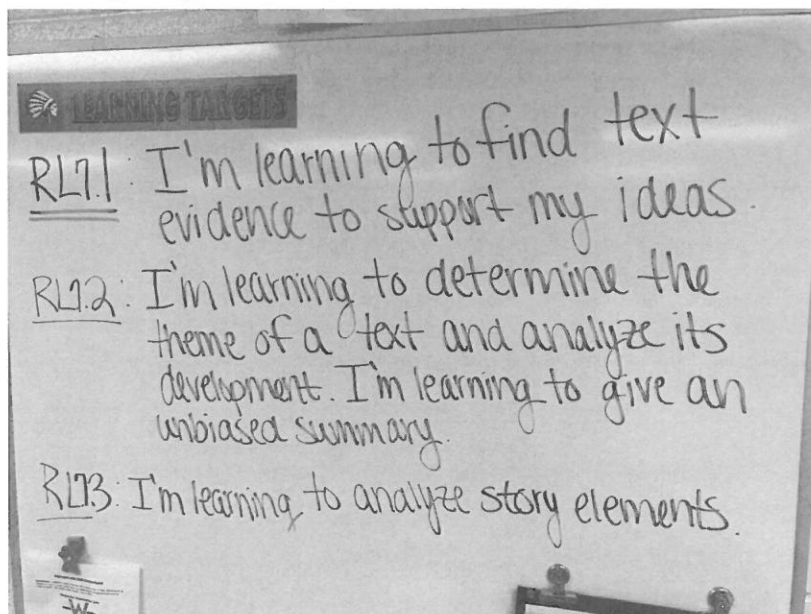
- Vape Education: WMS and WHS have collaborated to implement a program to educate students that have violated the vaping policy. Students have the option to complete an online vape education course that outlines the harmful effects of using vapes. Students that select this option can reduce their suspension by 2 days. We hope this further educates our students about the choices they make.
- Reading Interventions: Currently, we have identified over 150 students building-wide that need additional reading support. Each of the students were given a diagnostic assessment called the PSI to determine exactly what skills they are missing. Currently, our team is identifying what interventions the students need to close these gaps.

- PTO Fundraiser: The fall PTO fundraiser has officially kicked off! We have multiple incentives for students to make sales, including PBIS points, free trinkets, and cash drawings. This also means we have started our hilarious promotional videos!

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, September 30	School Picture Day
Monday, October 4	PTO Fundraiser ends
Monday, October 4	SAT Begins
Wednesday, October 6	Flu Shots, WES
Thursday, October 7	Flu Shots, WHS
Wednesday, October 13	Two-Hour Delay (7:40 - 9:40 AM for staff PD)
Tuesday, October 19	Aullwood Field Trip; Newman, Otto, Sarasin
Tuesday, October 19	Armstrong Museum
Wednesday, October 20	Aullwood Field Trip; Kohler, Selover, Stephens
Wednesday, October 20	Armstrong Museum
Thursday, October 21	Aullwood Field Trip; Rostorfer, Sawmiller, Truesdale
Thursday, October 21	Armstrong Museum
Friday, October 29	End of 9 weeks

Learning Targets Example:



September 2021 Report to the Board of Education

Beginning of the Year: We are excited to be back in school with our students and our staff! We have had a great start to the school year, thanks to our students, their families, and our staff. We truly appreciate how everyone works to *#bebetter* each and every day at Wapakoneta Elementary School!

Thank You: We would like to thank our community members who have donated school supplies to our students and needed items to our clinic! These materials are greatly appreciated by both our students and our staff. As always, we are very thankful for the support from our community members, businesses, and organizations!

District 5-Year Plan: As a district, we are focusing on our whole-class instruction in phonemic awareness (K-2) and phonics (K-4 this school year). Our staff members have spent time collaborating on how we can improve instruction and learning in these areas, and they are now implementing these ideas in the classroom with their students. In addition, our staff members have spent time administering both universal screeners and diagnostic assessments to determine which students need which types of additional intervention support. Our staff members are working diligently to create schedules in which they can provide the best support for our students. We are grateful for their dedication to our students and to our district's mission.

Schoolwide Programs: We are excited to announce that our WES Walker Program and our Ronald McDonald House Fundraiser are back up and running for this year!

- **WES Walkers:** Our students are "off and running" with the WES Walkers program this year! Thanks to our PE teacher, Mrs. Burke, we are now using QR codes to record the students' laps. We appreciate all of our staff members who are helping to support this program, as well as our sponsors who help to sponsor the program.
- **Ronald McDonald House Fundraiser:** Fundraising for the Ronald McDonald House is underway. Our students and their families have been collecting and saving pop tabs for well over a year. We anticipate quite a collection at our first tab weigh in. We are always proud of our students' participation in this service learning project.

Fall Fundraiser: Our Fall Fundraiser came to a close early last week. We are thankful to everyone who helped support our school's PTO through this fundraiser. Our PTO is able to provide so many wonderful opportunities to our students through this fundraiser and through their hard work and dedication.

Upcoming Events:

October 4-8: Book Fair

October 4: PTO Meeting

October 5: McTeacher Night

October 25-29: Red Ribbon Week

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Staff members from grades K-3 have met with administration to look deeply into the MAP scores and design the students' future education with regards to Reading. These plans are called Reading Improvement and Monitoring Plans. These plans are specifically designed to meet the needs of the individual student derived from focus areas from the reports generated from the MAP program. Teachers are excited to develop the game plan of instruction and quickly began talking among colleagues as to how to meet these needs.

In addition to the MAP scores, I have personally visited every classroom to observe and witness intensive reading interventions taking place with students. During TBT meeting this past week, conversations were positive and hopes were high with teachers. They appreciate the plan the district has as a whole and are digging in to make the biggest difference possible.

I would like to extend a large thank you to the Cridersville PTO for setting up the fundraiser and the Wapak City Schools community for supporting it. By far, this was the largest grossing fundraiser that has been completed in my six years as administrator. Once again, we look forward to supporting the staff and students with materials and field trips this year.

The kindergarten teachers presented a fashion show with the students as models. On the 17th of September, family members of the kindergarten students visited the school and witnessed the "ABC Fashion Show." A great time was had by all and it was great to see mommies and daddies smiling in the gym after a very long absence.

Beginning October 4, Guys in Ties will be starting back up at CES. I will be looking to schedule speakers to speak with the boys on Wednesdays during morning specials. It is nice to have a large percentage of the boys asking me on a daily basis if the program is starting soon. This is a great litmus that they enjoy doing it and really do want to #bebetter.

The decision was made early on that the district would attempt a two-hour delay PD time slot versus an early release schedule. I would like to thank everyone that was a part of this decision, as it led to a larger number of people partaking in the development, staff was ready to learn, and parents did not have to make other arrangements opposite of a typical morning delay.

Upcoming events at CES for October:

- October 18 - 22nd Book Fair
- October 25 - Halloween Parade
- October 28 - Trick or Treat
- October 29 - Harvest Parties

Notes from the Athletic Department

2021 SEASON UPDATES (AS OF 9/30)

GIRLS GOLF:

The Redskins won their third consecutive WBL Title on Friday at The Lynx in Celina! Jackie Oen led the Redskins with an 84 (3rd Place overall) followed by Madison Sams with a 94. Paityn Bowman, Natalie Hefner, Paige Knapke, and Alyssa Zwiebel rounded out the team victory for the Redskins! The team will wrap up regular season play on Monday at home vs. Bellefontaine. The sectional tournament will be played at Sycamore Springs on Oct. 6.

GIRLS TENNIS:

The girls' tennis team currently sits in 2nd place in the WBL with an 8-1 record! The WBL tournament will be held next Thursday and Saturday at UNOH. Makenzie Schroeder-1st Singles, Abby Metzger- 2nd Singles, Mara Stiles- 3rd Singles, Elisabeth Good/Bailey Barrett- 1st Doubles and Addisyn Cooper/Brooke Minnig- 2nd Doubles will compete to win the tournament and garner a share of the WBL title. The team will wrap up regular season matches Monday @ Sidney and Tuesday vs. Bowling Green.

VOLLEYBALL:

THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM IS CURRENTLY 10-6 ON THE SEASON AND 4-1 IN THE WBL. THE TEAM HAS WBL WINS OVER ST. MARYS, VAN WERT, SHAWNEE, AND KENTON. AS OF THIS WEEK, KALEIGH PALMER NOT ONLY LED OUR TEAM WITH 320 KILLS, BUT ALSO THE STATE OF OHIO! REYNA WOODRUFF AND EMILY VANHORN LEAD THE TEAM WITH 20 ACES, REAGAN COURTER IS TOPS ON THE TEAM WITH 32 BLOCKS, CARLIE SCHROEDER HAS 176 DIGS WHILE WOODRUFF HAS 421 ASSISTS TO LEAD THE TEAM. THE TEAM WILL LOOK TO CONTINUE ITS 5 GAME WINNING STREAK AT ELIDA ON THURSDAY.

BOYS SOCCER:

The boys' soccer team is currently 5-3-1 on the season after tying Kenton last night at Ryan Field 3-3. Kyle Beach, Austin Bump and Dylan Whitehead scored to lead the offensive attack for the Redskins. On the season, Beach and Taylor Echols lead the team with 7 goals, followed by Whitehead-6, and Bump- 5. The team will host Elida Tuesday at Ryan Field.

CROSS COUNTRY:

The girls cross country team was victorious at the Waynesfield-Goshen night meet on Saturday! Mariel Augsburger finished 5th overall followed consecutively by Lillith Lautzenheiser and Amelia Sammetinger with Lucia Segura and Maggie McDermitt rounding out the Redskin scoring. The boys team finished 2nd at WG with Axton Fosnaugh- 5th, Cash Schadt- 7th, Grant Honigford- 10th, Crew Allen- 14th and Connor Shroyer- 18th. The teams will compete Tuesday at the Bath Invitational.

BOYS GOLF:

The boys golf team is headed into postseason play today (Friday) at the WBL Championship at Pike Run in Ottawa and then will host Delphos Jefferson on Monday in the final regular season match of the year. Clay Wilsey has recorded the low rounds of the season with a 37 and 39 with Zac Niekamp 39 and Austin West 41 contributing other low rounds for the Redskins.

GIRLS SOCCER:

The girls soccer team picked up an 8-0 WBL win over Van Wert last week behind goals by Eika Lisi- 2, Alyssa Shaner, Nikane Ambos, Madison Springer, Makenna Bailey, Lilly Jenkins and Ava Morris. Allie Wilson recorded the shutout for the Redskins. Last night in non-league action, the Redskins defeated Bellefontaine, 4-0 behind a hat trick by Katie Lisi and a goal from Nikane Ambos. The team will travel to Elida on Monday for a WBL matchup before returning home on Thursday vs. Bath.

FOOTBALL:

The Redskins currently sit 5th in Division III Region 12 in the computer points with the top 16 in each region making the playoffs. The team is currently 3-1 in the WBL and in a 4-way tie for first place. Last week's victory over Shawnee included a 198 yard effort on the ground by Jace Mullen, 90 yards passing by Braeden Goulet, 45 yards receiving by both Kaleb Walter and Kaden Siefring and 7 tackles from Connor Meckstroth.

ENJOY THE GAMES!

BRAD REX, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

