

Sheldon Elementary  
BOE Report  
December 13, 2012

- A special thank you for the Sheldon Parent/Teacher Group for sponsoring the Holiday Shop on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Students were provided the opportunity to shop for gifts for their family members. Any students that are unable to purchase gifts for their parents are provided with money from the PTG to do so.
- The kindergarten through fourth grade Winter Concert was held on December 6, 2012. The performances included songs by grade level as well as the entire school. Mrs. Aubrey also integrated individual students as speakers, playing instruments and soloists which provided an opportunity for our young students to experience the performing arts.
- The November school wide assembly continued the focus on the Olewus Bullying Prevention Program. The topic was a presentation on helping students understand the difference between "tattling" and "telling".
- To continue our Compact initiative of math fact fluency, a math focus is integrated into our holiday celebrations. The classroom trees in the lobby are adorned with "math" decorations and our holiday assembly is called, "Mathemagic", performed by Young Audiences of WNY.
- To promote the development of charity in our students, in lieu of gift exchanges between students, they will be asked to donate various school supplies that will be packaged and sent to Peshine Renew School in New Jersey.

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## **Prospect Elementary School**

### **Board of Education Report – December 6, 2012**

Thanks to all who supported our PTG basket raffle. The event was a huge success and the PTG made approximately \$1200.00 to use toward our special school-wide programs and assemblies.

On November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, the third and fourth grade students participated in their winter chorus concerts. They sang traditional Christmas Carols, played hand bells, sang solos, memorized speaking parts, danced, and utilized the “Drums Alive” equipment in the production. For the first time ever, the Prospect 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students sang two songs simultaneously - accompanied by two different sets of sign language. Our fourth grader, Will Minkle, led the fourth grade students and Mrs. Keicher led the third grade students in this sign language endeavor. It was impressive!

Some of our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students, along with our Music Teacher, Donna Keicher, participated in the Attica Winterfest on December 1<sup>st</sup> by singing at the Library at 10:30 A.M. They sang a few songs from their winter concert and mesmerized the crowd! The Library enjoys having us there to sing every Winterfest and the students seem to have fun too!

The December assembly was held on December 6, 2012. Our second grade students performed a song - to the tune of Jingle Bells - to remind students how to be prepared for the cafeteria Mrs. Durfee’s second grade students performed a solo act – singing and signing to Sesame Street’s “What I Am.” Mrs. Bifarella concluded the assembly with the presentation of the “Golden Sneaker” to two classrooms who were chosen out of ten eligible classrooms that have been working together cooperatively and safely in Physical Education class.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

December 11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> :	PTG is sponsoring Santa’s Secret Shop
December 17 <sup>th</sup> :	PTG Cookie Decorating
December 19 <sup>th</sup> :	Kindergarten/Senior Elf Day
December 21 <sup>st</sup> :	Program Day – “Merry Fitness” activities will be going on throughout the day.

## **BOE Report for December 13, 2012**

- Math Team took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place on November 7, 2012, missed first by 2 points
- **8th graders:**
- Tracy Rudgers
- Spencer Remington
- Taven Romesser
- Noah Craddock
- Matt Spink
- **7th graders:**
- Neil Perl
- Taylor Nusstein
- Emily Yargeau
- Jacob McQueen
  
- Mrs. Sherry Bennett has already completed six weeks as Asst Principal! She has met with all the students and staff to introduce herself and review our expectations. Mrs. Bennett has done a great job making connections with students and is off to a fast start establishing relationships with all stakeholders.
  
- On November 8<sup>th</sup> we had our annual Veteran's Day assembly. Mr. Steve Appleby from the Eldred WWII Museum was a guest speaker, and presented a wonderful, age appropriate message to our students. Special thanks to the High School Chorus for singing the National Anthem and the High School Band for ending the assembly with a few patriotic songs.
  
- Our first 7/8 Fun Night was on November 16<sup>th</sup>. All students were well behaved and enjoyed the evening playing basketball, volleyball, Ping Pong and swimming to name a few. Our Jr. National Honor Society provided ice cream sundaes.
  
- Alexis Remington took the initiative to campaign a card making program for the Veterans at the Batavia Veterans Hospital for Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Students like Alexis are what make the Middle School such a special place.
  
- On November 13<sup>th</sup>, Rae Lynn McCarthy performed half day training for both our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers on "Balanced Literacy". The information was well received and teachers have already started to implement new strategies.
  
- Mrs. Lacey and I have met with all our Middle School Special Education staff and performed a brief training on Functional Behavior Assessments (FBA) as well as discussion on goals, progress monitoring and data collection.
  
- Our Jr. FFA was able to plant Tulips at Sheldon, Prospect and the Middle School/High School campuses. The Tulips were donated by Partners for Prevention to our Middle School for our participation in "Red Ribbon Week". A special thank you to Mrs. Mary Beth Hardie for leading the organization of the activities for that week.
  
- The Middle School "Show Choir" performed for Sheldon Elementary on December 5<sup>th</sup>. The students really enjoyed the positive response they received from the younger students.

# Attica Senior High School

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## **SHS BOE Report for 12/13/12**

- 11/30 – The Science Club held a Movie Night in the PAC where they showed “The Lion King”. Discussions during intermission focused on habitats and the different animals starring in the movie. These nights have been successful and help to create a connection between the SHS Science students and the elementary students.
- The Attica Basket Club and We Care provided Thanksgiving dinners to several members of our community. They are currently gathering Christmas gifts in an effort to make the holiday season special for as many of our students as possible. This work has gone on for many years and helped many families experiencing difficult times.
- The Marching Blue Devils – marched at Winterfest and will be marching at the Buffalo Bills game on 12/9/12 vs. the Rams. They will also be hosting their Winter Concert on 12/16/12 at 2:00 pm in the PAC.
- The Winter sports season is underway with all of the different teams off to a great start. The teams have started their competitions and are competitive at every level. Attica will host their annual wrestling tournament on 12/7-12/8 in the SHS Gymnasium/Aux. Gymnasium.
- The district held its annual Early Dismissal Drill on 12/7/12. This allows us to practice our emergency procedures and make any necessary modifications to ensure the safety of our students during a real situation.
- Teachers received training on EDoctrina, an on-line data warehouse, and now have access to the site. They will use this data to inform instruction and monitor student progress throughout the school year.

Thank you,

Ken Hammel

## District Technology Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2012

Approved on November 28, 2012

Attendees: Mary Anne Metz, Sue Cusmano, Diane Carlson, Penny Alderman, Jim Kotula, Luke Simon, Bryce Thompson, Kelly Bissell, Karen Tomidy

Absent: John Spink, Steve Witkowski, Michelle McCulloch, Marcia Danahy

### Reviewed minutes from September meeting

- Made corrections "not" and PARCC (Sue will make corrections to September minutes and send to Denise as approved.)

### Coordinator's Update

- PARCC – Bryce informed superintendent's completed a survey as to facility capacity to do online assessments – too financially overwhelming for districts and infrastructure capacity of LEA and SED is also a concern
- Olweus link - Doug sent out but needs to be addressed more clearly – Luke commented it does work but he had to contact Doug as he was unable to make a shortcut on desktop
- Sue C - MS computer lab – software needs site license Write Out Loud \$600 – Luke reviewed software requests from last year – Kathy V said she used to have Write Out Loud but with the Windows 7 update it was no longer compatible. Sue said it was not requested with last year's requisitions as already had and Luke said notes say tested and okay for Rm303 ,Kershenski and Middle School computer lab
- Melissa Mitchell – Request for Study Island in AIS cost \$138 lab pack less than 30 students
- Online system for work orders – Sue and Luke would like a mechanism to know what the status is of the work order request is – it would be helpful to have an indicator of some sort as to status
- Luke – computers in Deb Stanton's room were completely down at one point and still don't know if been addressed
- Sue – shared how with maintenance work orders you get a processing notice and then a notice when the request has been completed – can we replicate that system?

### DTT Goals for 2012-2013

- Not developed yet reviewed last year's goals and will keep some but not able to finalize until see administrative and grade level goals

### NYSCATE Conference

- 11/18, 11/19, 11/20/12 - \$165/person for three days DTT has sent 5 people – Doug uses his own funding - Jim brought up notion that other staff could attend not necessarily on DTT? Diane and Bryce said they remember talking about it should be a person involved somehow with technology in the district, i.e. someone from a building tech committee; Jim said would agree to having other staff with an interest in technology
- Sue C, Mary Anne definite yes – Luke and Diane "maybe" Process: Kelly and Karen will canvas staff for representatives, Luke will check at high school

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## **K-12 Technology**

- Make sure standards are on Rubicon Atlas/Tech Plan ends 2013, check with Doug (do not need to submit to Erie 1?) but decided to review and keep it updated for our benefit
- Training Opportunities- need to send out GRTC email notices and also the Edutech Instructional Fall catalog

## **May 24, 2013 Technology PGC Day**

- Adam Bellows – possible speaker for day – Sue will check out [www.eduTeacher.net](http://www.eduTeacher.net) is his website
- Feedback from last year keynote speaker – Martha Dixon ECC good message but didn't come across for all levels

## **4TGreene**

- HS request was granted - will help with movement towards broadcasting at High School Modulator \$500-800 and collecting old VCR's to use Luke will put out a notice to K-12 staff to donate old VCR's
- Discussion followed: Currently have enough to wire half the building in the MS/HS – looking at “flex classrooms” can't do without the modulator – Doug is looking into pricing and obtaining Told how to do it and technical end of it – Rob at Amherst talked with them Doug would need to research if had equipment and power enough to do it. Bryce said this issue came up during the building project – transformers, etc. Jim - get equipment and then see if works or find out first if have the power to do this. Don't want a storage problem. Suggestion made to have Luke meet with Doug and Dave to discuss details and try to answer questions Luke has a family member in Oakfield who is implementing this on a bare bones budget he can consult with as well to utilize as a resource
- Sue C would like to use visual communicator program she uses now in class video projects – once working and HS has capability they can transmit as well
- Sheldon has received their 4TGreene iPad

## **Technology Activities**

- Sheldon has request (Penny) what is happening to the old SmartBoards being taken out - can be put in Art Rooms? Jim said when he talked with Doug his philosophy about recycling is conservative doesn't like to do as may cause more problems and/or support
- Bryce concern is that young kids can't differentiate between permanent markers and smart board markers – Penny said kindergarten rooms have had them for a while Doug's perspective on reusing SMART boards – no matter where they are
- Not sure if Doug replacing the entire SMARTBoard system or just projector?
- MS – Sue would like to talk about with Doug = sometimes students can't get into their accounts and staff working with them don't have access to help them (i.e. student forgot their password) Kathy V used to be able to access but now can't, Mary Anne said has access to do this, concern is down time instructionally waiting for someone to assist. Could someone in the building have authority to do some of this work? Penny said same issue happens at Sheldon waiting for

assistance. Can process be streamlined, more effective? Luke - are we going to continue to request for an Instructional Support person

- Mary Anne – BOCES library meeting – new databases, like eBooks Cyber Smarts – for younger children cyberbullying issues, one for Teen cyber smarts. How to access: library database page for your building go down towards bottom of page and teachers can use with students – we all have these Mary Anne can show how to do this. Is there any way to get YouTube, YouTube.edu, Vimeo unblocked in Attica - some schools have commented that Edutech has been able to unblock it just for teachers
- Diane – shared an article from her sister in law who is a toxicologist that study conducted in Canada states wireless systems should not be installed in schools as can cause learning disabilities.
- Team gave consent for MS software request if discussion items not resolved

**Closing:**

- Agenda for November 28<sup>th</sup> meeting – Diane
- Approval of Minutes
- Coordinator's Update
- Software \$ - MS requests
- Wi-Fi with Sheldon and Prospect
- Goals – if available
- NYSCATE – initial sharing of conference
- Tech Plan – K-12 Tech Curriculum

**Several questions need to be discussed with Doug**

- Bully link
- Reporting of work orders
- Smart board recycling/replacement
- Dave, Doug, Luke broadcasting issues
- Unblocking sites just for teachers
- Authority troubleshoot minor issues
- Doug Tech Plan – where to go with it?

## Professional Growth Committee

### Minutes from 10-17-12

The committee met in the HS media conference room from 8:30-11:30 am on 10-17-12. Members present- John Dickut, Jim Kotula, Linda Kehl, Erin Holt, Melanie Domes, Sarah Lewinski, Cori George, Paul Clark, Kelly Bissell, Karen Bertalan, Karen Tomidy, Ken Hammel and Bryce Thompson. Absent with notice- Melissa Struzik, and Angie Wichman.

Budget Report – Main account - \$12,800 unencumbered- Materials and supplies account - \$1,501.01 unencumbered. Linda K. will check on 7-1-12 expense of lunch in the amount of \$1,290.00. No other questions on the budget.

PGC Goals for 12-13 year: Discussion focused on the need possibly to add a fourth goal related to utilizing the BOCES regional trainer for NTE and include benchmarking as part of data. There was further discussion on administrators reminding faculty at faculty meetings of the ability to provide time for teachers to go out for a day for training. The committee determined to keep goal one and two and approve through e-mail process.

4- T Greene requests: Laura Hann and Luke Simon's request for an iPad2 with WIFI, flip camera and green screen totaling \$492.13 to integrate technology into script writing and drama lessons in high school ELA was approved.

PBIS update – The feedback from members of the committee was that the Olweus/PBIS initiative currently in place is going well. The coordinating committee meets once a month. A general reminder is that the actual incident report form is located on the hard drive. Any more training for the building committees would come from Joan Vitkus.

October 5, 2012 conference day feedback – the committee received very positive comments on the speaker for the teaching assistants, Toni Kusmierski. Her presentation on de-escalation techniques was very well received. The committee read the feedback from teachers on the shared training opportunity at Alexander school. Consistent comments were that there was a lack of clarity during the overview portion of the presentation and the sound was not good. Overall the day was well received in meeting the needs of explaining SLO's and having time to review data. Other concerns mentioned included not having enough time to finish SLO's and having questions answered in a consistent way. Attica will continue to collaborate with assigned GVEP cluster for professional development this year.

February and May conference day plans – Discussion focused on any option of thinking ahead for Tech Day to be moved to the fall. NYSCATE conference is in November and tech would like to plan after that for next year. February will be another regional day. This year May 24<sup>th</sup> will be Tech Day. Tech Committee request for \$2500.00 was approved. May 23 will be a PGC planned day including possible topics of common core, regional assessment and benchmarking. Teachers have been asked to participate next summer and through the school year to help with regional assessment creation and development as it is a cumbersome process. Concerns with regional assessments from the committee

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included that there is a lot of time invested, takes a chunk of time away from instruction and that they need to run more smoothly. Discussion on Common Core training – Karen T. will check on a possible math speaker.

Officer changes for PGC 12-13 include: Sara Lewinski – secretary, Karen Bertalan- treasurer, Erin Holt and Linda Kehl , co-chairs.

Next meeting will be Wednesday November 28, 2012 at Sheldon from 12:30-3:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kehl

Co-Chair

# Professional Growth Committee Attica Central School

2012-2013

## Goal 1

**Determine how to make use of student achievement data from our grade levels and departments to project and drive our professional development opportunities**

Activity	Resp.	Completion Date	Progress Toward Goal	Status
Consider how available student achievement data and input relate to Professional Growth initiatives and priorities.	Committee	June 2013		x
Interpret and utilize student achievement data to horizontally and vertically align curriculum in order to improve instruction and increase student achievement.	Committee	June 2013		
Collaborate with the Technology Team to provide training opportunities and resources for staff.	Committee	June 2013		
Provide training and resources to support the implementation of student learning objectives using the Common Core standards.	Committee	June 2013		

## Goal 2

### Monitor and adjust our Professional Development Opportunities

Activity	Resp.	Completion Date	Progress Toward Goal	Status x
Explore and examine various models of Professional Development and Staff Development available	Committee	June 2013		
Review of School Improvement Plan	Committee	June 2013		
Communicate with the Mentor Coordinator on current and future professional growth and training needs of mentor and mentee partners.	Committee	June 2013		
Link and focus the APPR evaluation piece with staff development opportunities	Committee	June 2013		
Provide opportunities for Common Core Standards training	Committee	June 2013		
Provide opportunities for the additional training for PBIS/Olweus	Committee	June 2013		



**Genesee Valley BOCES**

Substitute Services

Monthly Count

	Placement Count	Non-Placement Count	Refusal Count	Total Count
Alexander	26		56	82
Attica	81	7	198	286
Avon	34	3	88	125
B-B	41	5	75	121
BOCES	23	15	143	181
Dansville	233	40	194	467
Elba	9	1	27	37
Geneseo	59	18	234	311
Keshequa	131	6	77	214
LeRoy	42	12	86	140
Letchworth	28	4	233	265
Mt. Morris	74	7	97	178
Oakfield	167	2	135	304
Pavilion	49	3	69	121
Perry	24	12	186	222
Warsaw	146	9	131	286
Wyoming	1		9	10

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