



Our Future, Our Commitment, Our Students

Friday Update 2/24/6

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
BOE Budget Meeting	2/27	7:00 p.m.	MMC
BOE Long-Range Facilities Task Force Meeting	2/27	7:00 p.m.	MMC
Art Teachers Meeting	3/1	4:00 p.m.	LHS
NC Writing Test	3/7	---	4 th , 7 th , and 10 th Grades
BOE C+I Meeting	3/9	4:00 p.m.	MMC
SHAC	3/10	8:30 a.m.	Child Nutrition WRRRA
BOE Monthly Meeting	3/13	7:00 p.m.	MMC
Principals' Meeting	3/15	8:30 a.m.	MMC
AP Meeting/Academy	3/21	4:00 p.m.	LHS
STAC	3/22	4:00 p.m.	TLMS
Dropout Meeting	3/23	4:00 p.m.	LHS
Long-Range Facilities Task Force Meeting	3/27	7:00 p.m.	MMC
BOE Policy Meeting	3/30	5:00 p.m.	MMC
BOE Budget Meeting	3/30	7:00 p.m.	MMC

BOCC Hearing 2006 Bond: This past Monday night, the Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously to place a \$45 million bond referendum on the May 2nd ballot. Staff (Tommy Piper, Charles Fuller, Chris Blice, Linda Frederickson, and Brooke Wheeler), parents, and PTA reps did an excellent job. It was a great night for Franklin County Schools, and I was proud to be on the team. Several questions were raised on the status of the 2004 Bond. Attached to the email transmitting the update is a letter that was submitted to the Franklin Times explaining in detail the progress on the bond. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Long-Range Facilities Task Force: The first meeting of the Long-Range Facilities Task Force is scheduled for February 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the Mitchell Media Center. This is an open meeting; everyone is welcome to attend. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Tommy Piper.

National WFSG Conference: Several groups from Franklin County (Franklinton High School, Laurel Mill Elementary School, and Terrell Lane Middle School) presented at the WFSG conference. Carlene Murphy was very appreciative and complimentary. The following is an excerpt from the letter that Carlene sent to the presenters: *"THANK YOU SO MUCH for making the National WFSG Conference a great experience for all who attended!!! You did a terrific job and demonstrated great skill in sharing your work. Everyone was particularly impressed with the gift baskets you put together and how you used the items to emphasize the important elements of WFSG. Also, the handout was very thorough and helpful. All in all, you were masterful in sharing both the benefits and challenges. The time you took to prepare your presentation was evident. You certainly made Franklin County the Crown Jewel in the WFSG network!"*

WFSG: C & I staff members visited several schools on the early release day this past Wednesday and reported that things were going well. Many groups have completed at least one cycle and are reporting good results in their classes. (Eddie Ingram)

Leandro: The Leandro Team is resuming their PEP monitoring visits. We are pleased to see that our teachers are working diligently to develop, implement, and monitor these plans. Using specific strategies with at-risk students is certainly the right thing to do (in addition to being a legal requirement). We are confident that these efforts will be rewarded with improved student achievement. The Leandro Team will meet with the Central Office team and elementary, middle, and high school representatives on February 28th at 9:00 a.m. in the Mitchell Media Center. This is a monthly meeting that needed to be rescheduled. (Eddie Ingram)

Music and Drama Teachers: Music teachers met with Dr. L'Homme and Dr. Ingram this past Wednesday to develop prioritized needs for the Franklin County Schools' music and drama program. It is evident that we are blessed with caring, competent teachers in these areas who already deliver a quality arts program and have a realistic vision on how to make it better. (Eddie Ingram)

Principal (Middle and High) Staff Development: MARCH 1ST REGISTRATION DEADLINE (The following is a letter I received from David Coley, Western Carolina University/PEP) *"Dear Superintendent: I want to issue a special invitation for middle and high school principals from your district to attend the Principals' Summer Institute sponsored by the Principals Executive Program and Western Carolina University. The focus of the workshop will be teacher effectiveness, support and retention. Principals will earn credits to meet the new NC State Board of Education requirement for 50 hours of training in those areas. The date of the Institute is July 9-14 and will be held at WCU in Cullowhee. Thanks to funding from the Governor's Office, the registration fee is only \$99. Accommodations have been arranged at the Madison Conference Center at Western Carolina. Registration will be limited to 30 participants. The elementary seats have been reserved, and we only have space for nine middle or high school principals. To take advantage of this opportunity, principals should apply no later than March 1. For more information, please visit our web site www.ncpep.org and select Programs and click on Principals' Summer Institute. Please contact me if you have further questions. Thanks, Dave Coley"*

Have A Great Weekend,

**Bert L'Homme,
Superintendent**