



October 17, 2018 Superintendent Report

Mission: To provide a safe, comfortable, clean and caring environment where community and staff work together to provide an education that will maximize each individual's potential, instill a sense of self-worth, and prepare them for life-long learning.

Student Representatives for our Iowa Valley CSD School Board

I am very excited to give our students an opportunity to see how a school board operates and so board members can hear from the student body. Found below are the student representatives we will be seeing this year.

Samantha Randall has agreed to come to every meeting and other members will rotate monthly. Thanks to all of these volunteers for providing their insight on our school agenda items.

Iowa Valley Student Representatives			
Meeting Date and Time	Student rep	Student rep	Student rep
Oct. 17 at 5:30 PM	Samantha Randall	Abby Goettsch	Noah Mumby
Nov. 21 at 5:30 PM	Samantha Randall	Cecilia Jergens	Tristan Stephan
Dec. 19 at 5:30 PM	Samantha Randall	Molly McMann	Cecely Dominguez
Jan. 16 at 5:30 PM	Samantha Randall	Andrea Healey	
Feb. 20 at 5:30 PM	Samantha Randall	Hannah Shade	
March 20 at 5:30 PM	Samantha Randall	Taylor Smith	
April 17 at 5:30 PM	Samantha Randall	Paige Jergens	

Visit with New Chief Administrator at GWAEA

John Speer, GWAEA's new chief administrator, visited with me on September 24. Being new to his position, he took time with all GWAEA superintendents on site to get to know them a little better and to tour some of the facilities. He was seeking feedback on what is going well at Grant Wood and what changes we would like to see in the future. At the end of our discussion, I took him on a tour of our new addition at the Elementary. He was very impressed!

GWAEA Superintendent Meeting

On October 3, the GWAEA superintendents were honored by the presence of Todd Whitaker, one of the leading educational authorities in our country. He engaged us with his vast knowledge on how to work with staff members during challenging and difficult times.

Senate File 2364- High-Quality Emergency Operations Plans for Schools

Governor Kim Reynolds signed SF2364 on April 11, 2018 last spring as a means of ensuring that schools develop high-quality emergency operations plans for all buildings, where students are taught, no later than June 30, 2019. Most schools already have a plan in place but, with this new legislation, it will require changes and a deeper look at all manmade and natural disasters. The high-quality plan will need to:

- Assess our current plan in terms of emergency planning, procedures, incidents, drills, building access, key controls, staff training, and facility design
- Address all threats and hazards including lockdown, evacuation, reunification, and shelter-in-place
- Include a clear understanding of safety operations
- Reach out to community partnerships to help develop the plan which will include law enforcement, emergency managers, staff members, parents, and medical/mental health personnel
- Assign roles and responsibilities
- Implement a process for continuous review at least annually

- Review the incident command structure
- Provide a means of obtaining reports of possible threats to the safety of students or school personnel on school grounds or at school activities
- Remain confidential and not be a public record subject to disclosure under Chapter 22
- Include at least one emergency operations drill which may include, but is not limited to, table top exercises, walk-through trainings, partial drills, or full drills

Our latest real-life safety scenario was on Tuesday, October 9, when numerous tornado warnings invaded our area. Timing of these warnings was not ideal as it was at the end of our regular school day. However, we have no control over the weather and it can change in a matter of minutes in Iowa. Keeping students and staff protected and safe is our top priority. For this reason, students will not be released during a tornado warning. Parents who are at the school should come into the building for best protection. After the warning, you may take your child(ren) home with you. There was some confusion on this and we will get this protocol “cleaned up” when we review our emergency operations plans for our school district.

Let’s continue to support one another in providing a safe and secure learning environment for all of our students at Iowa Valley Community School District. Working on this high-quality safety plan will empower everyone to act knowingly and quickly before, during, and after an incident should it ever occur. Knowledge is power.

Certified Enrollment

Certified enrollment is due to the Department of Education on October 15. I will have this report to you at the school board meeting.