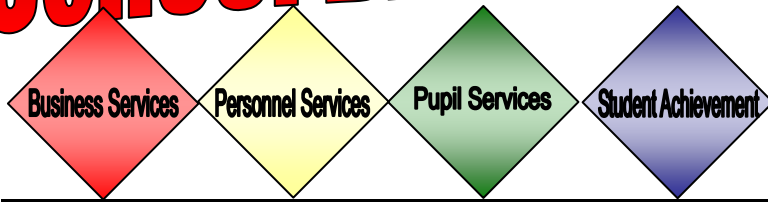


School District of New London



MONTHLY UPDATE

By: Bill Fitzpatrick
District Administrator
Date: April, 2010

Award Winner

Last week Jo Collar was recognized for her contributions to the New London community. Jo was the recipient of the prestigious *Jack Algiers Good Citizenship Award*. Chief Jeff Schlueter made the presentation at the annual Chamber of Commerce awards program. Jo was nominated by four different individuals. I have attached a memo from Chief Schlueter highlighting her achievements and her unwavering advocacy for children in our community. She is truly deserving of this recognition and I am proud to be associated with such a dedicated administrator.

Student Recognized

Zeniff Flores who is a student at the high school was also recognized at the Chamber awards program. The Chamber recognized his community service project titled, "Nibble Northeast Wisconsin."

Staffing for Next Year

We continue to make staffing adjustments in an effort to maximize our human resources. April 15th is the deadline for certified staff to return the contract offer made on March 15th. April 15th is also the deadline for those interested in early retirement to notify the district. After this deadline passes, we will be able to assess the situation and to prepare any layoff notices which may result. The deadline for layoff notices for certified staff is May 15th by contract.

We are also assessing the support staff assignments with an eye on clearly defining roles and responsibilities. This assessment must include the adjustments that may be necessary in order to facilitate our reorganization as well as the needs of individual students.

Human Resource Bids

We have received bids from two firms in response to our request from proposals to assist with the establishment of our Human Resources department. Both bids have vastly exceeded the financial resources that we had anticipated would be necessary to accomplish this task. We are therefore recommending that we do not accept either offer and reassess our situation. I will be prepared to provide a recommendation at our April 26th board meeting.

Technology Plan

Our technology committee continues to make progress in drafting our new Technology Plan. The plan is to be approved by the board prior to submitting it to the State for their review and approval. The committee recently completed a survey of students and staff. This data was used to inform the plan document. The goals of the Technology Plan have been integrated with the adopted board goals, student success indicators and district mission statement. The Tech Committee will review the final draft one more time prior to submitting to the Board of Education for discussion and approval. We anticipate that will occur at our next special board meeting on April 26th.

Board Development Opportunity

The firm of Davis & Kuelthau will host its annual legal update for local governmental officials. The information is included on pages 19-21 of the Board packet. I will be unable to attend as I have a commitment to teach a school law class on Tuesday evenings through the month of May. If you would like to attend, please contact Jill Willner. She will register you for the event.



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The 2010 Jack Algiers Good Citizenship Award goes to a person that was nominated by four different people. I will read some of the quotes from the nomination forms that I received for this person:

- * She is an outstanding principal as well as a valuable person of support in this community.
 - * She is often very generous with her time and talents when there is a fundraiser or volunteer event.
 - * It is evident how much she sincerely cares about the school children as well as the community.
 - * She gives endless hours to the youth of New London.
 - * She is a very motivated principal who is first to step in when a child is in an unsafe environment and advocates for many families so they receive the services from the appropriate agencies.
 - * She is the community coordinator for the Junior Achievement program in New London, which is a program that pairs community business members with students to teach them about business.
 - * She works 24/7 making sure children's needs are met at school and home.
 - * She always puts herself second.
 - * She has been very active with both the Storm Handrich and Sam Teschke Cancer Benefits (both have been students at Parkview who have been ill within the last couple of years)
 - * She coordinated a penny war when a student Amanda Martinez's baby brother had leukemia to show the family that they had love and support of the students and staff at Parkview.
 - * She has worked diligently to create the Bully Program at Parkview which became reality in November 2009
 - * She volunteers many hours of her time to coordinate the Focus Program. This is a weekend event where students are given a "problem" and challenged to come up with a solution.
 - * I have seen her offer her time, talents, and finances to support her students and I don't think that is the norm these days.
 - * She does not have any children of her own but treats all the children at Parkview as her own.
- For these reasons and many more that are not listed, I would like to present Jo Collar with the 2010 Jack Algiers Good Citizenship Award.

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