

EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS



BOARD HAPPENINGS

December 2 and 16, 2008

January 6 and 20, 2009



JANUARY 20TH REGULAR MEETING

- **Natalie Drummond**, Dir. of Curr. & Inst., gave an overview regarding secondary offerings in the Course Catalog. Several new features have been added: course development organizers, textbook and consumable fees, and several new course offerings. This Course Catalog is posted on the EACS website and will be sent home with secondary students this month.
- **Jo Ann Roscoe**, Mgr. of Student Ach./School Impnt. presented ISTEP+ information for the District (raw numbers).

JANUARY 6TH WORK SESSION

- **New Haven High School's** Director of Guidance, **Maureen O'Donoghue**, presented an overview of the criteria required and the process their department went through over the past year to complete their Gold Star Counseling Certification.
- **Jeff Studebaker**, Student Services Specialist, shared information regarding the Suicide Advisory Council. He also shared about EACS' participation in the Indiana Prevention Resource Center's Drug and Alcohol Student Use Survey this Spring of 2009 in conjunction with the Allen County Drug and Alcohol Consortium/NAND.

DECEMBER 2ND WORK SESSION

- Deputy Supt. **Jan MacLean's** presentation focused on the responses shared by patrons during the EACS Listening Tours. Information was presented on our current instructional delivery model as well. We continue to work on how best to guide educators in the delivery of appropriate, engaging, and meaningful learning activities. One of the next steps in the Strategic Planning Process is for the Board to establish their priorities for the District. These may include but are not limited to developing a Core Curriculum for the District, consistent bell times, and implementing a school/program for non-traditional students.
- **Dr. Novotny** will bring recommendations for short term cost reductions to the Board after the first of the year.

- The December 16th Board Meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.

RECOGNITIONS

Thanks to the generosity of **Cedarville Elementary** parents and students, over 1250 food items were collected for area families in need for the holidays! They worked in cooperation with the Leo United Methodist Church, the Associated Churches of Allen County Food Bank, and the Cedar Creek Food Bank. Also, 3rd graders collected over 450 pet food items and supplies, as well as \$91.00 for the Humane Shelter! Awesome!



EACS results for the 16th Annual Elementary Spell Bowl, are as follows: 1st place winners – **LEEL** (Purple Team), **WOEL**, **HIEL** and **NHEL**; 2nd place winners – **LEEL** (White Team), **HAEL**, **SOEL**, and **MEEL** schools; 3rd place – **HOEL**, **MOEL**, and **VIEL**. State-wide **Leo's Purple Team** ranked 16th in Class One, while **Leo's White Team** ranked 24th. In Class Two, **WOEL** ranked 23rd, and **HAEL** and **MOEL** ranked 28th and 29th in their respective classes. In Class Four, **NHEL** ranked 21st. Thank you teachers and coaches for your time and congratulations to students from each of these schools for their fine performances!

Representatives from ITT Communications Systems and the Allen County Education Partnership, presented the "ITT Excellence in Education Award" to **Leo Elementary** School teachers - **Danielle Newman** and **Eric Reynolds**, for their winning project "K'NEX: Kids Navigating Extraordinary eXpectations". In addition to this certificate the teachers received \$2000. Congratulations!

Superintendent's Visits

- Cedarville Elementary School
- Highland Terrace Elementary
- Leo Elementary School
- Leo Jr./Sr. High School
- Meadowbrook Elementary
- New Haven Elementary
- New Haven Middle School
- Woodburn Elementary School
- Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School

PERSONNEL

~ Resignations~

- **Keri Burford, Trans. Dept.**, eff. 11/21/08
- **Carey Minnich, Trans. Dept.**, eff. 12/01/08
- **Ron Gremaux, Ath. Dir.**, HEHS, eff. 07/31/09
- **Rosemary Kinney, food service**, HIEL, eff. 12/12/08
- **Rhonda Ehrhorn, Trans. Dept.**, eff. 01/06/09
- **Rhett Butler, Principal**, MEEL, eff. 07/31/09
- **Jim Hunt, Principal**, MOEL, eff. 07/31/09
- **Eva Merkel, Principal**, NHHS, eff. 07/31/09

~ Retirements~

- **Bob Rohrbacher, Exec. Dir. of Student Services**, eff. end of school year
- **John Beckman, Trans. Dept.**, eff. 10/15/09