

Rush City High School



Brent Stavigl High School Principal

Priority Area 1: Achieve Academic Excellence

- It was a productive year academically. I am not surprised by our data. Those who've embraced our initiatives are having great success. Where there's been staff turnover or inconstant implementation of initiatives, we have concerning data.
- 2016-17 planning is underway to ensure we continue to improve. The basics are now in place (MTSS, PLCs, PST, Schoology, Eclipse). Rather than adding new initiatives next year, I plan to focus on accountability and ensure everyone is participating with integrity. I believe making the transition from good to great is within reach!
- Met individually with teachers to discuss their teacher growth goals and the student achievement goals they set. Results and teacher reflections were good for the most part. The most common misunderstanding was with regards to teacher growth actually focusing on them as an instructor rather than their students.

Priority Area 2: Foster a Positive and Safe Environment

- Graduation was a success. Thank you Stefanie, Teri, and Teresa for your assistance with this special occasion. Feedback was positive regarding the minor changes in format and seating. I really appreciated having the opportunity to hand out the diplomas! All speakers and presenters did a wonderful job.
- Many seniors did participate in a senior prank. Fortunately, I noticed them arriving at 5:30 AM by utilizing the cameras. I was then able to guide them to ensure their actions were not hurtful or illegal.

Priority Area 3: Financial Stability to Support the District Mission

- The HS staff has done a great job finding ways to do more with less. We've significantly cut the supply budgets once again; however, the teachers are finding unique ways to ensure the students do not suffer.
- Informal discussions with community members regarding a potential levy have been more frequent lately. Most have seemed to understand the situation.
- All Chromebooks were returned; only two had damage that was not previously reported. Jim says he could not have hoped for a better outcome.

Priority Area 4: Strengthen Community Relationships

- GPS 45:93 – Learned about expanded Information Technology opportunities available through Pine Technical and Community college as a result of them receiving the RITA grant. Computer programing, science, networking, and web/cyber security are available. They are willing to work with our Business program.

- Congratulations to Demario Peterkin for competing in the State Track Meet in three events. The girls varsity track team reached the Gold Standard in Academics with an average GPA of 3.92. Varsity boys reached the Silver Standard with a GPA of 3.6. Six athletes are Academic All State: Riley Sykes, Brooke Nekowitsch, Sydney Fulcher, Elena Herberg, Jamie Guptill, Kaylyn Bowen. All reached a high performance level in track and academically.
- I've attended several graduation parties. It's awesome to see the photos and memorabilia that outline the student's journey from Pre-K through graduation.