

During the past few months Pine Valley's Board of Education has worked diligently to create new mission and vision statements and goals for our district. At the January 7, 2016 board meeting, the following were adopted:

Mission: To prepare all students to be college and career ready as lifelong learners, instilled with the intrinsic values of:

- Integrity
- Perseverance
- Responsibility
- Curiosity

Vision: To provide an education that grows tomorrow's leaders who are fully aware of and able to act upon any and all opportunities.

Board of Education Goals

College and Career Ready (Jeff Chase)

Pine Valley will develop a college and career minded educational plan (for grades 7-12 by April 2016 and K-6 grade students by April 2017) which is monitored and adjusted on an annual basis.

Engagement with School & Community (Larry Zollinger)

Increase attendance, parent involvement, and communication with all members of the school community through informational programs, extracurricular activities and programs of recognition by June 2016.

Student Achievement (Adam Lukasik)

To develop a comprehensive and scaffolded curriculum that supports achieving a 35% progressive proficiency rate and a 30% graduation with Advanced Regents Diploma by 2018.

Fiscal Responsibility (Nancy Stock)

Align resources to educational goals by following established practices and policies in a fiscally responsible and transparent manner during the 2016 budget process that offers the opportunity for community input.

Feedback (Rex Butcher)

A feedback loop is established by June 2016 with and between the Board, Superintendent, Administrators, Teachers, Students, Parents and Community that effectively provides comment and constructive support on the progress and performance toward achieving district goals.

The Board's goals are intended to be SMART goals meaning that they are *Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time-Bound*. Each board member has been assigned a goal to "champion". This means that they will monitor and report progress on these goals. You will see their names attached to their assigned goals. Should you have specific interest or need information on a particular goal, contacting that Board Member would be most appropriate. Superintendent goals supporting the Board Goals will be presented shortly.

In order to realize the efforts of the goals, district teachers developed District Improvement Forums, or DIF Committees, to carry the work forward. DIF committees are operating around the themes of:

- Curriculum and Instruction
- Parents
- Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports
- Technology
- Response to Intervention

The work of the DIF committees is to create strategic planning around each of the topics in order to support Board Goals and other major initiatives. Board members have been assigned to each of these committees as well. Committees are comprised of various stakeholders and would welcome additional membership. Our District Website will soon have more information on the work each committee is engaged in. This will be updated on an ongoing basis. The power of SMART Board Goals and District Committees to support that work cannot be understated as we continue to make progress in Pine Valley. We anticipate that teacher and staff-led work will be transformative. Should you be interested in more information, please see our website - www.pval.org - or contact me.

As we end the first semester, we extend congratulations to:

- Congratulations to the Pine Valley girls' soccer team (92.972) and boys' soccer team (91.521) on being recognized as Section VI Scholar Athlete Teams for the fall 2015 season. (Varsity teams who earn a 90.0% or higher average during their sport season qualify for the NYSPHSAA award.)
- Congratulations to Fall Sports All Stars:
 - Girls Soccer (CCAA Central)
First Team: Karah Herman, Jessica Wilcox
Second Team: Rebecca Butcher, Jamie Wilcox
Honorable Mention: Lindsey Crisanti, Noemi Silleman
Sportsmanship Award: Cassandra Kelly
 - Boys Soccer (CCAA Central)
First Team: Dylan Chase, Tyler West
Second Team: Matt Carpenter, Dana Jenkins
Honorable Mention: Colton Colburn, Sam Linenfelser
 - Girls Volleyball (CCAA Central)
Honorable Mention: Zoe Nelson
 - Football (Class C)
First Team Defense: Gilberto Ortiz
Second Team Defense: Kilian Abers
- Congratulations to Rebecca Butcher who was recognized by NYSPHSAA Section VI as a 2015-16 All-WNY Scholar Athlete on the Honorable Mention list for the Fall sports season.
- Congratulations to the following students for their selection to the CCMTA Winter All County Festival to be held at Chautauqua Lake on Saturday, February 6th:
 - Elementary Band (Grades 5-6)
Flute: Mattison Cadle
Clarinet: Willow Daly-Griffen, Margaret (Maggie) King, Melody Sunick Saxophone: Jay Howard
French Horn: Kadin Pfaffenbach (just transferred to Forestville)
 - Brass Ensemble
French Horn: Christian Fadale, Daniel Milliman
 - Women's Chorus
Soprano 1: Skylyn Brown, Megan Stefanik and Zoe Nelson
Soprano 2: Shelby Rowicki, Megan Lindquist and Kaitlyn Rumsey
Alto: Destiny Gullo and Kahlen Green
- Congratulations to the cast, crew, director and staff/ community members/parent volunteers who helped to make the January 16th elementary musical *Lion King Jr.* a huge success!

POSITIVELY POSITIVE

by Scott Payne, Superintendent

We regularly report progress and information at our Board of Education meetings. At a recent Board meeting I asked the Board to stop and think for a moment. While reminded that the Pine Valley School community lived through a tumultuous year last year, I asked them to think about the positive things that have occurred during the past seven months. I would ask you to pause for a moment to reflect on these positives, too.

There are many items to consider! Let me mention a few of the big ones. We have teams called District Improvement Forums (DIF) comprised of multiple stakeholder groups leading important conversations that affect our programs, service delivery and the way we communicate. The Board has set goals and demonstrated leadership in meeting these goals. We are having important conversations about the pathways our students can achieve to truly become college and career ready and a team of teachers examining our master schedule in order to create options toward these pathways. Our school counselors are working with students and their families to understand and identify individual college and career plans. We have engaged our greater community through the *Creating Healthy Schools and Communities* grant as well as a partnership with the UB Dental Lab which will be available to provide services to our children this spring. And our elementary play, *Lion King, Jr.* was a HUGE success!

Perhaps most important is to consider that our school community is talking together and working together. The spirit of collaboration that is developing will underpin our programs for the future. We are having important conversations surrounding data and instruction as we align our instructional program so that our students can improve achievement. There are many, many small “envelopes of light” our students are opening every day. I hope you are opening those same envelopes.

Moving toward Spring and the second semester, I would ask for your continued partnership, participation and communication. Our amazing faculty and staff are working tirelessly toward continuous improvement. And we want to mutually support one another now and in the future. I want to linger on the positives now and as we move forward. So join me in our efforts toward collaboration and support. I hope to see you soon at one of the many exciting activities happening here at Pine Valley, be it an athletic event, a DIF committee meeting, a parent meeting or the spring musical.