



Rivendell
Interstate School District

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Dear Rivendell Community,

I wanted to send you all a quick update on where we are with the reorganization of our administration. As you know from previous correspondence, based on an agreement made prior to her taking on the role of Head of Schools (Superintendent), Gail Keiling will be returning to her role of Head of Elementary/Principal of Samuel Morey Elementary School. Shawn Gonyaw will be remaining in his position of Principal at Westshire Elementary School. We have expanded the FTE of the Curriculum Coordinator position from .3 to .8 and are hopeful that Bridget Fariel will continue her work in curriculum.

The Board is still working on the roles and responsibilities for the positions of Superintendent and Head of Schools/Rivendell Academy Principal. We have decided to put together a committee to interview for both these positions since they are newly created positions. We believe that having a committee of administration, faculty, parents and students interview interested candidates will be the best way to ensure that we hire people who will be the best match for these new positions and our District.

We also want to update you on the status of the sprinkler system in the old Memorial Hall portion of the current middle school. Gary Collins has worked diligently to find a way for us to get the work on the sprinkler system completed so that we could have the use of the gym in the future. The company that did the original work seven years ago in the new portion of the middle school has told us that they will honor the original estimate to complete the project. This was an unexpected gift and we have decided to take the money from the reserve capital fund and get the work done while this offer is on the table. We still need a committee to study how to get the funds to complete the work on various things such as the air handling system and the removal of the asbestos from the gym floor. This same committee would be asked to look at ways to renovate and use the building in the future.

We have had several people who have asked to be considered to be a part of the interview committee for the Superintendent. This same committee will also conduct the interviews for the Head of Schools/Rivendell Academy Principal position. If you would like to be added to that list or are interested in being on the committee to study the funding and renovation of the old Memorial Hall, please call the District Office at (603) 353-2170.

If you have any questions about any of these matters, please feel free to call me at (603) 353-9722 or email me at sobetz@peoplepc.com or contact any of the other School Board members.

We are very excited about the work that is being done at both the elementary and the secondary level of our schools. We sincerely believe that our students and the District will benefit greatly from the changes we are making.

Sincerely,

Carol Sobetzer
Chair, Rivendell Interstate School District Board