

August 4, 2014

Dear Sibley Colleagues,

Welcome back to another school year at Sibley Elementary School! As I think about the year ahead, I get excited about the opportunities we will create for the students at Sibley through our continued work with PLCs, Responsive Classroom practice, RtI and iPads in our classrooms. Sibley is an excellent place to learn and work, and we have to continue to challenge ourselves in ways that make us better educators. That comes from holding each other accountable, working smarter, being willing to change when change is necessary and working toward a goal of continuous improvement both for our students and ourselves. As you all know, it takes teamwork, dedication and a lot of time and effort to be a successful educator. I look forward to working alongside each and every one of you this year!

The school year begins for us Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Here is a look at the workshop week schedule:

**Monday, August 25th**

7:30-9:30 - Two hours building staff meeting  
9:30-11:30 and 12:30-3:30 - Five hours work time  
11:30-12:30 - One Hour Lunch

**Tuesday, August 27th**

7:30-3:30 - "Ready, Set, Go Day!" This will again be our assessment day and meet the teacher/open house all wrapped into one day. Students will be given a specific time to visit their new classroom. The classroom teacher and one non-classroom teacher (specialist, sped, etc), will be assigned to each classroom and the team of two will conduct the necessary assessments. More details will follow regarding who is doing what at each grade level. Again, this will involve all licensed teachers and a few educational assistants. We understand we will not catch everyone on this Tuesday, but we will likely get most of the students that day. Assessments for students who cannot make it in will be done the first week of school.

**Wednesday, August 28th**

7:30-3:30 – PLC Time  
9:30-11:30 – Building Staff Development  
11:30-12:30 - Lunch  
12:30-3:30 – Work Time

**Thursday, August 29th**

7:30-9:30 - Media Standards; Technology (District Professional Learning)  
9:30-11:30 - Building Staff Development  
11:30-12:30 - Lunch  
12:30-3:30 – Work Time

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me. I am truly looking forward to another great year and again feel fortunate to work with a professional, dedicated staff at Sibley. Thank you in advance for the great work and persistence with our students. Enjoy the last few weeks of summer!

Sincerely,

Scott Sannes