

## **Brad Rowles - Board Report - Written Report- June 23, 2020**

### ***Activities that have or will be occurring at the High School:***

- The 4th marking period ended on Tuesday, June 9th.
- 4th marking period grades will be posted to Parent Portal on Friday, June 19th.
- Last day for staff was June 15th.
- On Friday, June 12th, was our annual Senior Parade sponsored by the Lewiston Police Department.
- We held our last Peer Coordinator meeting on Thursday, June 5th.
- Student item pick-up / School supply drop-off was held on June 10th and June 11th from 12:30 PM to 6 PM.
- Pushing out Blackboard messages to the community regarding information important to High School families and staff.
- Working with Mr. Hill and our tech liaisons to assist our students and families with tech related needs.
- We are still working with Artpark and the New York State Parks to plan our June 26th outdoor commencement celebration.

### **A few items to report to the Board of Education and Superintendent**

#### ***Principal's Activities:***

- Continuing to communicate with students, parents, and staff on a regular and ongoing basis.
- Lead weekly Peer Coordinator Meetings. Last meeting was held on June 5th.
- Working with Mr. Auer, to communicate a clear and consistent message for our District's secondary educational programs.
- Meeting weekly with the Superintendent and district administration through Zoom/Google Meet.
- Volunteered and delivered meals for our district's 3x weekly meal program.
- Attended numerous meetings with L-P staff and the New York State Parks, and Artpark personnel.
- Delivered the SARD crystal bisons with Superintendent Casseri, to the top-three of this year's senior class
  - Gabriel Steiner
  - Eric Smith
  - Olivia Kisiel
- Send weekly correspondence to high school staff members.
- Continue to work with Senior Class advisors:
  - Reimbursement for families from the canceled Senior trip.
  - Cap and Gown distribution (6/10 & 6/11).
  - Senior Day programs (6/12)
  - Graduation/Commencement (6/26)
    - Possibility of 3 commencement sessions (4 PM, 6:30 PM, & 8:30 PM) of 50 students each.
    - The three sessions would allow us to meet the Governor's commencement policy ( no greater than 150 total participants).

***Principal's Message:***

As we closed out the 4th marking period and the 2019-2020 school year, I want to thank the hard working and dedicated staff from our high school. I have received numerous emails from families thanking our staff for: touching base on a regular basis, dropping off class materials to students' homes, just checking in to say hi, working 1:1 with their child at all hours of the day, and just being there for their kids. I think we all recognize the difficulties that this health-related-break has imposed on all of us. It goes without saying that teaching is our business and profession, but this health-related-break has highlighted just how important the social emotional part of our job truly is. Our staff has stepped up big time with this responsibility and I couldn't be prouder.

As staff and students end their school year, the administrative team will begin the planning process for the 2020-2021 school year. We still have many unanswered questions, but I know that our common goal of helping our students to "Aim Higher" will not be deterred. I'm looking forward to working with my fellow administrators to design and implement a return to school plan that provides for a safe environment while meeting the needs of our students and their families.

Being new to the Lew-Port Family, it has been an awesome experience to see so many community members supporting our students and families. I want to thank each member of the Lew-Port Family for their unwavering commitment to always "Aiming Higher".

Go Lancers!!!

Brad

# Auer Time @ LPMS

June, 2020

## Pillar 1 - Teaching and Learning

- We closed grades for assignments and projects on June 9. Grades will be finalized and made available for parents to view on Powerschool starting on June 15. This will give students an opportunity to submit any assignments that are needed for credit. As you know, we are not providing a numerical grade for Quarter 4 but rather students will see a P(pass) or INC(incomplete). The big reminder to teachers is to collect what we can from assignments completed so we can give credit. We do not want to penalize a student for not doing it or turning it in, realizing that there are many different reasons for that being the case in each household.
- The year end grade will be calculated using the following weighting scale:
  - **Q1=40%,**
  - **Q2=40%,**
  - **Q3=20%**
  - **Q4=P or INC**
  - **Q1-Q3 Averaged for a Y1 numeric grade - Any student with a year end average below a 65 will be marked as a P and numeric grade will be changed to a \*65 with a comment about missing or work not completed. All students will pass.**
- As you may recall, each grade level developed a project to start Q4 new learning. We are calling it the "Time Capsule Project". We felt that it is really important to have students capture this moment that we are going through to become "primary sources" of information about their experiences during this time. Each subject/grade level assigned students criteria for digitally capturing these experiences so that they can be shared with future generations. Here is the 8th grade team introducing the project to the students. [8th Grade Time Capsule](#).
  - The project has now been completed and teachers have selected some of the most original and best student work to include into a digital document that we will be sharing with students/families via Google classroom. We anticipate that some of these will be shared via social media after June 12. Check your Twitter!
- We had our Student Drop off/Pick up on **Wednesday, June 10 - Students with last names A-L - 12:30 - 6pm** and **Thursday, June 11 - Students with last names M-Z - 12:30 - 6pm.** Students were asked to return items such as Chromebook/Chromebook Charger, Textbooks, Library books along with any other items belonging to the school and assigned to students (calculators,etc.).
- Once these two days of pickups are complete, we will make a plan for collection of any items not returned or picked up so that all can be accounted for.
- If parents are having any type of difficulty, or if any special arrangements need to be made, please remind them to contact the middle school guidance office at [bvandeusen@lew-port.com](mailto:bvandeusen@lew-port.com) or [aaauer@lew-port.com](mailto:aaauer@lew-port.com) or [aingraham@lew-port.com](mailto:aingraham@lew-port.com). All staff are available by email using first initial and last name @lew-port.com.

## Pillar 2 - Leadership

### ★ Teacher leadership

- ★ Peer Coordinators and our Technology Liaisons continue to take the information from our Zoom/Google Hangout meetings and disperse to the departments/grade levels extremely efficiently! Teachers have expressed their appreciation for being informed and for knowing processes and procedures. This is in no small part due to their leadership and coordination. Thank you to:
  - Mike Bollinger - Social Studies/Grade 8
  - Karen Pax - Math/Grade 6
  - Kevin Kirsch - Science/Grade 6
  - Tom Penale - ELA/Grade 7
  - Tina Oddy - Special Education/Grade 8
  - Dana Thompson - Business/Exploratories
  - Mark Cousins - Global Language
  - Paula Singleton - Physical Education
  - MaryEllen Aureli - Co-Chair Library/Media and Technology Liaison
  - Kathy Loncar - Technology Liaison

## Pillar 3 - Community and Culture

- Liz Buck and Nina Calarco have taken the lead on planning for some sort of virtual 8th grade Moving Up celebration. More details to follow, but we anticipate some sort of virtual ceremony that we will make available to families to watch at their leisure. Thank you to our PTSA for offering financial assistance. We were able to get ice cream coupons from the Silo for all 8th grade students. We handed these out to them as they picked up or dropped off items. Any student that did not come in, we will make sure they get their token and certificate at some point in the upcoming weeks.
- WEB Leaders have been meeting with our new 8th grade WEB student leaders and beginning the training process. Check out our [WEB Recruitment Video](#). New leaders have been chosen and our WEB teacher leaders have done a virtual get together to make plans for the 6th grade student orientation in August.
- Our “Welcome to 6th grade” video tour and Middle School introduction for incoming 5th grade students as an introduction to 6th grade was posted on June 10. Here is the presentation that we sent to the 5th graders.
  - [2020 Middle School Welcome](#)
- Thank you for your continued partnership as we have now navigated through this very unique experience of distance learning. Let's all hope that we can get back to whatever normal will look like as soon as possible!

Stay safe! Stay happy! Stay strong!

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter! @LewPortMS and if you see something great in our community, share it with us using #lewport! There is some really good stuff there that I have retweeted from our teachers and staff!

To: Lewiston-Porter Board of Education  
From: Tina Rodriguez  
Date: June 16, 2020  
Re: IEC Board Meeting Report

Good Afternoon! I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy. The ending to this school year has been like no other. As any school year comes to a close, it is always very bittersweet, but this year it was even more difficult. I miss the students and their excitement for their summer adventures to begin. I want to highlight some of the end of the year events.

**Congratulations to Charlotte Ryan from Mrs. Boss' class for winning first place in the Boces Writing Contest this year!** The theme was to write a persuasive essay about someone who makes a difference in your life and the lives of others.

Charlotte Ryan wrote "Mrs. Rodriguez is a Light in the World"

Mrs. Rodriguez is a Light in the World  
By: Charlotte Ryan

What if I told you that my principal was a light in the world? Well, if you didn't believe me then I think I might prove you wrong.

Let me tell you a little about her. She made a rule that if you are good at lunch then you might get to have lunch with the principal. Also you might get a golden spoon! I'm happy about this rule because now its not so loud when we eat lunch.

Also, she made a rule that if you are good for a substitute teacher then you might get picked by him or her to have a slushie at lunch! This Fall she put everyone's name in a drawing to pumpkin pie her in the face! Maybe if you are looking for a school to come to, then you should pick Lew-Port.

Mrs. Rodriguez is also brave. She is brave because when we have assemblies she has to go up on stage and speak in front of the whole school! Also, if she messes up then she doesn't care! She doesn't care because she's truly the bravest principal. For example, one time she was coughing in the middle of the speech and she didn't give up. She just kept on going.

These are some reasons why more kids want to come to our school Lew-Port. Now, so many kids are coming to our school. In fact, about 500 kids are coming to our school! And it's all because Mrs. Rodriguez made a BIG difference in our school. Most principals don't let kids do stuff like that but not Mrs. Rodriguez! Now I hope *you* also think that Mrs. Rodriguez is a light in the world. She makes the world a better place.

The following students in Mrs. Boss's class won awards for their essays in Grade 3:

Amelia Casale - Second Place "Rosa Parks was a Light in the World"  
Dominic Daniels - Honorable Mention  
Zachery Finn - Honorable Mention  
Charley Heath - Honorable Mention  
Olivia Leardini - Honorable Mention  
Wyatt Leardini - Honorable Mention  
Callan McAuliffe - Honorable Mention  
Nathaniel Unversaw - Honorable Mention  
Brayden Van Egmond - Honorable Mention  
Deanna Westoven - Honorable Mention

Students from Mrs. Khatib's class won awards in the Grade 4 category:

Caroline Brodie - Third Place  
Sadie Cipolitti - Honorable Mention  
Connor Wheaton - Honorable Mention

June 5-9: **5th Grade Celebration:** Some of the 5th Grade teachers and Mrs. Rodriguez delivered t-shirts and certificates to students to congratulate them and wish them luck in the Middle School.



June 2: Mrs. Rodriguez presents awards to 5th grade students for the **NY Comptroller and Principals Award**. The NY State Comptroller award is presented each year to students who have excelled academically and has also shown leadership potential by volunteering his or her own time to serve the school community.

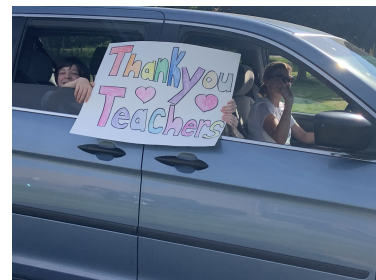
This year our recipients are Mariana Bucelato, Michael Cardamone, Kiersten Elliott, Skylar Elliott, Amelia Fanizzi, Gavin Heath and Chloe Larson.

**The Principal Award** is presented to a 5th grade student from each class that demonstrates qualities of consistent efforts, always doing their best, being a positive role model for students to follow and who express a strong character, embodying our school's Mission Statement of respect, responsibility and resourcefulness. This year our recipients are Taylor Favorite, Scarlett Sloma, Sophia Shaikh, Mackenzie Lewin, Zoe Droegmyer Riley Schmitt and Sophia Conti.

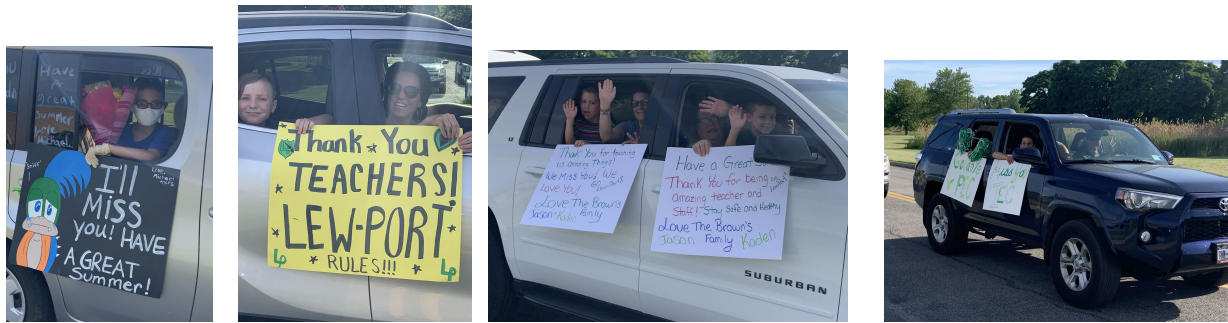
June 9: **IEC Talent Show:** The music department asked for entries for a musical talent show. The students played a piece of music they were working on and submitted it through Seesaw. The students did an excellent job!

<https://youtu.be/VVn-Ov6pELA>

June 9: **Elementary Parade-**On Tuesday evening at 5:30, the elementary buildings had a reverse parade for all the families. Our local police and fire vehicles were there to lead the start. Cars drove by the IEC and PEC lined with staff to wave goodbye. The parade lasted 80 minutes. It was an amazing send off and goodbye to a different end to the school year.







June 10: **5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony**-Congratulations to our 5th Graders on their Moving Up Day! <https://youtu.be/yTQ3Ryv63c>

June 10 & 11: **Parent Pick-Up**



June 11, 12 & 15: **Teachers close out their classrooms**

**TO:** Lewiston Porter Board of Education  
**FROM:** Tamara Larson  
**DATE:** JUNE 10, 2020  
**RE:** PEC Board Meeting Report

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**SeeSaw Stats**

The PEC learning stayed strong through our very last week of virtual education.

## **Week of June 1 - June 8 at Lewiston Porter Primary Education Center**



**2,993**

New Items



**3,505**

Likes



**2,296**

Comments



**1,464**

Parent Visits

**Announcement Folder**

The PEC staff and students read over 100,000 minutes and met our Spring Reading Challenge Goal. And yes, I did kiss that Argentina Tegu- anything to inspire the love of reading! We have created a folder of all our live-streamed newscasts for the students to enjoy throughout the summer. Take a peek at our last one to learn more about our Summer Reading Passport Program in partnership with all of our community libraries.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-3GIq8ZkRVwe4rLNzk8bYz1h19JsQSDD?usp=sharing>

**Butterfly Release Ceremony Live-streamed**

Our Butterfly Release Live-stream Ceremony was viewed by 91 families. Be on the look-out for butterfly creations in our community to show that our 2nd and 3rd grade multiage students are



Proud PEC Graduates. They are ready to spread their wings and fly to the rest of their Lancer Journey.

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### **Kindergarten Orientation**

We will be offering our new Kindergarten families a zoom orientation session this summer. A welcome letter and packet will be sent to families in the next week, along with instructions on how to attend a virtual orientation.

Virtual orientations, using the Zoom platform, are to be held on the following dates and times:

- ★ Tuesday, June 30th at 11:00 am.
- ★ Tuesday, June 30th at 6:00 pm.
- ★ Tuesday, July 28th at 11:00 pm.
- ★ Tuesday, July 28th at 6:00 pm.

During the orientation, families will receive curriculum information from Mrs. Larson, meet our nurse, view a welcome video from the Kindergarten teachers, watch a special message from this year's Kindergarten graduates, and participate in a Question and Answer session.

### **2nd & 3rd Grade Transition: *Supporting Student Transition Virtually***

With the support of administration, Heather Zielinski, Rebecca Cuminsky and the IEC's amazing Lighthouse Leaders the PEC and IEC social workers were able to develop a virtual transition tour and information video for our 2nd and 3rd grade students.

PEC students submitted questions via Seesaw and each Lighthouse Leader was given a question to respond to. These leaders did an AMAZING job of answering the students' questions with not only the correct information but so much heart in their answers as well. This is definitely a different transition year but the collaboration and creative ideas will help make it as smooth as possible. The video will be available on June 12th, a link will be shared at that time.

Stay healthy, safe and LP Strong! Thank you for your continued support.

Tamara