

Tri Star Superintendents meeting August 27, 2024

Attendance: Bill (St. Marys), Adam (St. Henry), Kim (New Knoxville), Jason (New Bremen), Tony (Ft. Recovery), Tim and Paula (Tri Star), Brooke (Celina), Josh (Minster), and Mike (Marion Local)

Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting May 2, 2024. 1st Kim and 2nd by Mike... all approved.

Received a handout of Tri Star class list and discussed.

Discussed the early release situation at the home schools and the number of students dropping Tri Star between the junior and senior year. We received a handout with the enrollment differences.

Tim mentioned that he is checking with legal council on Tri Star teachers not being able to bump other Tri Star teachers.

We all received a handout of the schedule of events and Tim mentioned all 8th grade tours are currently set.

Paula Vantilburg the new assistant director was introduced and Tim reviewed all new staff for this school year. Mentioned that Marcia Helentjaris at retiring at the end of the year.

A motion was made to approve and recommend Tim Buschur salary move from \$65,000 to \$70,000 retroactive for the 24-25 school year starting August 1st and also be set at \$70,000 for the 25-26 school year. 1st Jason, 2nd Adam... all approved.

There was a discussion to look into the possibility of using Community Improvement Corporation as a way to sell future Tri Star houses. Bill and Jason both had some experience with these type organizations.

There was discussion on the future of the Tri Star Cooperative and the direction we want to go. We set a tentative goal to have a decision by the end of this school year. DEW needs to know enough in advance to set up the structure. (Example: if we decided by June 2025, DEW could not have everything set up for us to start as a Coop that next school year.)

We verbally approved Tim to discuss this coop with Tom Sommer and see if he was interested in doing the financial implication research of being a coop and then having all Superintendents and Treasurers meet periodically throughout this school year to discuss if we want to proceed.

We reviewed funding items such as a building maintenance fund, equipment grants, etc... We received a special education update, discussed industry credentials and Tim provided a run down of service projects from the previous year.

A motion was made by Mike to adjourn, 2nd by Josh... all approved.