

Superintendent Report

Sept 13, 2021

Buildings & Grounds -

- We've used the riding floor scrubber on the new gym floor several times and it's working great. It took about 20 minutes to scrub the entire gym floor compared to over an hour for the old method.
- The new carpet extractor has arrived. We're coming up with a plan on how we can clean the classroom carpets.
- Concrete projects – T.L. Sund didn't get to our concrete project before the first home game. We're trying to get them locked down on a date to get the items poured. It's not a big project for them so they're trying to work it in. I'll keep you updated when we finally get them nailed down.
- Field Paint Sprayer – we ordered a gas-powered field paint sprayer to paint the lines on the football field. It was \$2075. Our present field sprayer is the type that uses the spray cans to paint the lines. It takes between 4 and 5 cases of paint to spray the football field. A case of white paint (12 cans) costs \$70 each, so it's between \$280 to \$350 in paint to spray the field for a football game. With the gas-powered sprayer you use one 5-gallon bucket of bright white drywall priming paint mixed 3:1 with water to paint your lines. A 5-gallon bucket of paint is \$45 each. You usually have to paint your field 6-7 times per year depending on rain, number of home games, soap scrimmages, etc. Once we go to the gas-powered sprayer, we're looking at \$315 in drywall paint (7 times spraying your lines) as opposed to \$1960 for the paint cans we're using now. We'll also use it for track (shot put and discus), spraying lines for our cross-country meet, parking lot lines, and elementary field day events. In a little over one year, you've broke even on the cost of the unit. It's a much more economical and time efficient way of spraying your painted lines. Unfortunately, we won't get our sprayer till the beginning of October.

Early Childhood Program - we received notification from the Nebraska Department of Education that our early childhood program is approved for this year. Each year districts submit data and records indicating that our Pre-K program is operating in compliance with the Office of Early Childhood at NDE. There are criteria standards that districts must meet and then submit data and evidence to NDE showing that we're providing a high-quality program for the children enroll in our Pre-K program.

eFunds payments – this is a digital payment program offered through the NASB at no cost to the district. We talked a little bit about this last month. Lunch bills, class dues, organizational dues, lab fees, book fines, etc. can be paid through the eFunds system. The school can either pay a uses fee or a \$1 fee is put on the bills for the student/parents to pay. Almost all schools pass on the \$1 fee to the user. We used it at the last two districts I was at. Parents liked it since

they go to one site and take care of multiple school bills at one time. Staff liked it because we had an electronic paper trail on bills, plus payments would automatically be processed and the money would be deposited into the correct school account. I'll get the ball rolling it's something that the board would like us to offer our parents.

Graduation time or date change – we had a parent call and want to know if we'd consider changing the date or time of graduation since Southern Valley is at the same day and time. Your thoughts. Our graduation is on May 7th @ 2 pm. On a side note, Cambridge's graduation is on May 7th @ 2 pm.