

Sherwood CLASS Currents

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A newsletter to help us stay informed on the progress of CLASS

Thank You: A huge thank you to all staff for participating in the CLASS Project. You provided insightful input to our Professional Development Team CLASSmates last month, which helped us shape our presentation to our School Board. We never underestimate the value of your time, so thank you for giving us your time and your thoughtful input. Please see our most recent **Friday Update** from Dan Jamison for more detailed information about this survey.

Performance Evaluation Team: The Performance Evaluation Team has had two dynamic team meetings. They are currently re-looking at our current performance evaluation policy and rubrics and they are reading Charlotte Danielson's book titled Enhancing Professional Practice. This team is going to be seeking a lot of input from staff informally as well as formally, so don't be surprised if you are asked a few questions about our current professional evaluation practices as they begin to discuss their approach to this important component. If you would like a copy of this book, please check with your principal or email aspangler@sherwood.k12.or.us and she will order a copy so you can read along!

Professional Development Team: Please join us in thanking this remarkable team! On very short notice they created a survey, took it to staff, gathered the input, and analyzed the data. What an amazing team! Our Professional Development Team will continue to be asking questions and listening as we look toward creating collaborative learning teams in our schools.

Classified Team: This team has been working on getting input from the custodial-maintenance staff and the food services staff. The team will be distributing the food service job matrixes to all staff in this job family for review and edits of the job matrix. For questions about your job family, please contact your building representative or Liz Gally.

Career Path Team: Our Career Path Team has been hard at work. They will be asking for informal input from certified staff members about specific professional practices staff would like to see considered as part of our career paths. They will be conducting more research about models that are already in place. Be watching for more information from this team, as they will be seeking input from us on a consistent basis.

IMPORTANT Upcoming Event: On **March 4** the **original CLASS Design Committee** will be meeting from 3:00 to 4:00 PM, then all four current CLASS Teams (**Professional Development; Classified; Career Path; and Performance Evaluation**) will join them for some sharing from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. CLASS Team Members, please be sure to mark your calendars for this important event and watch your email for more information as to the venue!

CLASS Team Member Highlight: It's my pleasure to introduce Professional Development Team Leader, Frank Luzaich. Originally from California and still a fervid Oakland Raiders fan, Frank and his wife Samantha have made their home in Sherwood and have two wonderful daughters named Ellen and Abby. When not on the basketball court coaching his teams or running a marathon, you might find the Luzaich family on a road trip in the RV or relaxing as a family at home. Frank has

served in the Sherwood School District for 12 of his 13-year career in education. A dedicated, experienced, and passionate leader in our district and community, he has served as a fifth grade teacher, Middle School Basketball Coach, Summer Institute Administrator, and currently as Dean of Student and Instruction at Archer Glen Elementary. If you see Frank or his team around, thank them for all their hard work! They have and will continue to be catalyst for best practices in professional development for ALL Sherwood staff! *CLASS team member highlight submitted by Eric Beasley.*

Change is Good You go First: There are five copies of this book floating around our school district right now, and we are trying to see how many people can read these five little books before May 1st. If it gets passed to you, please read it, sign it, and pass it as soon as you can. We will be giving away random prizes, so please be watching your email for more information!

Do you want to get involved with CLASS? Feel free to contact Amy Spangler, at aspangler@sherwood.k12.or.us for more information on how to become an active participant in the CLASS Project.