MSD Wayne Promotes Seven Employees to Administrative Positions

Seven employees with a combined 63 years of experience in the MSD of Wayne Township have assumed new leadership roles for the 2015-16 school year.

Timothy Pratt is the new assistant principal and assistant director of the Area 31 Career Center at Ben Davis High School. Mr. Pratt came to MSD Wayne in 2008 as an engineering and technology teacher. He has served as a leader for the district’s Project Lead the Way program. He also directed collaborative initiatives for extra-curricular STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) programming for MSD Wayne’s elementary students. Mr. Pratt has a bachelor’s degree in technology education from Purdue University and a master’s degree and administrative license from Indiana University.

Dominic Day is now dean of students at Ben Davis High School. Mr. Day came to MSD Wayne in 2009 as a social studies teacher at Lynhurst 7th & 8th Grade Center. He has held various leadership roles in the district, including being a team leader and chair for Lynhurst’s social studies department. He is also cofounder of the Brothers of Another Color student support group. Mr. Day received the Indiana University Armstrong Educator of the Year Fellowship in 2013 and was recently selected to take part in the prestigious MBA in Educational Leadership Program at the University of Indianapolis. Mr. Day earned his bachelor’s degree in secondary education and social studies at Indiana University.

Bridgeport Elementary’s new assistant principal is Julie Moore. Ms. Moore arrived at Robey Elementary in 2006. She has exhibited leadership by conducting professional development and chairing various committees. She also assumed leadership roles as a summer school administrator and interim assistant principal at both Chapel Glen Elementary and Bridgeport. Ms. Moore earned her bachelor’s degree in special education and her master’s degree and administrative licensure from Indiana University.
The new assistant principal at Chapel Glen Elementary is Emily Marshall. Mrs. Marshall began her career as a third grade teacher at Chapel Glen in 2007, moving to fifth grade in 2013. As a teacher leader she has mentored student teachers from Ball State University, led professional development, and organized family nights for her school. She has also served as a summer school administrator and grade level chair. Mrs. Marshall earned a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Indiana University and her master’s degree and administrative licensure from the University of Indianapolis.

Jonathan Kline is new assistant principal for Chapel Hill 7th & 8th Grade Center. Mr. Kline came to MSD Wayne in 2008 to teach social studies at Lynhurst 7th & 8th Grade Center. He has served as a team leader, chairperson of the social studies department, and district technology teacher. He has also led professional development for teachers and presented at the Hoosier Educational Computer Coordinators conference. Mr. Kline earned his bachelor’s degree in secondary education and social studies from Anderson University and his master’s degree and administrative licensure from the University of Indianapolis.

Martha Allen is one of two employees in MSD Wayne’s transportation department to assume new roles. Mrs. Allen is now assistant director of transportation and special needs coordinator for the department. She came to MSD Wayne in 1992 as the office manager and special needs transportation manager in the transportation department. She has also served as a lead driver. Throughout her career in MSD Wayne, Mrs. Allen has been instrumental in developing the on-site training facility for drivers that is utilized statewide by school transportation professionals. Mrs. Allen is a graduate of Ben Davis High School and has received numerous recognitions for her work in transportation throughout the district and state.

Marcus Banks is the new assistant director of transportation-operations for MSD Wayne. Mr. Banks came to MSD Wayne in 2012 as a mechanic and was promoted to lead technician and supervisor in the transportation garage. He has been instrumental in creating more technology-based processes for the bus garage. He has also begun the work of inventory control to cut costs. During Mr. Banks’ tenure and leadership, the annual bus inspection pass rating rose from 78 to 95 percent.

“One of the great things about our school district is our deep pool of qualified internal candidates for administrative positions,” said MSD Wayne Superintendent Jeff Butts. “We are thrilled to start the 2015-16 school year with this new group of administrators who already know and live by the strong work ethic and standards that are part of the fabric of the MSD of Wayne Township.”