

A Closer Look at Penn-Delco's Recent Secondary Administrative Appointments

Earlier this summer, the Penn-Delco School District announced that the 2010-2011 school year would begin with the transfer of several secondary school administrators to other positions within the district. The following biographical information has been provided to help our community learn more about the administrators and their educational background.

Mr. Thomas Jakubczyk

After serving as the principal of Sun Valley High School for the past five years, Mr. Thomas Jakubczyk has assumed the position of Supervisor of Secondary Curriculum, Instruction & Special Projects. Prior to Sun Valley, Mr. Jakubczyk was the principal of Pottstown High School for five years, where he had also served for two years as the vocational director. He worked in technical education for 21 years and academic education for ten years.

Mr. Jakubczyk was a teacher/educator at Temple University for three years, where his focus was on developing new faculty by teaching curriculum and instructional courses. He attended Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture, where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture. Mr. Jakubczyk received his Masters Degree from Temple University in Curriculum and Instruction, with a focus in Technical Education. "It is exciting to return to the area in education that has a strong impact on student achievement, curriculum and instruction," stated Mr. Jakubczyk.

Mr. Pete Donaghy

Mr. Pete Donaghy has become the new principal at Sun Valley High School. Mr. Donaghy has spent the previous 11 years at Northley Middle School, with the last five as principal. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from the University of Scranton. He also received a Masters Degree from St. Joseph's University in Education and one in Secondary School Counseling from Villanova University. Mr. Donaghy is presently enrolled in a superintendent certificate program at St. Joseph's University. "Sun Valley is a place where great occurrences happen by the minute," stated Mr. Donaghy. "I am thrilled to be able to contribute to the school's success."

Mrs. Carol Russell

Mrs. Carol Russell replaces Mr. Donaghy as the new principal at Northley Middle School. She has served as the District Supervisor of Secondary Curriculum and Instruction for the past four years. Prior to her employment in Penn-Delco, Mrs. Russell held many positions in the field of education, including middle and high school mathematics teacher, instructional coach for secondary mathematics, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction K-12 in a Delaware school district of 25 schools, and middle school administrator. She participated in numerous state and regional mathematics initiatives and multi-year National Science Foundation grants, as well as instructed other educators at the college level and at national conferences. She attended the University of Delaware, where she earned both her Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education with a Middle School mathematics focus and a Masters in Education.

"During the past four years, I have had the pleasure of witnessing the fine work of Northley students. I am excited to be part of a talented and dedicated school community," stated Mrs. Russell. "The teachers, support staff, and administrators are passionate about helping students grow and succeed in reaching academic and personal goals in the middle school years. It is both professionally and personally exciting to part of such a great school."

Ms. Amy Bell

Ms. Amy Bell begins her 9th year in Penn-Delco as an Assistant Principal at Northley Middle School after serving in the same capacity at Sun Valley High School for the previous eight years. Prior to joining Penn-Delco, she administered the Alternative Program at Upper Darby High School for eleven years. Ms. Bell earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Speech Communication from Ithaca College, a Masters Degree in Education with a concentration in Guidance and Counseling from Loyola College, and her principal's certification from St. Joseph's University. "This is a wonderful opportunity to take my knowledge of high school students and apply it to the middle school to help prepare these students emotionally, socially and academically to have a smooth and successful transition." stated Ms. Bell.

Ms. Rosemary Edmiston

Ms. Rosemary Edmiston has been with the Penn-Delco School District for five years. She was most recently the Dean of Students at Northley Middle School and prior to that taught 7th grade science. Ms. Edmiston attended St. Joseph's University as an undergraduate and received a Masters Degree in Education from Widener University. She returned to St. Joseph's to obtain her principal's certificate. "I am so excited about having the opportunity to contribute to Sun Valley's future success," stated Ms. Edmiston. "I really like the fact that I know the students at the high school, most of whom have come from Northley."