

### **Prairie School Foundation Director's Visit to Prairie Delta**

There is a new administrator at Prairie Delta. His name is Ian Dye and he invited me (PSF Director Randy Rumery) to visit recently so we could get acquainted and, more importantly, so I could meet some of the students and learn what Delta is all about. If you don't know, let me share. The Prairie Delta Program is an extension of Prairie High School located on the Kirkwood Community College campus.

The program serves students in grades 9-12 in the College Community School District that seek a smaller learning environment than can be found in a traditional high school setting. Today Prairie Delta is serving about 70 students. I was able to observe students in Mr. Bentley's consumer math class, Mrs. Root's class where students were working on credit recovery and Mrs. Koranda's English class. She relayed that the foundation had helped Delta acquire "Turnitin" an online collaboration tool for language arts papers.

As I walked the halls I noticed posters filled with words of encouragement and a section where student quotes were posted regarding what they appreciate about Prairie Delta. A typical posting is reflected in the picture below. Please note that last line, "They won't give up on us." We all could use that reassurance in our daily lives! Thank you Mr. Dye for the invitation. You started my day in a way I will not soon forget.

**Pictured Below:** Ian Dye, Prairie Delta Administrator, and Randy Rumery, PSF Director

