

# Elementary School Board Report

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## ***Pittsville School District's Vision and Mission:***

Our Vision: Expecting Excellence and Innovation, Honoring Legacy, and Embracing Partnerships.

Our Mission: Expecting Excellence and Integrity from all, developing Innovative students, strengthened through Partnerships with parents and the community.

## **Student and Staff Notable Learning**

### **SAIL Team Continues Leadership Work**

On Wednesday, March 11th the SAIL team traveled to the Dells for the day. During this time, the next steps in the process were introduced, the team had work time, and the team met with our SAIL team coach. The team is reading *The Art of Coaching* by Elena Aguilar to increase our understanding of coaching strategies so we can continue to improve our Peer to Peer Coaching Program for next year. The SAIL team has had a very important part in developing our 100-day plans and the team has provided good insight and feedback to ensure the district collaboration days were effective and efficient.

### **Distance Learning Staff Google Meets**

The teachers / staff have been proactive in their communication with one another by using Google Meets. Once a week, the primary wing meets to discuss what is going well / what they need support with; Grades 4 / 5 meet each week and send home weekly letters to families; Grades 6 - 8 meet daily for a quick check in. Mrs. Masanz, Mrs. Garrels, and I attend these meetings on a regular basis. The goal of these meetings is to keep open communication and ensure all students are being contacted. All teachers participated in the district collaboration on April 1st via Google Meet where they reflected on the year and provided the documentation needed for the district's P2PC requirements.

### **Grades 4K - 3 Distance Learning**

Grades 4K - 3 began distance learning by providing packets for their students. After the first two weeks, they transitioned to using the SeeSaw app to communicate with families. They have been checking in via email, phone, and Google Meets.

### **Grades 4 - 8 Distance Learning**

Grades 4 - 8 are working to determine their essential standards for 4th quarter and providing learning activities and instruction to align with these standards. Google Meets, live instruction, videos, and other methods are being used to provide students with new material.

## **Innovation and Recognition**

### **PTO Knowledge Quest Fundraiser**

Thank you to all the families who participated in Knowledge Quest this year. We raised \$4498.85. The PTO had plans to enhance the Junior High Playground area with these funds.

### **Empty Bowls on March 10, 2020**

We were able to raise \$4000 to give to PANS this year. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success.

### **Looking Ahead**

#### **Portfolio Night Cancelled**

Portfolio Night was cancelled. Grades 4K-3 will be sending their Portfolios home and Grades 4-8 can view their Portfolios electronically. Parents are encouraged to ask their child about their Portfolio.

#### **Harlem Wizards**

The Harlem Wizards game will be rescheduled for the 2020-2021 school year. Families that have purchased tickets are asked to hold onto them until game day.

#### **Grades 3 - 8, Forward Exam**

Students in Grades 3 - 8 will not be participating in the Forward Exam this year.

