

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

Math and Health Curriculum Work

On July 15th, 16th, and 17th, Dr. Porter, myself, and teachers representing K-12 spent three days focusing on developing essential standards, assessments, and proficiency scales. This work will continue during the school year. On August 6th and 7th, Dr. Porter, myself, and health teachers spent two days discussing the health curriculum and standards to ensure we are covering all the standards needed within our health instruction.

Innovation and Recognition

Healthy Classroom Foundation Grant

The Elementary School received \$1700 from Healthy Classrooms Foundation. I wrote the grant, focusing on the need to provide activities / games for our junior high students during their recess time. We are grateful to be the recipients of this grant.

Women Helping Out Golf Fundraiser

A special thank you to the following staff members for volunteering their time to help the day of the golf outing on July 23rd: Ms. Schooley, Mrs. Petersen, Mrs. Niehaus, Mrs. Doering, Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Sanken, Mr. Krueger, Mrs. Frericks. **\$3757.02 was donated to our school** (the other half of the money went to a school in Marshfield). A special *thank you* to the local businesses, community members, and staff who supported this fundraiser.

Looking Ahead

Staff Inservice August 19-22 and 26-29, 2019

This August Dr. Porter and I, along with the SAIL team, are going to begin sharing information with our staff on how we are going to focus our work. This year, our district professional development is focused on the Peer to Peer Coaching model. Peer to Peer Coaching (P2PC) is designed to get teachers into colleagues' classrooms to give them evidence-based feedback. Teachers will create their PPG (Professional Practice Goal - as part of Educator Effectiveness). They will share this goal with their P2PC team and when they are observing in classrooms, teachers will record evidence of the teacher focusing on his / her goal. P2PC teams do not evaluate one another, they provide feedback so the teacher can reflect on his / her instructional practice(s). Teachers will also meet with their P2PC teams to collaborate and discuss best practice strategies to implement in their classrooms.

We will be offering a conference style PD session during one of the afternoons. This is an opportunity for staff to decide on what they need to learn. For example, there will be a Google Classroom session offered for those teachers who feel they need more training in this area. Topics and facilitators are decided on during this time - Similar to how an Ed Camp works. If a teacher feels comfortable / knowledgeable about a topic, he / she will help facilitate the discussion.

Seven of our staff members will participate in ProAct Training (Professional Assault Crisis Training) (including myself). The purpose of becoming trained in ProAct is to gain strategies to reduce the amount of restraint used on children. The training focuses on what you can do to de-escalate situations versus using restraint.

Rick Raatz, from Cesa 5, will be here to continue our education with trauma-informed instruction and building empathy.

Tuesday, August 27th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. is Meet and Greet.

We look forward to a great 8 days of learning and preparing for the students!

Parent Night: Screenagers Film

The ES and HS will be hosting an Informational Parent Night on Thursday, October 24th at 6 p.m. in the auditorium. The featured film will be Screenagers, a film that reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world and find balance. The film was created by physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston, who started noticing how screen time was affecting her own children and their home / school life. Students in Grades 5-12 will be viewing the film during the school day on October 24th. Snacks will be served at 5:30 p.m. and there will be childcare provided for families.

