

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

Parent Survey Results:

A district survey was posted on the website until June 19, 2020. Parents were notified via Skylert and Facebook that there was a survey available. The survey was set up so that parents had to take it for each of their children. This allowed Dr. Porter and I to provide specific feedback to grade level teachers. There were approximately 150 people from the elementary school who completed the survey.

Staff Survey Results:

A survey was sent to all staff members. 22 staff members filled out the survey. The survey was designed to help teachers reflect on their own practice as well as provide feedback to me so I can continue to support them in this experience so together we can provide the best education we can to all of our students.

Innovation and Recognition

Summer School Update:

There are about 70 elementary students attending Summer School. There are approximately 55 students enrolled in high school classes. 12 students are enrolled in band lessons. There are a variety of classes offered - ranging from reading, writing, math classes to outdoor fun, classes about animals, and much more. Students have been placed in four different classes. Class periods are approximately 1 ½ hours long. Staff and students wear masks and wash hands when they enter each classroom. Masks can be removed when students are 6 feet away from one another. Teachers disinfect their classrooms during the transitions.

We are partnering with the library again this year. Every Tuesday, there is a program down at the park. Teachers have the option to attend. Teachers are invited to take their students to the library each week to check out books.

Half the students eat lunch at 11 a.m. (in their classrooms with their teacher) and the other half goes out for recess during that time. Students can play on the playground structures, but we are not utilizing playground equipment such as balls, jump ropes, etc. The two groups switch at 11:30 a.m. Students are eating on disposable trays and everything is thrown immediately.

Thank you to Pauline Weis, Mother of Mrs. Jennifer Petersen (our Kindergarten teacher) for making masks for our students. It is greatly appreciated.

Looking Ahead

I am in the process of planning how to do Meet and Greet this year. It was originally planned for Tuesday, August 25th from 5:00 p.m. - 7. Here are some initial thoughts: the hours could be expanded throughout the day so parents could come anytime from 11:00 a.m. - 7. Teachers could work with families to schedule appointments. We could open up more dates / times so fewer people would be in the building at one time. This is the planning phase. I am open to suggestions and ideas.

