



To: Mr. Mahoney and Board of Education
From: Kip Crandall
Re: December Board report
Date: December 14, 2021

Current Enrollment:

7th Grade – 99
8th Grade – 108

2021-2022 SIP Plan:

Highlights to our SIP:

- 1) Eagle hours continue to increase as homerooms are working on their weekly service projects. However, we postponed the all school service day for the second quarter to schedule our academic intervention days to be held December 20 and 21. These intervention days will be half days for any student failing one or more classes for second quarter and/or first semester.
- 2) Math and ELA lead data are now uploaded in the SIP plan located using the link below. Growth will be measured within each measure to indicate progress toward reaching the over all year long goal. There are several tabs to look through as measures are being tracked for MAP reading tests, ThinkCerca writing benchmarking and teacher created assessments working with central ideas and key details.
- 3) Second quarter staff social will be a Christmas party after school on Tuesday, December 21st. All DLR staff are invited to relax and unwind at Cork & Tap at 3:00 pm to celebrate the hard work and accomplishments of the first semester!

Full SIP plan found here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19Kq3YTM8C3ljf8HLEZf1XuKLI8ZfYdkoifyRmzdQwr>

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PPAC Meeting: - Our 2nd meeting has not taken place but the agenda will include an update on the building consolidation.

Beyond Textbooks Update:

- 7th and 8th math and ELA are following the pacing calendar provided by BT, with minor adjustments where appropriate.
- This link provides information regarding percentages of student performance on BT formative assessments:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1N9O5mo7yzm4NTO5IPXAloTA1hLpdIK8YW039MbMlwsY/edit?usp=sharing>
- Both grade levels are currently still a little behind pace, but have assured me they will have all standards covered by the state test this spring.

The Leader in Me:

Leader in Me teams have not met post Veteran's Day. Teachers and other staff are busy with end of semester work, such as academic intervention day planning, etc. Students have been involved in some of the end of semester activities such as dress up days, Christmas door decorating contest and Patrick Newcomer fundraisers.

Professional Development:

Nothing formal took place in the last month for teachers. Eric Austin, from ThinkCerca, has received some of our academic pacing guides and will provide a list of suggested lessons for teachers. ThinkCerca is an instructional resource we purchased that is designed to help improve student writing.

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Events List:

1. Dec. 14 - DLR Christmas Concert, 7:00 pm
2. Dec. 15 - DLR Christmas caroling in the community, all day
3. Dec. 16 - FCA cancelled
4. Dec. 20 - Academic Intervention Day, 11:40 dismissal
5. Dec. 21 - Academic intervention Day, 11:40 dismissal
6. Dec. 21 - Second quarter staff social
7. Dec. 22 - Jan. 4 - Christmas Break
8. Jan. 6 - Student Council Meeting, 7:00 am
9. Jan. 6 - Yearbook Meeting, 3:00 pm
10. Jan. 7 - Report cards available online
11. Jan. 13 - FCA Meeting, 7:00 am
12. Jan. 13 - Yearbook Meeting, 3:00 pm

Positives:



Boys basketball competed in the Rt. 72 conference tournament on December 4th and 7th. The 7th grade boys did not place and the 8th graders finished second to Byron.

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The 7th and 8th grade academic bowl teams competed in the Rt. 72 Conference Tournament on December 11th. Both teams finished 2-1 on the day good for consolation championships!



Pictured is Mr. Crandall with the Newcomer family at Patrick's benefit on December 4th. DLR student fundraising raised a little over \$2,300 which was gifted to the family!



Staff members worked hard in Wednesday, December 8th meetings looking over student data for those who will qualify for the academic intervention days. After the meetings, staff enjoyed snacks and a pickleball tournament as a way to relieve some stress!

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DLR entrance decorated for Veteran's Day celebration and the DLR choir performing.



Over 25 veterans were in attendance at DLR's assembly and gave veteran featured guest speaker, Erin Dietrich, a standing ovation. Also pictured is DLR custodian Roi Degner and his wife with their daughter who is currently serving in the U.S. Army.

Respectfully, Kip Crandall

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