



To: Mr. Mahoney and Board of Education
From: Kip Crandall
Re: November Board Report
Date: November 10, 2020

Current Enrollment:

7th Grade – 108
8th Grade – 129

SIP Goals & Progress:

Math/Science PLC – No new updates, next data sets the team will review are the winter MAP scores.

SS/ELA PLC – Writing samples from social studies classes are being assessed using the newly created writing rubric. Data from these samples will be reviewed during upcoming meetings.

SEL PLC – Several homerooms have initiated their service projects including our traditional Stuff for the Poor effort. As a reminder, this is a project where old shoes are collected to be sold and/or distributed to help countries in Africa. However, due to the pandemic, our Community Closet service project is on hold. The community closet traditionally allows students to “shop” on Fridays from a selection of clothes that have been donated to the school.

PPAC Meeting: - Second quarter meeting date to be set for early December

Professional Development:

- District coaches met on October 29th with Rob Miller from Proactive Coaching
- Lighthouse team and I spent the day on November 4th in a community coaching workshop
- Title IX training link has been sent to all DLR staff

Beyond Textbooks Update:

- No new updates regarding BT other than teachers are making a concerted effort to stay up to speed with pacing under current conditions.

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The Leader in Me:

Lighthouse Team coordinator, Adam Albrecht, Bonnie Rasmussen and Nate Rogers led staff on November 4th through a demonstration of Kami. Kami is a software program that allows PDFs to be manipulated both digitally and audibly. Kami allows users to not only alter and write text on the PDF, but also highlight text that is read to the user (text to speech) which is extremely helpful to our lower readers. Leader in Me makes available "Lead Journals" in a PDF format that allow students to interact with each habit in a meaningful way during lesson discussions. Kami would allow for even more meaningful digital interaction with student journals. Obviously, teachers will also utilize this during classroom instruction.

Events List:

1. Nov. 19 – 7th grade & board Student Council Mtg., 2:45 – 3:30
2. Dec. 03 – 8th grade Student Council Mtg., 2:45 – 3:30

Positively Speaking:

I would first like to acknowledge the flexibility of our staff for what has been a trying week and a half to date and will be two weeks overall at the end. Two teachers have been on quarantine since November 2, one teacher November 9 & 10, an aide November 9 – 14, and myself since November 2. This is in addition to one office secretary out until December 18 due to surgery. With the shortage of subs, this has been cause for many teachers asked to give up plan periods to provide internal coverage. When on the block schedule, with classes meeting every other day, this means some teachers are not getting a plan period for at least two days and in some cases three. I cannot stress enough how much I appreciate the strength and commitment of our DLR staff. I would be remiss, however, if I did not share I have had recent conversations with some and that strength is waning a bit. I am currently paying particular notice to our first guiding principal we used in developing our current plans during the summer, the safety, health and well-being of students, families and staff comes first.

Secondly, we are making efforts to provide as many positive experiences for students as possible given the circumstances. We had a Halloween Spirit Week, and are looking to conduct a semester award assembly, in addition to quarterly students of the month and honor roll recognitions.

Respectfully submitted... Kip Crandall

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