

NAS/MBI/Olweus March Board Report

We are in the process of planning for the immersion program next year. The program will be implemented at the second grade level and we will be welcoming Mr. Art Westwolf and Mrs. Willie Tailfeathers to the program. Willie will be the other teacher that will be attending the Native language study group's visit to the Lower Kuskokwim School District in Bethel Alaska. I want to thank both Art and Willie for their willingness to step up and join the program. In addition the NAS department will be sending 25 people to MIEA. This is the largest group that BPS has sent in years. Many of those attending have never been or have not been in years. I am excited to see what workshops will be available.

MBI building teams continue to work on implementing the program and have started on planning for next year. BMS recently presented at their Wednesday building PD. I had the opportunity to present to Napi to discuss how MBI supports the academic practices that many of them already implement in their schools. I am planning on sitting down with the building teams and working with them on how mbi supports and fits into the frameworks.

I was fortunate to attend the PAX conference at the Glacier Peaks Hotel. In speaking with the presenter we discussed how PAX fits under the MBI umbrella. MBI provides the framework, gets everyone on the same page and speaking the same language, whereas PAX provides teachers with the classroom behavior tools.

Progress continues to be made in implementing the Olweus program. I have had the opportunity to train the high school and due to scheduling conflicts have not been able to train the Napi and Browning Middle School in the Olweus program. I will work with those schools this month. I am happy to see the progress made at the high school in implementing the class meetings. A shout out to Kari McKay and John Salway for changing their schedule to better fit the program.