

August 2023 Board Report

TO: NBCUSD #16 Board of Education, Mrs. Jill Larson, Superintendent

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SIP, Curriculum & Instruction, Assessment & Staff Professional Development

- New Teacher Orientation was held on July 20th, July 21st and July 24th. The new staff learned about each building and the process of the district. They also were able to meet with their mentors for support.
- All special education staff and all of our paraprofessionals attended CPI training on August 7th to learn about de escalation strategies.
- The PBIS Committee met on August 8th to plan the back to school bootcamp.
- All grade-level teachers and intervention staff attended guided reading training on August 11th with Julie Eckberg, the reading consultant. Julie will continue to provide reading professional development throughout the 22-23 school year.
- The back to school teacher institute days allowed the staff to engage in PD about: legal updates, classroom management, staff handbooks, Special education/504, and a review of the BEEP model. All staff also did a team building activity together.
- Beginning of the year benchmarking will be from August 15th-September 8th.

Hires & Resignations

- Hiring-
 - Mikka McGill-Paraprofessional
 - Hannah Steck-Paraprofessional
- Resignation
 - Jonelle Hinnen
- No Call, No Show
 - Michelle Baur

Pretzel Positives:

- The custodial staff has worked hard to make our building look great! They spend time moving classrooms, cleaning, painting, putting together furniture and waxing floors. We are thankful for all of their hard work and dedication to our building. It is refreshing to walk into a beautiful building each day. They also prepared each of the presentation spaces for the Teachers Institute.
- Mrs. Marr and Mrs. Danenberger have both been busy completing records requests for incoming and exiting students, helping with registration and helping staff prepare for the start of the year. Our school community is blessed to have these two ladies.
- Denise Talbert processed all the purchase orders to ensure that the staff has all the materials they need to start the year.

- Elizabeth Birch, Christina Iacono, Erin Luttrell, Karlie MacKenzie, Madison Reynolds, Skyler Davis, Courtney Fry, Morgan Lonergan, Tom Hartley, Luann Loving, Mackenzie Ward, and Corinne Steiner all dedicated 3 hours a day for one week to teach at Jump Start. Jump Start allows our students the opportunity to get ready for school to start and review some of the basic skills before we start school on the 175th.
- Thank you to Heather Pidcock for providing snacks for our Jump Start students. The cafeteria staff also feed the district staff breakfast and lunch on August 10th.
- A huge shout out to the Pre-K screening staff for coming in over the summer to complete screenings and build class lists.
- Liz Birch, Sarah Smith, and Kelsey Knox organized an Italian Soda Bar for the staff on August 11th.
- The staff stayed late on August 10th for Unpack Your Backpack for K-5th Grade students. Staff then stayed to enjoy the PTO Tailgate.
- The PTO planned a great Tailgate event with several vendors, games, and activities to kick off the school year.
- Several staff members volunteered to be in the dunk tank and enjoyed coming out and visiting the booths to support our PTO.
- Mrs. Pecararo planned a “Goodnight Construction Site” story time for families after the PTO Tailgate.
- Thank you to the staff that serve as building mentors for helping our new staff feel welcome and supporting them as they get started.
- Kim Pearce has been working on ways to improve data tracking systems to make them easier to navigate when we are discussing student needs in data meetings.
- Peyton Kirkpatrick and Shelley Haas for creating the PBIS presentation and leading the building PBIS meeting for the staff as we kick off the year.