

NAS/MBI/Olweus Board Report

Oki! The first few weeks have been busy thus far. I will be working with the NAS staff to organize and align the NAS curriculum through the development of Course and Unit organizers. I am also working on implementing the concept of sodalities into the MBI framework with the help of Art Westwolf and Dennis Juneau. I will be presenting the idea at the next instructional leadership meeting. I hope to have a concrete plan to present to the board soon. Once the plan is solidified I will work to present lessons for each grade level that would emphasize the development of a cultural identity and civic literacy. As for the implementation of Indian Education For All, including specific lessons regarding the Blackfeet people. I continue to go through resources that can be integrated throughout all curricular areas. At this point I have had the opportunity to visit all of the NAS classrooms. I am currently scheduled to meet with the Blackfeet Honorary Council to introduce myself and solicit consultants from the group. I would also just like to listen to their thoughts and ideas on the education of our students.

Our department is currently planning a Pow Wow. We are hoping to put it on the Saturday of Homecoming. Tentatively it is scheduled as a social Pow Wow.

I, along with the Heritage book committee, have had the opportunity to view a mock up of the website. I anticipate that this will be available soon.

As for the language immersion program, I have been able to visit with staff members and observe the class. Again, we continue to work out the kinks to provide an effective and efficient form of delivery. We will again be working with Paxson Elementary School in Missoula. In addition we have made contact with the Nkwusm - Salish Language School to do an observation with them in October.

In regards to the MBI/Olweus program, all of the buildings have covered their lessons and Universals with their students. Each building has a system in place for their incentives or positive reinforcements. I am very proud of the work that each building MBI team has put in place. I have also met with Peggy Perry and Marilyn Granel who are our MBI consultants. They feel that our program is on the right track thus far. They will be visiting each of the buildings to develop action plans for the year.

I have been working with Jade Ackerman for the Olweus program. We have been working with Superintendent Rouse and Jeri Matt on developing a new MOU that would outline each of our organization's roles and responsibilities. Most of the buildings have submitted a schedule of when the class meetings will be covered. Jade and I, with the help of the athletic program, will be working on a Bullying kick off for the year at our first home football game.

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