



Crosslake Community Schools - Online High School. Principal's report

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News/updates/events

- Successfully executed Connect Week, facilitating dedicated goal-setting and relationship-building conferences between our staff, 9–12 students, and families to establish a strong foundation for the year.
- Hosted our first PODS (Peers Outside of Digital Spaces) event of the year at the Northland Arboretum, providing our online students with a fantastic opportunity for hands-on, experiential learning and face-to-face peer connection outside the digital classroom
- Celebrated Unity Day with our staff and students, actively promoting a culture of kindness, acceptance, and inclusion across our virtual school community in support of National Bullying Prevention Month.

Staffing updates

- Successfully offered the 0.4 FTE coaching position approved at the September board meeting. We received a highly competitive pool of 12 applicants for the role, and our top candidate has officially accepted the offer.

Curriculum

- Conducted our ongoing monthly check-ins with the 9th-grade team piloting the Buzz platform, gathering critical mid-semester feedback on system performance and student user experience.
- Received the list of remaining courses from FlexPoint. I am currently scheduling meetings with our academic departments to finalize our course selections so teachers can begin preparing their materials for next school year, ensuring a smooth, school-wide transition to Buzz.
- Continuing our collaboration with the MDE Continuous Improvement team, actively utilizing our graduation monitoring systems to identify and support high schoolers who need interventions.

Professional Development

- Led a dedicated Professional Development session on Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education, exploring how our staff can responsibly leverage these tools to enhance online instruction, streamline administrative workflows, and support student learning.

Looking Ahead

- Staff Costume Contest - Tuesday, October 27th
- Halloween Party for 6-12 grade staff and students - October 30th