Medford 7-12 Schools
School Board Report
Nov. 18, 2026

1) **Conferences-** Attendance was down this year- significantly.Conference Numbers by the Years numbers represent the reported number of visits each teacher had- so it isn't necessarily 384 different people that attended, it's that when we add up the total number of visits each teacher had it equals 384 (so 1 family visiting 7 teachers can equal 7 in the count, not 1) There were several conflicts between MS football, Cross country, etc. which probably has something to do with it to an extent, however, this has been a trend for the past several years. This was the biggest one year drop we have seen so far. We will continue looking for ways to make them more meaningful.

2) **Fall Professional Development-** We utilized Nov. 6 as a day to examine cyber security, special education, and our MCA data. Teachers and admin are looking into the reasons our MCA scores continue to be below what we want them to be, as well as where we believe many of our students are capable. Teachers and I did a deep dive into the data and possible reasons for this including: Apathy to the test, opt-outs, PSEO, attendance, and a host of other factors. After really examining this information, we worked in groups to brainstorm possible solutions/ways to attack those issues to move the needle in a more positive direction. There are some easy to incorporate measures like regularly sending reminders to parents about grades check, examining sub plans to make them more rigorous, clarifying the purpose of advisory and looking for ways to ensure that it is utilized appropriately, and looking at writing routines and expectations across curriculum to ensure that expectations are the same across the board.

3) **Beginnings and end's-** Nov. 5 end of quarter Grades are in and have been shared. Overall it was a successful 1st quarter. We've had some shuffling of teachers as things have changed and babies are born, as well as some positive feedback from the various rule and program changes in the building.

4) **October Students of the Month-Oct. '26 students of the Month**

5) **Veteran's Day Program and Parade-** the band and choir recently planned a Veteran's Day Program for students and the community. It included: poetry, music, interviews, and speeches along with a parade through the halls and other ceremonial events. Mx. Schmidt and Mrs. Swenson did a great job of collaborating with multiple groups from the high school to decorate for the event, arrange the program items and help to get the word out. The program was well attended and received.

Thanks!
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