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CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Continued PD with our Wonders consultant, Brenda Nardo, was February 12-16th. Our staff are gaining greater understanding of the purposes behind the components of the program. Besides Brenda providing knowledge and feedback, the coaches are doing a tremendous job of providing PD, modeling, and feedback to ensure success with this new tool.

I'm happy to announce we will be having Study Sync PD on March 28-29th. Due to the newness of this program as well as weather and consultant delays, it has been difficult to make this happen. We are exciting to receive feedback, modeling and PD to assist grades 7-12 teachers to success with this new tool.

Our district consultant & MPDG for literacy spent the week of February 6-9th and March 6-8th here in our schools assisting with action plans and CIC as well as walkthroughs and SLT meetings.

The SSG consultants are providing good solid strategies for our teacher for mathematics. A most needed skill is Number Sense, which sets the foundation for all mathematics and this is focus. The Elementary consultant was here on February 20-22nd and March 20-22nd. The MS/HS consultant was here on March 13-14th. She was able to make the February visit due to weather, but we added those days and later visits.

As you know, we received the MCLP grant and with that comes the requirement of a consultant(s). Jill Youngren will be our MS and HS consultant and will be in our district March 26th-27th. Misty Woltz will be the K-6 consultant for MCLP and we will meet her on April 23-26th.

Professional Development

In addition to the above PD, we also our Instructional coaches providing PD to individuals, groups and grade level teachers with Wonders, Math and strategies.

The following travel has been reported to me:

In February, all SLT members from each campus as well as Corrina and I attended the SSG/SRI required conference/meeting in Bozeman. There were 7 administrators (including Corrina and me + five principals), and 23 teachers attending this conference/meeting. Due to weather, 15 teachers were able to make the trip and attend the conference. Travel paid for with SRI and SSG grant funds.

The assessment conference(s) were also held in February at two locations. All attendees are school test coordinators and I am the district test coordinator. Jercy Matt, Violet Sinclair, Kari McKay, Lynell Bullshoe, Jessica Racine and Matthew Johnson attended the conference in Billings. Jill Mattingly, Lorinda Devine, Dana Bird, Natasha Siliezar and Dawn Cobell attended the conference in Helena. All paid for with Title I Schoolwide grant funding.

Corrina, Sandi Campbell, Lona Running Wolf and Genevieve Wilson-Bragg will be attending the Title I conference in Helena on March 26-28th.

John Salois 2/3-7/18 Gear Up District Leadership Institute in Las Vegas, NV.

John Salois 2/22-24/18 GBB/BBB Divisional Tournament in Butte, MT.

John Salois 2/26/18 MACIE Representation in Great Falls, MT.

Billie Jo Juneau ,Angela Heavyrunner, Sheila Rutherford, Laura Lyons, Ashton Smith, April Jimenez, Ansel Traynor, Arlan Edwards, Racquel Littleplue, Katherine Skunkcap, Glenda Eaglefeathers, JoAnne Grandstaff, Roger Zentzis, Leo Bird to MBI Training Great Falls Feb 4-5.

Billie Jo Juneau 2/8-10/18 State Wrestling in Billings, MT.

Billie Jo Juneau 2/15-17/18 GBB/BBB District in Ronan, MT.

2/5/18 MBI Training in Great Falls, MT.

John Parente 2/5/18 Grief Retreat at Isaac Walton Inn, MT.

Elizabeth Tailfeathers, Carla Whitegrass 2/27-3/2/18 2018 MCEC Conference in Missoula, MT.

Instructional Coaches

The Wonders and SSG consultants continue to work with the instructional coaches on targeted areas to improve instructional delivery and concepts with teachers.

GRANTS

The 2018-19 Title VI Indian Education Formula Grant part 1 has been completed. Part 2 opens April 9th at which time I will complete.

In February we were awarded the Montana Comprehensive Literacy Project grant in the amount of \$1,350,00.00. This grant amount is over 4 years (year one- ½, year two and three- full, year four- ½). In April the Superintendent and I along with the principals will need to attend a required meeting to discuss requirements and commitments.

With ESSA, the OPI has given the bottom 5% achieving schools the Comprehensive Assistance grant. Both of our districts have qualified. This grant will be for both math and literacy and begins in July. I am working with OPI to ensure we coordinate our required consultants so we have consistency.

District Committees

The monthly SLTs are ongoing at each campus. The SLTs drive the action plans, which are created to ensure positive change in student achievement.

The Test Coordinators will be meeting again to go over any new information for the upcoming SBAC and MSAA state assessments.

The monthly scheduled SBE, Coaches Collaboration and EL Committees have met. All agendas and meetings minutes are kept in a shared drive. SBE discussed our current implementation plans, Coaches Collaboration discussed ELA progress/concerns, Math progress/concerns and next steps. At the EL committee we discussed our new data base Ellavation and where we are with getting up and ready.

Assessment Reports

The State required WIDA assessment (ACCESS 2.0) window closes on January 31st. We have 613 EL students to assess. The majority have been completed.

ISIP- Reading/Literacy

I didn't want to post February's ISIP scores due to the lack of days present in school (snow days). It wouldn't be accurate information. We have not completed ISIP or STAR assessment for this month.

WIDA –ACCESS 2.0 was completed at the end of January and mailed of in February.

Beginning in late February (Alt Assessment) and early March, the Science CRT and Alt Science CRT has been given to grades 4, 8 and 10. The window closes on March 27th.

Although the SBAC and MSAA window has opened, our district has chosen to administer those assessments in April.

Thank you and as always my door is open and I'm available for questions or concerns.

Have a wonderful month and Happy Spring.



This is still my spring at my house, but hoping for...

