

7-12 Principal's Report October 2019

Curriculum & Instruction: We continue to work on instruction in all classrooms. Our independent consultant from Transformative Reading Teacher Group came at the beginning of the month to observe and support our teachers and staff on our instructional framework. Our teachers are implementing strategies that support students' learning the daily learning objectives in each course.

We have more students this year and we are currently down a full-time math teacher, and a part-time special education teacher from last year. Some of our students are struggling with the larger class sizes especially in math where extra support is needed. We currently have one math teacher for the high school and one for the junior high. We are working with the teachers and students to support the learning in the larger classes. Teacher aides are in the large classes in order to provide more support to students in the classroom during class time. We are also working with the teachers to find different ways to teach difficult mathematical concepts.

We worked on our instructional framework to increase the visual appeal and to reflect more of the school philosophy within the framework. We are currently having the School Print Shop make our ideas digital.

We are promoting our tutoring for any subject after school from 3:30-5:00 pm in order to support student learning and provide more individual instruction for success. We also offer a 5:00 pm bus to transport students home after tutoring.

Parent-Teacher conferences were held in the Jr/Sr high gym. This was a success as many parents were able to see all the teachers and not have to wait long to see teachers. We had an overall parent turnout of 55% for grades 7-12. We advertised the event on the KPQX radio with student council officers giving the announcement; the TV at the school, Rocky Boy Clinic, and Stone Child College; 6-week grade newsletter; and Facebook. We hope to increase this during the next parent teacher conference at the end of January. We gave away Rocky Boy Star gear in the form of three t-shirts, two hoodie sweatshirts, and two school yearbooks.

Supervision & Evaluation: The curriculum coach has been completing walkthroughs in the classrooms almost daily. I have not been able to spend the time I desire in the classrooms due to my time being used to complete athletic director activities. We have been looking for bell ringers, learning objectives, classroom routines and procedures, and student engagement. We are working towards a goal of 80% of teachers demonstrating these on a regular basis in the classrooms. We are also working on having 100% of our teachers in the halls every period greeting students as they enter the classrooms. We want to reach this goal by November 15. The instructional coach has been meeting with teachers individually to help improve individual teacher performance in the classroom. Our independent consultants have also been modeling

strategies in the classrooms and then observing teachers and debriefing with them about what they saw and how they may implement the new strategy.

The SST (Student Success Team) has been meeting and working with our independent consultant from Northwest Education Services monthly. We have completed the Early Warning System data for first quarter. We found that about 40 students have a high risk of dropping out and our SST team is taking actions to connect and support these students to help prevent them from dropping out.

I attended the MCEL conference and training in Missoula with the elementary principal and superintendent. The three days were filled with a lot of information. I learned just how much schools today are expected to teach and provide to students that was never expected from a school in the past and how to implement a public engagement strategy. I also learned a lot about the social and emotional needs of students and how schools can help provide for these needs.

Culture & Language: Our Teepee Mondays continue with STAR awards given, and announcements for the week. We would like our students to share more through singing, dancing, or drumming during this time.

The Literature and Math Nights were combined this month and we worked with the elementary to put on the "Glow Run". We were forced to be inside due to weather however, the students and staff all seemed to enjoy the activities provided. We set up a run that went through all the halls of the Jr/Sr high school and the gym. At different point in the run students had to stop at stations and answer literary questions, trivia questions, and math questions in order to proceed running. The students would then get their card marked and once they received all seven station marks they received a glow stick. Then once they received five flow sticks they were able to attend "Wizard Training" where they were able to make different glow in the dark items or Glubber.

Behavior Management: Handbook policies continue to be enforced.

Our "STAR Awards" are given to students who demonstrate behaviors which support our four MBI pillars (Graduate, Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Safe) every Monday. The end of the quarter "STAR Awards" were given with first prize being a pair of Beats wireless headphones, second prize a wireless speaker, and third prize a Havre Chamber of Commerce \$25 certificate. All STAR winners were excited to receive their prizes.

The TEAMS state report for grades 7-12 was completed and submitted as well as the JOM grant report which was submitted to Stone Child College.

Our class attendance competition continues with 7th grade winning again this month with 83.63%; Freshman attendance came in second with 82.07%; and Juniors were third with 79.62% in attendance. The 7th grade will be going to lunch again first for the second month in a row.

Students of the month - October: Tristan Gopher and Taireice Oats.

Daily Management: Work continues with Infinite Campus. We are still in the process of correcting address information. Next month we will begin work on the parent portal for Infinite Campus.

Current enrollment for Jr. High - 87 students, High School - 146 students, Total enrollment 7/12 - 233 students. We are gearing up for winter sports and are checking that all students' grades, physicals, concussion forms, and athletic training rules are submitted and correct. High school basketball practice begins November 21 for both boys and girls. The junior high boys basketball season is well underway and they are playing well.