

January 2024 Board Report

TO: NBCUSD #16 Board of Education

From: Jill Larson, Superintendent

SIP, Curriculum & Instruction, Assessment & Staff Professional Development

- On the January 3 Teacher Institute Day, there was a staff meeting on the topic of climate and culture and then reviewed the PBIS re-boot for 2nd semester. After that K - 5 teachers met with the math consultant, Dr. Cathleen Weber to review the progress on curriculum mapping. The remainder of the time was spent in grade level meetings and collaboration.
- Each grade level K - 5 teacher met with the interventionists to review winter benchmarking data and the progress of students who received intervention supports 1st semester. Any additional students that were identified will receive classroom intervention and/or meet with the interventionists.
- On January 24, the reading consultant will work with K - 1 and the 2-5 teachers will be provided with professional development on ELA interventions from the book publishing company SAVVAS.
- The elementary committees (PBIS, MTSS, BLT) have been expanded from three to five with set goals on what needs to be accomplished no later than May 2. Each team will present their work that will be implemented for the school year 2024 - 25 on the SIP day of May 8.
- Each grade level team will meet with Shelley Haas and me twice a month with the agenda consisting of: curriculum, student achievement, professional development, calendar items, grade reporting, and master scheduling.

Hires & Resignations

- Hiring - None at this time
- Resignations - None at this time

Pretzel Student & Staff Positives:

- **"Pretzel Positive"** to the following December Students of the Month:
 - Kindergarten: Hunter Brown
 - 1st: Jameson Henaifesh
 - 2nd: Eli Patterson and Tahanni (Nina) Al Samma
 - 3rd: Max Beckman
 - 4th: Aubrey Marks
 - 5th: Hope Brosi
- **"Pretzel Awesomeness"** to our 3rd graders and teachers (Kara Cox, Christina Iacono, Katelyn Moran, and Emily Sworobowicz) for having such a successful community service project raising \$1,505 to support the Pretzel Angel Tree! **Extra kudos** to Angie Marr as she is always behind the scenes!
- **"Pretzels are the Best"** as the 4th grade teachers (Ashley Berola, Carli Hemphill, and Taylor Maus) hosted such a wonderful experience as parents came to build gingerbread houses with their child. It was super organized and the high school volunteers did an outstanding job! Lots of smiles and creativity was observed!

- **"Pretzel Love"** to the elementary teachers, paraprofessionals, and secretaries for such a great start to the year! Thank you for meeting with me and providing feedback so we can grow together, support one another, and have fun!
- **"Pretzel Teamwork 3"** to the 5th grade teachers for meeting with the JH staff during the TI day as the 5th grade teachers are making adjustments in the 3rd and 4th quarter as a way to transition students to the junior high! Shelley Haas already received a parent shoutout to the teachers stating: "I am thankful because it was tough on my current 6th grader and love that they are preparing early!"
- **"Pretzel Teamwork"** to Micah Bashara, Amanda Fleshman, and Peyton Kirkpatrick for meeting with me to catch me up on interventions and PBIS!
- **"Pretzel Praise"** to Stacey Killion as she is onboarding our Parlee Reeve in her role as the NBE School Nurse!
- **"Pretzels Supporting Pretzels"** as we have four (4) new teachers for second semester in the district with three of them at the elementary: Micah Bashara (came in October) as Elementary Interventionist, Carli Hemphill (started in December) as 4th grade teacher, Grace Crawford (started in December). These teachers attended onboarding training the last week in December, worked over break one day, and will continue their professional development with the administrators and their assigned mentors. In addition, they have all agreed to conduct the Book Study on *"Teach Like a Pirate"* from January through May with me.