8-14-18 Board Report

Drug Information Training for Educational Professionals (DITEP): I recently had the opportunity to attend DITEP training conducted by the Wausau Police Department's Lt. Melinda Pauls and Officer Brent Olson. The training focused on identifying and evaluating individuals in the school environment who are abusing drugs and alcohol. Their goal in providing the training is to help provide early identification and intervention in an effort to reduce the possibility of injury and accidental deaths related to drug use.

Cops and Bobbers: On July 27th the Tomahawk Police Department participated in Cops and Bobbers. This event was organized by Jesse and Kevin Bolder along with Officer Tollefson of the Tomahawk Police Department and retired officer Larry Bromberek. Four middle school students and 1 elementary student participated in the event. We traveled to Camp Silver Trout Pond in Gleason where students had roughly two hours to fish in the pond with the aid of an adult. The students were allowed to keep all the trout they could catch. Dick Busha, of Little Lakes Ranch in Irma, helped sponsor the event by paying for all of the fish and providing lunch for the students back at his ranch. Participants were provided fishing poles and a tackle boxes through the Cops and Bobbers program that they were allowed to keep. Larry Bromberek also provided each participant with some tackle to help fill their new tackle boxes.

Educlimber Conference: I will be attending a conference and professional development training on the use of EduClimber, August eighth through the tenth. We use Educlimber to house data for behavior and MAP test scores. I'm looking forward to learning how to better use this program to support student engagement and learning in our school.

Back to School Planning: Back-to-school planning is almost complete. Back to school letters have recently been sent to all our middle school families. Our annual Open House event is scheduled for August 28 from 3-6 pm. This year we are making a more coordinated effort with the high school to ensure fee payment, registration, and student pictures can be completed as efficiently as possible. In addition, students will be provided with their 2018-19 schedules, lunch information, locker assignments, and have the opportunity to drop off their school supplies. Teachers will be on hand to meet students and families as well. We will host a student and family meeting for all incoming 6th grade students, as well as any students who are new to our school beginning at 4pm.

