

## **Napi Elementary Board Meeting**

August 2017

Oki! I hope everyone has been able to enjoy the extremely beautiful weather that we have been blessed with during the month of July! As usual, summer is way too short, but Ms. Racine and I are rested and ready to get back into the swing of things!

There will be eight 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes, seven 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes, and six 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes at Napi Elementary this year. This is the most classes that we have had to accommodate, and with such large numbers, we have had to ask two of our specialists to give up their classroom spaces. They will be assigned office spaces for the year and teach their lessons in the homeroom classes. This isn't an ideal situation for any teacher, however the enrollment numbers continue to climb for grades 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent Hall and I will be completing a walkthrough of the school to determine whether staffing and student needs can be met without the use of the two upstairs apartments, which we have used for the last three years to accommodate the growing need for space at the school.

Two teachers are still needed. We recently had one candidate decline his contract and one teacher is transferring to BMS after successfully interviewing and being selected as the Math Specialist. We will miss Mrs. Coleman and wish her the very best in her new position!

The Leadership Team will continue to focus on the school's action plans, which identifies academic, professional development and parent-community relationship goals. Napi Elementary staff worked collaboratively on establishing these goals in May. Most members of the Leadership Team are scheduled to begin work on August 1<sup>st</sup>. We thank the board for supporting the funding needed to complete this work!

Two new initiatives that will also be a focus this year is creating a Parent Center and educating staff about effective trauma informed approaches. Both are viewed as very positive initiatives and we will do our best to ensure they are successfully implemented.