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Pleasantdale Elementary School 2022-23 School Improvement Plan Update

I am pleased to report that the elementary school has made great progress on all of our school improvement goals. These goals are developed in coordination with teachers. We align our building goals with the District’s Strategic Blueprint so that all efforts are aligned and we are working together to move District 107 forward. The process for school improvement planning begins in late spring with our Lead Teachers identifying growth areas for our building. Last spring we identified three areas to address:

1. Exploring resources to strengthen and support K-4 ELA instruction
2. Reviewing and refining our PBSS program
3. Implementing the homework administrative procedure

These 3 areas align to the D107 Strategic Blueprint in the area of Building Learning Capacity.

Goal Area 1: Building Learning Capacity
Goal Statement: Pleasantdale Elementary School will explore resources to strengthen and support K-4 ELA instruction.
Timeline: May 2023
Measures: At the end of the 2022-23 school year, the identified deliverables will be accomplished.
Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pilot and evaluate Modules 1 & 2 of Wit and Wisdom (K-4) <input type="checkbox"/> Pilot and evaluate 2-3 units of CKLA Amplify (K-4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide training for pilot resources for all ELA teachers (K-4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide monthly Wit & Wisdom PLCs for teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide 1-day team planning for Wit and Wisdom and Amplify <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continue dedicated phonics instructional time (K-3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide Blevins phonics PD to teachers (K-3)

Under this goal, we have met or partially met each deliverable. Our teachers have participated in professional development supporting their understanding and implementation of each pilot resource. This has included training by each company and dedicated instructional planning time with their team. Our block schedule has dedicated time for phonics instruction at the K-3 levels. In addition, our Administrative Team has conducted phonics walk-throughs which is providing valuable feedback as we look to identify strengths and differentiate coaching for teams and individuals. Our Reading Specialist has provided professional development to teachers to support their implementation of the Blevins phonics resource through Curriculum Cafes.



Goal Area 2: Building Learning Capacity
Goal Statement: Pleasantdale Elementary will review and refine our PBSS program to best support students and increase expectation consistency throughout the school.
Timeline: May 2023
Measures: At the end of the 2022-23 school year, the identified deliverables will be accomplished.
Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Develop a calendar of PBSS Celebrations/Eagle Way review <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide Zones of Regulation Training for staff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create and Implement kickoff activities-scripts and schedule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Develop bulletin board themes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create and Deliver a universal language presentation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Identify assembly topics <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create a schedule of recess activities and provide direct teaching to students and supervisors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review behavior process/tiered support/leveled consequences <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase consistency of implementation and use of common language by staff through training, ongoing buddy support, monthly PBSS newsletters <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utilize visuals paired with rules/behavior expectations (voice level charts) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monthly buddy activities

We have been able to meet many of the deliverables in this section through the hard work and dedication of our PBSS committee. We started the year with training for teachers on the Zones of Regulation as well as an overview of The Eagle Way. The team has worked with our teachers/staff to bring more consistency throughout the school with regard to behavior expectations. We have achieved this through assemblies, common visuals and language, and direct instruction to students. Our Buddy program allows our older students to connect with and serve as mentors to our younger students. This goal continues to be a focused area for our school as we look toward the future.

Goal Area 3: Building Learning Capacity
Goal Statement: Pleasantdale Elementary School will implement the homework administrative procedure as developed by the Rethinking Homework Committee.
Timeline: May 2023
Measures: At the end of the 2022-23 school year, the identified deliverables will be accomplished.
Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide Staff PD on new procedures

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- Create and share slide(s) for Curriculum Night to share new procedure/expectations/various types of homework (reading, etc)
- Develop HW infographic to share with parents/families at start of year
- Reflect and refine practices based on feedback from staff, students and families
- Administer survey that mirrors initial HW survey

Under this goal, we have met or are making progress on each deliverable. We are currently collecting parent feedback and will collect student and teacher feedback prior to the close of the year. This data will help inform any necessary changes to our administrative procedure.

I am proud of the work we have achieved and the opportunities available to our staff to enhance their skills. The end goal is to increase student growth both academically and social-emotionally. We are creating the framework for the future and know that our students are the beneficiaries. Pleasantdale Elementary continues to be one of the highest performing schools in Illinois. This is a reflection of the work we have done collaboratively to support students and create a place for all students to succeed. Our success as a school is not by chance. Rather it is the result of deep reflection, intentional planning, and actively working on our plan. Thank you for your continued support of Pleasantdale Elementary School.