



SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Principal's Report
October 19 , 2023

Goals

1. Provide more learning opportunities for 6-12 students
2. Provide daily Physical Education for all students.

Engagement

1. Open House on September 28th.
2. POW CTE Discussion
3. Reading Committee Meeting on September 27
4. Literacy Grant Liaison Meeting on September 27
5. Cross Country Meet on September 30. Thorne Bay
6. UAS Superintendent Certification class every Thursday 4-6:30pm
7. ACTE Conference Oct 2-3
8. Homeless Liaison Conference Oct 4-5
9. Parent meetings and phone calls – ongoing
 - a. I'm always available for parents to come to my office. I appreciate professional and understanding two-way conversations.

Things on my Mind

1. October 9th school closure confusion - Leadership means owning your mistakes
2. K-2 position for December
 - a. Actively recruiting and interviewing.
 - b. It's late to hire – but we're still selective
3. Student behavior concerns in lower grades
 - a. Caveat: this school has the best behavior I've encountered thus far
 - b. Para to another classroom to provide support where most needed
 - c. Excellent collaboration among Sonya, Carrie, Tari Cook regarding behavior
4. Online social media behavior – off campus and not on school technology. Parent reports concerning messages and bullying.
 - a. Students are aware that no disciplinary action can be taken regarding off campus communication, completely separated from on campus domain.
 - b. Action: Principal in classroom to discuss online bullying as a personal safety issue and potential real-world consequences. Self-policing is necessary. Speak up when

there are concerns.

Upcoming Planning

1. CTE requires a Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment plan every four years. The district should begin this process early – hopefully in November. This will need to be a collaborative effort aligned with excellent prior courses and the emerging strategic vision

Achievements & Celebrations

1. Congratulations to all teams and individual runners at the Cross Country event. Student Archers raised money from concessions.
2. Wolverine Wake Up assemblies create a very positive culture
3. Wendell the Wolverine made his first appearances, delivering “Hopes and Dreams” idea posters and a lifesaver mint treat for each student.
4. The Student Council is forming. Preparing to lead Wolverine Wake Up assemblies. Also preparing for the October 26th Fall Festival event.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thorne Bay School