



August 2018

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Orders, orders orders.... Shipments have been arriving daily since July for our students and staff. Crystal has been a blessing. She's an independent learner and is very efficient. I'm so glad to have her in the Curriculum & Instruction Department.

On July 30th, we facilitated a book study with our District Leadership Team. We studied the book, Leading with Focus, by Dr Mike Schmoker. This book is a follow up from the original book, Focus, that we have been studying the past 5 years. Here is the link to see the agenda for the day. [Instructional Leadership PD agenda](#) I've also including this link to all the resources I created for the PD, pictures and videos. [Resources Videos and Pictures](#)

On July 31-August 3rd we had our annual Leadership Week where each campus SLT analyzed last year's data alongside the instructional plans we had put in place to ensure we are meeting the needs of our students. Once analysis was complete determining what worked, what didn't and why, we passed the data to the next grade and began creating new instructional plans for this year's students. It was a great week and very intense. We have awesome staff who truly care about our students and work hard to ensure we are meeting their needs. Here is a link to the agendas, resources and pictures. [Leadership Week-Instructional Planning](#)

On August 6-7th, Mel Riddle and the OPI team were onsite to provide PD to our Instructional Leadership team on Instructional Frameworks and our school improvement processes. Mel Riddle is a national trainer and well know Principal who has lead schools from low performing to high performing. He also created the Instructional Framework and now trains educators on how to create, implement and monitor their own instructional frameworks. Our SLT will have additional PD in October and March when we go to the MCLP required meeting and professional development. OPI provided PD and support on creating an Implementation Plan. Here is a link to some of the work and pictures happening on those two days. [Mel Riddle-OPI](#)

On August 7th, I facilitated a PD with Principals and Instructional Coaches. The purpose for this PD was to give Instruction Coaches an opportunity to inform their Principal on the learning we received at the Coaches Institute on July 17-18th. And to introduce the principals to the books we will be studying with OPI to hone the craft of coaching and supporting teachers. The books we will be using as a resource are: Coaches Handbook, The Art of Coaching, Unmistakable Impact and Instructional Coaching. This was also a time for the Principals to introduce the book, Leading with Focus and their implementation plans created with OPI. Also, to collaborate on the Instructional Frameworks that were firmed up with Mel Riddle. In the afternoon and the following day, both Principal and Instructional coaches had time together to plan their coaching

support for their teachers. Here is the link to the agenda. [Principal/Instructional Coach PD and planning](#)

Professional Development

In addition to the above-mentioned PD, Browning High School sent a team to San Diego to an AVID conference on July 31-August 5th. The following staff members attended: Robin Bear Child, Billie Jo Juneau, Brian Harrel, Cheryl Tailfeathers, Gus Garces, and Brenda Johnston.

KW/VC sent a team to the MPDG Summer Institute on August 6th -9th. The following staff attended: Toni Tatsey, Sydney St. Goddard, Susie Small, Shontee Salois, Sheila Grady, Ruth Shea, Megan Adams, Marci Burd, Louise Gieble, Lela Guardipee, Cherie Show, Cheri Dauphinais, Carol Grant, Carlissa No Runner, Brittney Shooter, Brandy Bremner, and Amy Runner Fisher.

Instructional Coaches

The instructional coaches and I attending the required Coaches Institute with OPI on July 18-19th. This PD was critical for our development and for me to lead and support the coaches. We will be doing instructional rounds this year so the coaches can observe their colleagues. One of our coaches has resigned the district and will be greatly missed. We do have two opening for an instructional coach, one at Napi and one at BHS.

GRANTS

The grants are in and I will be completing the Annual Performance Report for Title IV once the window opens on September 24, 2018.

District Committees

All committees will resume upon start of school. Principals meet with their staff to determine who would like to participate in any of the district committees for the upcoming school year. With Title Improvement, we are required to review our curricula every 5 years. This school year we will be reviewing mathematics so a new committee will be formed. Like always, we have representatives from every grade and campus. I will have this list on the first board meeting in September.

Assessment Reports

September is our first benchmark period for ISIP and STAR math. I will provide a report for each in early October. Also, in September we will have our Kindergarten EL screening. This screening will determine which students will need support in receptive and expressive language and will take the state mandated WIDA assessment this winter.

Enjoy the last days of Summer.