



Boyceville High/Middle School

Principal's Report

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Facilities

We continue to learn more about our upgraded security measures as the high/middle school office has had the addition of our fob programming installed. This process has added an additional learning curve as the system requires staff to fob out of the office on the northwest entryway - ensuring that we continue to limit access to our facilities during the normal school day. We continue to learn on the fly and are hopeful that the summer will provide us an opportunity to evaluate the initial structures and determine what will be our standard for school day operations as we start the 2026-2027 school year.

We continue to work on assessing our key cores for doors throughout the high/middle school - attempting to reduce the volume of different keys that are required. We are hopeful that we can come to a more universal approach AND that we can minimize the number of physical keys that are distributed in an effort to truly make our building safe and secure.

Nancy Pustol and I have been working on upgrades to the newly created high/middle school conference room, as well as the staff workroom. We are hopeful that we can have both spaces fully operational by the start of the upcoming school. The conference room will provide seating for up to five people and feature a new conference table and has already been outfitted with a CleverTouch - providing a new venue for professional development opportunities. The staff workroom enhancements will result in a more functional space that will provide teachers a comprehensive workspace and we hope to incorporate a computer workstation as well as a phone.

Curriculum & Instruction

There are a number of high leverage activities that have continued to draw our attention over the past month, highlighted by staffing changes. Since our April meeting, we have received two resignations, bringing to three, the number of staff that we will need to replace for the upcoming school year. Earlier this month, we approved the hiring of Jacob Strain as our new technology education/science teacher; at the time of this writing, I am working on scheduling an interview for our Spanish position and we are looking at varying options in an effort to account for our business/marketing program. While we wish the best to each of those staff members who will be leaving us, we remain optimistic that we will be able to offer excellent opportunities for our students across each of these curricular areas.

I have been working closely with Gretchen Pederson in order to implement a schedule revamp in our middle school programming. This includes moving our exploratory courses to first period and more fully incorporating our sixth grade cohort into the rotations that we provide our seventh and eighth graders. We are also reviewing our pilot that we ran in conjunction with middle school band - requiring all middle school students to enroll in either band or choir. We

are in the process of surveying our current sixth and seventh grade students to learn about their preference as we hope to continue to further develop this program.

The three resignations at the high school level resulted in a brief delay in finalizing our scheduling and registration for the 2026-2027 school year as we need to consider all options before working to finalize a master schedule. Karlene Berry has begun the next stage of our scheduling process - filling in holes for those students who were unable to be assigned to a full schedule. The majority of our students who have incomplete schedules need to find one additional class (and there are a handful of outliers that will need to find multiple courses) to be considered full-time students.

We have received test results for the ACT and PreACT Secure; the ACT released a statement on Wednesday, May 13, that all scores were being pulled as there was an error in the assessment of writing samples that were submitted via online testing - the version of the test that BHS engaged in. There is no timeline for when the updated scores will be released, however, ACT has shared that NO SCORES will be lower (and the majority will be unchanged). PreACT Secure results were posted electronically on Thursday, May 14 - while there are a good number of individual results that are exciting, the overall results for our sophomore and freshmen cohorts falls below the anticipated composite. I will be working on reviewing this data and developing a presentation to be shared with staff in an effort to appropriately react to this information.

Climate/Culture

Our chosen characteristic for the Student of the Month in April was honesty; I am proud to share that Aubrie Humpal was our recipient at the high school and Annabelle Chernak was our recipient at the middle school. Both students were nominated by Ms. Lange.

We have had a phenomenal spring at BHS/BMS with a large number of events taking place that highlight our students and their talents both in and out of the classroom.

- Will Engel was selected as the first-ever Wisconsin recipient of the National Science Olympiad Scholarship. This endowment - worth \$10,000 - highlights Will's success within Science Olympiad, as well as his civic-mindedness as it serves to recognize those students who use SO as a platform to better their community - Will's leadership and heightened involvement in Family Fun Nights, TCE demonstrations and the annual Red Cross Blood Drive.
- Our girls' and boys' track teams continue to excel - improving over the course of the season to be considered one of the favorites to earn DSC Conference Championship titles. There have been six school records broken over the course of the past two months - including a handful that have been broken multiple times this season. We continue to be excited about the possibilities that our season has as we head into the postseason.
- Our softball team moved into a tie for first place on Thursday, May 14, knocking off previously undefeated Colfax. The girls continue to play great team ball and as of this writing have a season record of 17-3 and a conference record of 14-1.
- Our baseball team remains as hot as any team in the area as they have won twelve in a row and are tied for first place in the DSC with a record of 12-1 (17-1 overall).