



PORT ORFORD-LANGLAIS SCHOOL DISTRICT 2CJ

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Superintendent's School Board Report – January 8, 2024

“We are here to help our Students.....

Navigate Challenges With Grace, Prepare For Their Futures and Anchor Themselves In
Our Community.”

BOARD

Old Business

District Demographic and Financial Information: The new reports are in your packet this month.

ACADEMICS

Students

Elevated Student Voice – A Student Survey on how our MS/HS students feel they are connecting, engaging and belonging here in the POLSD will be conducted this month during study hall. Individual Empathy Interviews will random and targeted students will be conducted after the results of the survey are returned and analyzed.

Teachers and Students

eKadence: Mr. Miller, Mr. Brown, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Boak and our CSWCD teacher will be attending a day-long presentation on this new AI teacher tool that is available to us at no cost. We will be observing and evaluating whether this software tool will be useful at helping minimize lesson-planning, grading and other time-intensive tasks for teachers so they can focus time on moving individual students forward in their academic progress. The tool also has options for on-line tutoring available for our students at any time of day.

STAFF

On Friday, January 5, staff participated in follow-up ALICE training. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. This training is in place to prepare staff and students for emergency situations, including those where our schools might be in danger from an outside intruder who means to do us harm. Staff will be trained/re-trained on January 5, and will continue to review those procedures with their students. Our first lockdown drill of the year was scheduled for January 10. I will share how that went verbally at the meeting.

BUDGET

Aaron and Tara are starting to work on numbers for the 24-25 school year. Budget Committee Members are needed. We have 3 openings. If you know someone who is interested, have them call the District Office.

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All district Superintendents in our ESD region have requested to develop our own Regional Education Network (REN). Currently we are lumped into a REN that includes Salem and the mid-Willamette Valley. This change would vastly impact our ability to utilize professional development money that is distributed through these regional RENs. This request was also signed by district teacher leaders as well, including Mrs. Leila Thompson.

Mr. Miller will explain the potential ramifications of this change at the meeting.

Early Literacy Success Initiative Grant – I submitted this grant the first week back from break. It will provide our K-3 (and somewhat 4-5) literacy programs with about \$42,000 for each of the next two years. After working with the Elementary staff it was determined that the greatest need from these funds would be to hire a dedicated Reading Specialist to oversee Title I Reading programming as well as other remedial intervention efforts. This would dovetail with an anticipated large carryover in the Title I budget to provide enough funding for a full 1.0 FTE position. More to come on this following approval of the grant, and the outcome of our Title I carryover request. This grant request must be approved by the Board.

It is on this month's agenda.

FACILITIES

Driftwood Gym – The DW gymnasium has had a leaking south side of the building. Over the break, the old siding was taken off and covered with plywood. The remainder of the project to finish sealing this wall will be taking place within the next 6-8 weeks.

PHS Sign – The new electronic readerboard at PHS has been installed and is working.

INFORMATIONAL

Individual Board Member/Superintendent Meetings: Please set a time through Stephanie for a monthly meeting with me (in-person, on-line or by phone). It may only take 30 seconds, or 30 minutes, but I would like an opportunity for us to touch base outside of these meetings.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 26, 2024

Next Board Meeting – 6pm

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