

Report to the School Board

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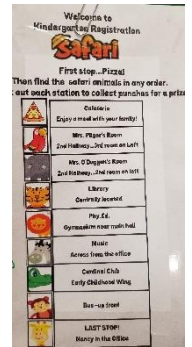
GOAL 1: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO PROVIDE THE BEST EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

- Kindergarten Registration night – Kindergarten Safari – March 30

As with most things this year, Kindergarten Registration night needed to be modified in order to meet meeting guidelines. The goal for the night was unchanged. How can we bring in our excited soon to be kindergarteners and their parents to see their school? Several members of the elementary school staff began planning a modified version of Kindergarten Registration night weeks in advance. Six staff members provided guided, individualized tours for 33 student and parents. The night was modified, but accomplished the goals of exciting families and getting registration numbers finalized. We are projecting 38 incoming kindergarteners next fall.

- MCA assessments in April

Staff in grades 3-6 have prepared for and will participate in the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments following our traditional assessment schedule in April. The Minnesota Department of Education has determined that no student may take these assessments unless they are present in our buildings to ensure test security. Modifications for Distance Learner families are needed to have those students join us at the Elementary and Intermediate School for the assessments. A separate testing station is being created with social distancing set up for the students who join us in person to assess. It will be an interesting analysis of results this year. We will all be interested in seeing both individual and group trend results in order to determine the effect of the pandemic.



GOAL 2: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO HIRE, DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN THE BEST POSSIBLE STAFF.

- April 1 Workshop



After a brief staff meeting, our certified staff participated in a morning in-service led by our guidance counselor, Ms. Todd. Our staff reviewed Erin's Law, legislation that requires schools to have a prevention-oriented abuse education program. Ms. Todd utilizes the Second Step curriculum to instruct all K-6 students in an age-appropriate child protection unit. Zoom breakout sessions grouped staff members together to work through six scenarios via an online training that were specifically designed to put us all in decision making situations that call on staff to assist students in need appropriately. This training gave staff the common knowledge on how to respond to safety situations for students. This training can also be used for certified staff re-licensure.

GOAL 3: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN A POSITIVE EMOTIONAL AND SAFE CLIMATE FOR LEARNERS AND STAFF.

- Learning Model update

PreSchool through 6th grade continue with our In Person model providing daily instruction while implementing safety protocols. At the start of April, we have 2% of the elementary students as full time distance learners. We have 7% of the intermediate students as full time distance learners.

As we pass the one year anniversary of entering into Distance Learning, thanks is worth repeating to all of the staff who work to minimize the negative effects of social distancing, safety protocols and the virtual challenges that come with our learning models. We have worked very hard to create new routines for students to understand and follow. We will continue those efforts through the end of this school year.

GOAL 4: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE DISTRICT'S INFRASTRUCTURE.

- Building camera upgrade

The video camera capabilities for the Elementary and Intermediate School were recently upgraded by the technology team. New cameras and playback software provide improved video monitoring and review possibilities.

- Buildings and grounds

The removal of many ash trees took place earlier this year from our campuses. A tree replacement opportunity was discussed with a community member and the city of Lewiston that also includes a memorial tree for a former employee.