Tomahawk Elementary Board Update Dec. 13, 2022

Tomahawk Strategic Plan

Tomahawk December Newsletter

Currently Working On

Teaching and Learning

• Explicit Instruction

We finished up our last scheduled staff development last week with Anita Archer. The work that we started with Explicit instruction will continue to be supported with the assistance of CESA 9 as we move throughout the year. Our goal for a 1 month period of time at the elementary level is to increase student engagement by giving students additional opportunities to respond in class. We are going to try for one month the idea of "not raising hands" as a method for getting student responses as we try other ideas for increasing responses at the elementary level. (I will explain this at the board meeting.)

Whole Student

- -PBIS (Hatchet Pride)
- We continue to have both Tier I and Tier 2 Hatchet Pride meetings. We are striving for consistency throughout the building with our matrixes of expectations being visible throughout all areas of the building and consistency of follow-through.
- During our Tier 2 meetings and throughout the elementary we are utilizing support from CESA 9 Behavior specialist, Angie Plinska
- Student Culture & Climate Goal
- Staff recently completed the B.E.S.T. screener at the elementary level. Dec. 8th Angie Pliska was here to go through the results of the screener with grade levels. They looked at intervention strategies to try.

Communication and Community Engagement Pillar

Monthly Newsletter – Linked to this report

SeeSaw – This continues to be the common learning format and communication tool for the elementary building. 9/1-12/6 we have had 40,834 posts and have had 54,736 visits by family to the SeeSaw school site.

Parent-Teacher Conferences – Over the course of the last month parent-teacher conferences for in-person/virtual depending on the preference of our families occurred. Fall parent-teacher conference attendance was 90%.

Music Concert

The elementary music concert times are below:

Tuesday, December 13th

9am Kindergarten Program

1:30pm - First Grade Program Wednesday, December 14th 9am - Fifth Grade Program 1:30pm - Third Grade Program

Workforce Pillar

Building Leadership Team

We had a meeting today at 3:30 p.m. We discussed the work being done around Redefining Ready and also discussed the elementary schedule and the work that needs to happen as we prepare for next school year.

Attract

At the elementary level we continue to offer student teaching experiences when asked. For the spring semester, we will have a student teacher, Lisa Schubert from UWGB splitting the semester between Mrs. Hanna's second-grade classroom and Mrs. Hansman's fourth-grade classroom.

Kristi Anderson will probably have a student teacher from UW-Eau Claire working in her elementary music classroom 2nd semester. We are waiting on confirmation from Eau Claire and aren't sure of the name at this time.

I feel that we have very good teachers at the elementary level that can help to develop future teachers. With the applicant pool being what it is if we can give a great student teaching experience to these future teachers and develop them into high-level teachers we can hopefully attract them to Tomahawk as we have positions coming open in the future.