

CASMAN Academy Director's Report
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Below is a report of progress on our goals for this past month. Note highlighted areas for desired action or key dates to remember.

CASMAN Academy will:

<p>Develop and Retain High Quality Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andy continues to cover instructional strategies from the book, <i>Making Thinking Visible</i>. Teachers appear to value this professional development very much.• Evaluations have been completed for three of the six teachers.• The staff participated in the County-Wide PD day at Onkama. Teachers learned about the Common Core Curriculum in the morning and all staff worked on School Improvement in the afternoon.
<p>Develop/Maintain and Prioritize Curriculum Aligned to Michigan/National Curriculum Frameworks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The teaching staff finalized its work with Elaine Waldon and literacy. Elaine supplied an evaluation survey and five of the six teachers completed it. The summary is attached.• The math and language arts teachers are well on their way to alignment with the Common Core standards. The social studies and science Common Core has not yet been released (draft is out for social studies). Both teachers eagerly await their publication.
<p>Enhance the Academy's Climate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students continue to be recognized weekly as Student of the Week. This is published in the local paper each week.• There is an interest among some board members to mentor CASMAN seniors. This will be developed further during the next school year.• Students receive recognition each module for receiving credit in each class in which they are enrolled (CASMAN Complete), for being on the honor roll, and for receiving all A's. Each student who is on one of the lists receives a stretch bracelet.
<p>Maintain, Manage and Enhance Facilities and Assets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For Earth Day, CASMAN students participated in a park clean-up in the Maxwell Town Community Park. An article on this was in the local paper.
<p>Increase Public Awareness, Participation and Perception of CASMAN Academy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The second blood drive was held here in April with 28 registrants.
<p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• During April, the director participated in the regional board meeting at WSCC, attended a leadership round table for charter school directors in Petoskey, and completed the MI-Life leadership training in Cadillac.• The director continues to meet with representatives of MAPS to work out cooperative arrangements in a mutually beneficial way.• The director participated in a compliance review for transition services to special education students. Problem areas were addressed.