



September 2017

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

The Curriculum & Instruction department has been busy throughout the summer and into the fall.

Welcome Riki Calica. She's been doing great and working non-stop. This is a very busy department. 😊

In June, SBE completed two weeks of the ELAs professional development and created implementation plans. In addition Summer School and EeGahKeeMaht worked well together once again to provide the students in our community an opportunity for extra learning and fun. Angela Heavy Runner (Summer School Administrator) and Rae Tall White Man (EeGahKeeMaht supervisor) did a wonderful job collaborating and ensuring our students had a great time. 👍

Curriculum orders, amending budgets and planning for the Leadership Week and Coaches days, as well as, inventorying incoming orders filled the July month. Additional Science and Math materials were purchased for the new teacher positions at Napi. A supplemental Social Studies curriculum was purchased for grade 4 which includes information on Montana and the tribes.

All CBMS (ISIP, STAR, and AimswebPlus) has been purchased for k-12 for assessments. All intervention materials were ordered as well.

August began with a bang. Each in-town campus SLTs attended four days of intensive planning and preparation for the 2017-18 academic year. "How'd We Do? Where are we now? and... What do we need to do?" was the focus? Each principal and their team analyzed data, set goals, created instructional plans and set their professional development schedule to accomplish their goals. Once completed, any additional instructional materials were purchased or edited. All teaching staff and coaches received their daily rate of pay.

Also, each principal and the instructional coach(s) had two days to use the instructional plans to create the coaching plans. This planning enables the school leadership to target support for their staff based on data and need. All teaching and coaching staff received extended contracts at their daily rate of pay.

****GREAT TEAM WORK AND COLLABORTION***** Job well done! 👍

Professional Development

The district and individual schools provided professional development opportunities to the staff. Each staff member received a \$100 stipend per day (plus fringe and health):

- The district provided Wonders (K-6 ELA) on August 14-16th. CEUs are awarded to those who completed the three days. Forty-three participants attended including new teachers.

- The Study Sync (7-12 ELA) PD was on August 14-15th. CEUs are awarded to those who completed the two days. Ten participants attended.
- BHS and BMS used the School Support Grants (SSG) to contract an AVID trainer and provide stipends to their participating teachers.
- Also the district provided a one day Math PD for any K-12 staff on August, 21 2017. A \$100 stipend was given to the 18 staff who attended.
- KW/VC used the School Support Grant to provide a one day Math Center PD for their staff members on August 17, 2017. Each staff member received a \$100 stipend and CEUs are awarded for their participation. Eight staff members participated.
- New Teacher orientation on August 18th. Nineteen new teachers participated.

Collaboration with the HR department ensured the stipends were completed. Thanks HR! ☺

As time of posting, no travel for instructional PD has been reported by any campus. Mrs. Guaridpee-Hall and I attended the meeting in August to begin the 2017-18 Title I School Support Grant (SSG) process.

REQUIREMENTS

Guidance was also given to the principals on which new parent notification (ESSA and Title III) were required this year and to be sent out.. Also guidance was provided on SBAC results parent letters.

At present the instructional leadership team is working on a district wide walkthrough document to be used for quick 3-5 minute walkthroughs in classrooms.

GRANTS

The remaining balances from the 2016-17 SSG were amended and spent. Budget pages along with POs were sent to OPI to verify, in the possibility that we would be awarded any extra funding other schools did not use. OPI offered us this opportunity so to not send money back to the Federal Government.

Title I School Wide budget was also amended and spent down to our 15% carryover amount. Great collaboration with the Business Office to ensure we are on track. Thank you Stacy. ☺

In preparation for applying for the 2017-18 SSG, I met with the SLTs from each campus and went over the requirements and began working through the each requirement to be awarded the grants. This year all schools will be focusing on Mathematics for grant purposes. Each campus had to complete the CSIP and action goals. All requirements we sent off to OPI on/before the deadline.

We have two consultants (SSG requirement) that will be working with our schools. The elementary schools (K-6) will each receive one day each month (7 months) and MS/HS will receive two days per month (7months) on onsite assistance and professional development.

Thank you and as always my door is open and I'm available for questions or concerns.

Have a wonderful month.

