

7-12 Principal's Report March 2019

Curriculum & Instruction: The new lesson plan template has been implemented and supports our instructional framework in the classroom. These tools are aimed at increasing the rigor in the classroom as well as providing students with consistency between classrooms.

During our professional development day our MCLP independent consultant provided valuable training and summarizing information learned at the Spring MCLP conference in Helena. He discussed the Jim Knight book "Unmistakable Impact". Information learned from the conference that was of great value was developing a one-page, focused, and clearly defined improvement plan that considers the complexity of teaching and learning relationships within the school. Also, the "coaching cycle" that must be completed to support teachers in their growth and professional development.

We continue to promote our tutoring for any subject after school from 3:30-5:00 pm Monday through Thursday. However, we have seen a steep decline in participation since the basketball season has ended. We would like to see the participation increase as many of our students' grade have dropped dramatically due to lack of attendance.

We are working with Crystal Andrews, new OPI consultant, to build a cohesive Head Start & Pre-K through 12th grade program for our students. We determined that next month we will develop our yearly calendar that contains all the testing required by the state and our professional development schedule and goals.

Supervision & Evaluation: The formal evaluations of tenure and non-tenure teachers has been completed for 7-12. Some tough conversations were had between the teachers and the principal discussing the great things happening in the classroom as well as practices that need to be improved or implemented in the classroom.

The curriculum coach, independent consultants and principal continue to work with teachers. We continue to do walkthroughs and the instructional coach does debriefing sessions with the individual teachers after these short observations. Our peer observations during prep times needs to increase. Teachers need to see their peers utilizing strategies that have been taught during our professional development times and support one another on improving these strategies in the classroom.

Culture & Language: We are continuing our Tuesday Activity nights as we have many students participating and enjoying the different activities each week. We also provide a meal to participants of tutoring and activity night. Our participation has not increased as we had hoped however, we will try offering new ideas to spark more interest.

The MBI (Montana Behavioral Initiative) students are going to the Senior Center and having lunch with everyone. While there they are visiting with elders and helping with bingo. The students are enjoying this activity and would like to continue it twice a month.

We had students participate in the Hill County Junior High Science Fair. Watson Whitford earned a blue ribbon and took his project to the State Science Fair in Missoula where he earned a gold ribbon, highest honors for his project. April Windy Boy also participated and earned a red ribbon for her project. Both students represented Rocky Boy Jr High extremely well.

Two teams of five were selected to participate in the Principals' Cup competition in Great Falls. The competition is an academic one in which team compete against one another to answer academic questions. The competition is run tournament style with teams going head-to-head. Our teams did well for their first time winning two rounds.

AIBL traveled to Portland to compete. They did very well earning \$2,500 and Chapter of the Year Award for their project.

Students received their award of Rod's take out for improving their STAR reading scores four out of five consecutive months.

Our Teepee Mondays continue however, we are struggling to find students willing to sing or drum during this time. We will continue to encourage students to share their cultural talents.

Behavior Management: Handbook policies continue to be enforced.

Our Star Award winners for 3rd Quarter awards were: Tristen Standing Rock- Beats headphones; Kazmira St. Pierre- \$50 Havre Chamber of Commerce gift card; Kodee Henderson- volleyball; and Taireiq Walker- \$25 Havre Chamber of Commerce gift card. Congratulation on doing a great job!

Our class attendance competition continues with the 7th grade taking first with a rate of 83.33%. The 8th grade took second with a rate of 76.11%. Seniors came in 3rd with 75.91%. Finally, the Freshman had 72.72%, the Juniors had 71.48%, and the Sophomores were last with 65.66%. Overall, the classes saw an increase between .36-8.34% in their attendance rate for the month of February. We would like to see our students maintain at least an 85% or higher class attendance rate.

Students of the month - March: Rochelle Pease and Si'mone Camper.

Daily Management: Work continues with Infinite Campus. We are hoping to have the student/parent portal available by the beginning of next year (fall 2019). We are working on the master schedule and entering students into classes. We hope to have all students tentatively scheduled for next years classes and provide each student with a schedule when they leave for the summer.

Current enrollment for Jr. High - 90 students, High School - 128 students, Total enrollment 7/12 - 218 students. Boys' Basketball finished with 4th at the state tournament. JH and HS track has started and a lot of students are participating.