Board Reports For March

Tech Department Airica Tripple

The tech department was busy working on all servers and devices set up for state testinghowever due to the Covid situation we are now excused from state testing this year.

Since we have been out of school I have been working with teachers to help make changes to many aspects of their technology setups that will enable them to better serve and teach their students remotely. Much of this has been in the Google environment with Google classroom, Chat and google hangout. We have also been adding Real presence to many teacher's computers so they can stay connected over VTC to our Staff meetings (a perfect social distancing tool :))

Curriculum Report Charles Becker

Mr. Becker has been working with Ms. Anania (Naulkati), Ms. Christopherson (Howard Valentine), and Joanna Schneider (Thorne Bay) to improve the current K-8 Reading and Writing programs. They have decided that the books and other materials are effective when used properly, and therefore no updates or alterations need to be made to them, but that little guidance exists for teachers new to the district on how to properly use them. The committee is currently working on pacing guides and course outlines for staff to use when needed. Those will be completed by the end of the month.

A separate committee consisting of Mr. Becker, Ms. Trischman (Port Alexander), Ms. Haugen (Hyder), and Ms. Cates (Hollis) will be meeting in April to review the Service Learning curriculum.

Food Service Board Report

I have been working with Amanda Blankenship to finish up my training learning the ends and outs of the Food service Coordinator position. As she has been training me on Primero Edge, CNP web, teaching me how to submit the monthly food reports to the state for reimbursable meals. My last training with Amanda was on the 20th, as I feel that I'm getting a hold of things. I have been working with the state and closely with Sherry Becker to make sure we still are getting funding during the Covid-19 shutdown.

As of the 23rd we started our distribution of food to our students on the Northside and Southside of town as well as the rest of the district sites. We will continue to provide quality meals that still meet nutritional standards for the state.

During this trying time, I will try my very best to continue to execute fundamental planning to provide quality food service throughout or district.

Sincerely, Jonathan Bates Food Service Coordinator-

Thorne Bay School March Board Report

We had some exciting times with Girls and Boys Basketball at the start of the month. The girls beat Yakutat and did a great job representing the district in the region basketball tournament. The boys are 2 time region 5 champions!! They beat Hydaburg in the championship game to secure the title. They have been ranked 1st and 2nd throughout the year at the state and looked to defend that ranking and then everything was cancelled! Thanks to Mark and Tracy Gunkel for a great year! Thanks to all the athletes for their hard work and efforts throughout the year.

Our teachers and staff have been working hard to provide education for all of our students by distance delivery. I am amazed at how hard everyone is working to make sure no one is left out. Many teachers are communicating daily either by phone or via the air waves to reach out and help their students succeed. Many things are being delivered to students each day as breakfast and lunches are being taken out to the different areas and here in town. Most of the staff are working from home and keeping everything going from their places of residence. We are kept up to date by Sherry and the emergency team as to what we should do next. Thanks to everyone for all the extra time and effort during these challenging times!!!