

Middle/High School Board Report

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Respect – Integrity - Excellence

GOAL 1: Personalize learning for all students in pursuit of their academic excellence.	Our Learning Communities are going to focus again on relationships. Our belief is the stronger connection a student has to an adult, the better their learning will be. In addition, our staff will work during their learning communities to continue to refine assessment practices and give students authentic learning experiences that allow students to show their knowledge in different ways.
GOAL 2: Develop well-rounded students in the areas of character, community & academics.	This year we will continue with our Trojan Pride and working with all of our students on being respectful, responsible and safe. Our staff will continue to work on building relationships with students and we work to push students through the use of Authentic Learning Experiences. Our staff's goal is to teach at the highest level and teach them the importance of academics, being a good human being, how to give back, and how to find their passion in life.
GOAL 3: Maximize the personal and professional potential of all staff.	<p>We had 18 MS/HS teachers attend a First Institute on August 8-9th at Kasson-Mantorville High School. The focus of the conference was on Learning First. Below were the main topics of the conference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Collaboration- Clear Learning Intentions- Engaging and Innovative Instruction- High Quality Assessments- Targeted Interventions/Enrichments <p>Staff members are excited to share the knowledge they gained with their peers during our weekly learning community meetings, as well as try many of the strategies learned in the classroom. It was a very productive two days to help our teachers continue to grow in their fields.</p> <p>Communicating with staff members, the continued focus on building relationships, creating authentic learning experiences, assessments that demonstrate learning, and a re-take policy for their classes are big projects. I applaud and will continue to encourage them to work through the process with the support of each other. We will continue to work for our students and will continue to try new things. We tell our students it is "ok to fail", and that we want them to be uncomfortable at times and that is how learning takes place. I thank the MS/HS staff for embracing the "ok to fail" motto and for their willingness to try new things to make this place a great place for our kids!</p>

<p>GOAL 4: Promote and provide positive school and community culture that engages all stakeholders.</p>	<p><u>Foreign Exchange Students '18-'19</u> Johanna Seifert - Germany Host: Mike and Heidi Halverson</p> <p>Maria Barros - Brazil Host: Jeremy and Brenda Tesch</p> <p>Thank you to all our host families for their willingness to host exchange students this year and give these students an opportunity at Rushford-Peterson High School.</p> <p>We will continue as a district to use our Facebook site to show off the positives that we have in our school on a daily basis. This is a great platform for us to communicate with the public. A goal of mine is to increase our digital footprint as a school this year and continue to show our community the great things going on at R-P and hopefully continue to increase our community/school relationships!</p>
<p>Miscellaneous</p>	<p>August 27 – New Teacher Workshop August 28-29 – Teacher Workshop August 29 – Open House (1:30-3:30 and 4:00-7:00) September 4 – First Day of School September 20-21 – Bryan Skavnak “Be the Nice Kid” Speaker September 24-29 – Homecoming Week October 18-19 – MEA Break October 29 – Fall Parent/Teacher Conference</p>