

Principal's Report January School Board Meeting Waterville-Elysian-Morristown PreK-12th Grade

PreK-12 Grade

PreK-6th grade have fully transitioned back to in-person learning. As of Monday, January 25, 7-12th grade students have (for the first time) transitioned to in-person learning. This is extremely exciting for our district! Districts around us are not in the same position to transition their whole student body to in-person learning, we are feeling blessed and thankful to have our students back in our buildings together.

Construction is wrapping up in the elementary area (fourth grade and office areas are fully moved into), however it is just ramping up on the high school side of the building. Continual changes are happening and with each phase is excitement. The modern and fresh looks of the building are very welcoming to students, staff, community members and visitors.

Throughout the last few weeks and into this week BUCS Pride hosted a variety of activities including BINGO and reteaching expectations. Thank you to local families, staff and businesses who have graciously donated prizes!

Friday, January 22 was a curriculum and grading day for teachers. We welcomed a professional counselor from Southern Minnesota Counseling Services to speak to staff. The topics for the presentation were self-care, engaging students, understanding and getting a feel for student mental health and ways to help support one another. Staff engaged in discussion and activities before having time for Q&A. Following the presentation staff had time to work on final quarter/semester grades.

Administration has started the processes of reviewing potential schedules for 2021-2022. Counselors are working on registration which will take place in February-March. We anticipate this to be a much smoother process compared to last year as we will have students in the building.

Lastly, we would like to extend a large thank you to our staff for their flexibility as we shift within learning models. In addition, thank you for supporting the district's ability to transition to in-person learning. A sincere thank you to our parents for being understanding and doing all they do at home with their children to help make WEM the best it can be.