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To: Chelsea School District School Board

From: Matthew Ceo, Principal of Beach Middle School

Re: Board Report

Date: 11/13/24

Community Meetings

Ms. Larson, Mr. Schilt, and the rest of the BMS Student Services Team has been designing and leading a series of 30-minute community meetings once per month with each grade level aimed at improving the executive functioning skills of our students. Executive functioning development has been identified as a critical need by our building over the last couple years.

The team has used the research-based SMARTS curriculum as the foundation for the content of community meetings, adapting the curriculum to fit the needs of our students. So far, students have explored “Building Communities of Kindness” in October and “The 4 C’s of Organization” in November. In December, students will explore the concept of adaptability and how to handle shifting expectations.

In addition, students took a diagnostic assessment designed to identify areas of strength and weakness in executive functioning. The team will use this data to help inform systems of support for students.

Discipline Update

Mr. Schilt made it a goal this year to reduce the number of student suspensions in order to increase the amount of time students spend in class. He started Saturday detention once per month in an effort to provide a more effective deterrent to negative behavior and to provide an additional step for progressive discipline.

So far this year, there have been a total of 7 students suspended (in-school and out-of-school suspensions combined) and 12 students assigned Saturday detention. The number of suspensions so far this year demonstrates a 30% decrease compared to this time last year. Saturday detention numbers dropped from 9 in October to only 2 in November. So far, the use of Saturday detention, along with a behavior reflection component grounded in restorative practices, has been a positive addition to our building’s culture and climate.

Veteran’s Day



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On Thursday, October 25th, our 6th graders had the chance to hear the life stories of four active and veteran military men and women, including our own 8th grade teacher Caleb Coon. The goal was to have students connect and listen to the wisdom and life lessons these adults shared. Before greeting their guests, 6th graders learned lessons on active listening, eye contact and good follow up questioning from Global Studies teachers Mike Lott and Hannah LaFleur. The Veterans Panel was a wonderful kickoff to our Veterans Day writing competition that took place in ELA classes with Amy Doma, Ryann Skrypec and Cristian Garcia. For the competition, students wrote letters of appreciation to honor our Chelsea Veterans. Three winning letters were chosen by the Chelsea Senior Center's writers group. Teachers took Zoe Morris, Aaron Seymour and Anna Klein to read their letters as part of Chelsea's Veterans Day Celebration on November 11th. Thank you to Jennifer Smith at the Senior Center for coordinating this project with our 6 grade staff.

Respectfully,

Matt Ceo, Beach Middle School Principal
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