

## *7-12 Principal's Report*

### *September 2019*

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**Curriculum & Instruction:** Classroom instructional time is a priority. Therefore, we are limiting the number distractions and activities that take place during instructional time. We are continuing to improve our instructional framework as our teachers develop new instructional strategies through professional development and conferences. We are currently looking at our courses required for graduation with relation to the skills needed by students to be proficient on state exams. We are working on creating a positive, safe and professional school environment for students and staff. We are looking at Restorative Justice practices as one means of improving our school culture and climate. We have had professional development at Rocky Boy on the topic and again at the MCLP conference in Helena.

**Supervision & Evaluation:** The curriculum coach has been completing walkthroughs in the classrooms on a regular basis. I have spent less time this month on walkthroughs and hope to increase my time spent in the classrooms next month. This is due to the extra time and activities related to the athletic director position that I have needed to complete for our athletics department. We focused on teaching bell-to-bell last year with objectives posted and exit tickets. This year we are working on student engagement in the classroom. A walkthrough form has been redesigned in an electronic format that we will be utilized during walkthroughs to demonstrate, system-wide, the components of our instructional framework that need further professional development and training. The instructional coach has been meeting with teachers individually to help support teachers in their journey to improve instructional strategies that work for our students.

The Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) which were formed last year are now beginning to look at the data collected from last year on our students in order to make data informed decisions about instructional strategies to support learning.

I attended the MCLP conference and training in Helena with five other staff members. The two days were filled with a lot of information and ideas for continued improvement in our the 7-12 building through literacy.

**Culture & Language:** Our tradition of Smudging, saying the pledge, and providing students with announcements for the week at 8:20 a.m. on the first day of each week continues. This past month we also experienced a full week of cultural activities in order to celebrate the Chippewa-Cree Culture and support students' learning through cultural practices. We were able to secure a buffalo hunt from Fort Belknap. A ceremony was held prior to the hunt and then the buffalo was brought to Rocky Boy where students were able to experience events such as skinning and dressing the animal. The buffalo meat was then used in other student activities throughout the week such as meat drying, making pemmican, cooking roasts for the Pow-wow, and properly cutting and wrapping the meat to give to elders in the community. Finally, a portion of the buffalo

was used in the cafeteria to serve a meal to the entire student body on Friday while the remaining buffalo was given to the senior center. Students also experienced activities such as beading, an art contest, and Native American Film Festival followed by a quiz bowl. The winning class earned a pizza party for earning the most points during the quiz bowl. The seventh grade class won followed closely by the eighth grade. Overall, many elders and community members shared in the activities with our 7-12 students.

**Behavior Management:** Handbook policies continue to be enforced. We are still working on the personal electronic device use in the classrooms. The eligibility program started last year continues to be enforced using Infinite Campus. A warning list is posted every Monday by noon and the final eligibility list is posted on Thursday by noon. The eligibility carries from Thursday through the following Tuesday. In order to support student learning we continue to offer after school tutoring until 5:00 p.m. A bus provides a ride home to all students who attend after school tutoring.

Our “Star Awards” program continues to support positive behavior in the school. Students who receive these awards have demonstrated behaviors which support our four MBI pillars (Graduate, Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Safe). Every Monday morning, we draw names and the students win prizes. At the end of the quarter, we put all Star Awards back into the box and draw for four (4) larger prizes ranging in value from \$25-\$100 dollars.

Students of the month- September: Janessa Standing Rock and Elsie Big Bow.

**Daily Management:** Work continues with Infinite Campus. We are still in the process of correcting addresses and inputting transfer student information. We completed the input of summer school credits on transcripts. 3-week and 6-week progress reports have been sent out each containing a newsletter of important information, dates, and upcoming activities for parents to be aware of in the near future.

The AIMS reports for graduates, drop-outs, and cohorts were completed and submitted to the state. The TEAMS state report is currently being completed for grades 7-12. Finally, the JOM grant report pertaining to tribal enrollment is being finalized and will be submitted to Stone Child College at the end of October.

Weekly staff meetings continue to be Mondays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Also, our Student Success Team (SST) has been formed and working on supporting our most “at-risk” students.

Current enrollment for Jr. High- 96 students, High School- 165 students, Total enrollment 7-12: 261 students; an increase of 41 students at this time last year. Fall sports are coming to a close. 8<sup>th</sup> grade JH Girls Basketball has ended and 7<sup>th</sup> grade JH Girls Basketball will be completed this weekend along with JH Football. The District volleyball tournament will be held in Choteau November 1-2, and Cross-Country has four students who have already qualified for the State Cross-Country meet. There are

two meets remaining in the season for athletes to qualify for state. The State Cross-County meet will be in Great Falls on October 26<sup>th</sup>.