

Tomahawk Elementary Board Update November 14, 2023

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Currently Working On

Teaching and Learning

- **Explicit Instruction**
- We continue to define the work for this year. We had an explicit instruction Leadership meeting on Oct. 17 and we determined that we will encourage coaching discussions between our internal coach's and our teachers with an emphasis between now and Christmas break on giving opportunities to respond and everyone does everything. One goal for each teacher is to videotape themselves teaching one 10-minute time block with their lesson utilizing the emphasis areas of opportunities to respond and everyone does everything.
- **Literacy Leadership Institute**
- On June 13&14 we had a small group (Mark Schommer, Thersea Burzynski, Angie McPherson, Aubrey Boisvert, Tara Messer) attend a Cesa 9 Literacy in Leadership Institute. We are working on a district Literacy plan with follow-up meetings with our Cesa 9 partners.

Student Relevance Goal

Redefining Ready – Cesa 9 is designing a template for our Redefining Ready report card based on the indicators and points of pride that I sent over to them. A draft of our elementary card is below:



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Whole Student

- **-PBIS (Hatchet Pride)**
- We will continue to have both Tier 1 and Tier 2 Hatchet Pride meetings. We are striving for consistency throughout the building with our matrixes of expectations being visible throughout all areas of the building and consistency of follow-through.
- **Attendance**

The elementary had our first student that met the AMC threshold. I will explain more about the process at the board meeting.

Climate and Culture

October was National Bullying Prevention Month. In grades K-5, we will be focusing on recognizing bullying, reporting bullying, refusing bullying, and using bystander powers to be an upstander. We will be learning the definition of bullying. Bullying is when someone keeps being mean to someone else on purpose. The person it's happening to hasn't been able to make it stop. It is unfair and one-sided. We will be focusing on how to help stop bullying through the 3 R's, Recognize, Report, and Refuse.

On November 6th the 5th grade students attended an assembly with the middle school students. Mr. John Halligan delivered a presentation about his own personal tragedy - his 13-year-old son Ryan, who took his own life in 2003 after being an early victim of cyberbullying as a middle school student.

On November 8th the 4th and 5th grade had team building time with Brian Kenney. The focus area was on team building in addition to being a good team member students were taught to be resilient students/problem solvers.

Communication and Community Engagement Pillar

TES Community Sharing Opportunity – I plan to hold a 1 hour opportunity for Parents/Community to come in once a month to share information on TES. The first meeting was Sept. 18th. 6-7 p.m. and 8 people attended. The second meeting was on October 16th and 3 people attended. We discussed the start of the school year, parent/teacher conferences, the master schedule, and Kids in Motion. Our next meeting will be November 27th. 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Barker our Student Council Advisor and student council kids did a fundraiser for the honor flight. They set a goal of \$1500.00 if they met this goal Principal Steckbauer would be in "jail" for a day and some 5th grade students will be the principal for the day. The goal was met, \$2600.00 was raised. This will send 5 Veterans on the Honor Flight and put Mr. Steckbauer in jail for the day. November 17th is when Mr. Steckbauer will be in "jail"

Monthly Newsletter – Attached to this report.

Workforce Pillar

November 14- Building Leadership Meeting – We will discuss the master schedule in place for this school year with a special discussion of the beginning of the day time 7:50-8:10 a.m.