

TMS Board Report August 13, 2019

Adolescent Mental Health Training: In June, members the Middle School Threat Assessment Team along with teams from the HS and Elementary, attended the Adolescent Mental Health training as mandated by the terms of our safety grant. The training focused on providing attendees with a better understanding of how adolescents think and why they demonstrate certain behaviors.

Threat Assessment Training: Members of the Middle School Threat Assessment Team, along with teams from the HS and Elementary, attended the WI DOJ School Threat Assessment Team Course this past June. This course focused on training teams to utilize the Wisconsin School Threat Assessment Protocol. This three phase protocol provides guidance for teams as they assess the credibility and severity of safety threats to our schools.

Data Retreat: Recently, I spent two days with a team of middle school staff members analyzing our student performance data during a data retreat led by representatives from CESA 9. We worked to identify trends in our data and, as a team, discussed what we believe are contributing factors and root causes for them. It was a great opportunity for our team to spend some time together working to gain a better understanding of our school as a whole. I was pleased with our staff's willingness to participate in the process as well as the planning that resulted from these conversations. This information will be shared with the rest of our staff as we begin to plan for this coming school year.

Back To School Information: Planning for the new school year is underway. Back to school letters have recently been sent to all TMS families. Our annual Open House event is scheduled for August 28 from 3-6 pm. This year we are encouraging families to utilize our online registration and payment option whenever possible. This will allow them to spend more time with their student(s) during Open House and less time standing in line. Our goal for the evening is for students and families to get organized and feel prepared for the start of school. Students can get their 2019-20 schedules, meet their teachers, acquire their lunch PIN, locker assignments and combinations, and have the opportunity to drop off their school supplies. Teachers will be on hand the entire evening to answer questions and assist families. I will hold a back to school meeting for families at 4:30 in the auditorium as well.

Upcoming Professional Development:

- **Read 180 Training** - Will be attended by 6th grade and 7th grade ELA staff along Brian Perrodin. This program will allow us to better meet the intervention needs of our students in the area of reading.
- **Non-Violent Crisis Intervention (NVCi)** - Attended by all special education as well as administrative staff.
- [Trauma Sensitive Schools \(TSS\) Kickoff](#) - TMS was selected and will participate in the TSS Kickoff training on August 12. Our building leadership team will be learning together and leading professional development sessions in this area throughout this school year.