

CASMAN Academy Director's Report

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Below is a report of progress on our goals for this past month. Note highlighted areas for desired action or key dates to remember.

CASMAN Academy will:

<p>Develop and Retain High Quality Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As a result of attending MI-FIL in December, we are in the process of trying to use Lucy, our 360 degree camera, for teachers to use feedback as part of instructional improvement. We have discovered we have a broadband issue and Roy Anciso is working with us to resolve this.• I attended the MI-LIFE cohort in Cadillac. The focus was using data for improvement.• December was a fairly quiet month for professional development.
<p>Develop/Maintain and Prioritize Curriculum Aligned to Michigan/National Curriculum Frameworks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The literacy pd with Elaine Waldon is centered on meeting the new Common Core Standards in the area of literacy across all content areas. The teachers participate in this training and alignment weekly.
<p>Enhance the Academy's Climate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Public Relations committee worked hard to address enrollment for second semester through a series of commercials that ran in December for this purpose. I continue to get positive feedback from community members for the quality of the commercials.• We continue to recognize one student every week for our road sign in front of the school.• Henry worked hard to help all senior students access TIP funds, which are scholarship funds available to qualifying students.• Students again received Christmas gifts (blankets and gift cards) through a donation from Bear Lake Methodist Church. It is humbling to be a part of this gift-giving and our students are always touched by this.
<p>Maintain, Manage and Enhance Facilities and Assets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We had a very large white board donated to us. The donation was facilitated by Jackpine. Raul was able to put it up yesterday in the board room. It is a wonderful addition.• Rosie Dillon has worked diligently each season to prepare entryway decorations to greet people as they arrive in the building. It really adds a warm and welcoming touch to CASMAN. Thank you, Rosie!
<p>Increase Public Awareness, Participation and Perception of CASMAN Academy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commercials mentioned above.• Plans are well underway for the
<p>Other</p>

- We have two committees meeting regularly to address strategic planning for CASMAN's future. One committee, Public Relations, is addressing short-term needs, while another committee, called the Task Force, is meeting to address longer-term planning.
- CASMAN held a blood drive in December.
- I met with Glen Bachman of the National Charter School Institute to update the board policies. The policy committee will be meeting soon to review these.
- Donn and I met with Sarah Alden who would like to join our board to replace the seat left vacant by Mark Quinn.
- I have begun meeting with potential students and their families to prepare for second semester enrollment.