

Rush City Schools School Board Advisory December

2024-2025



Agenda / Topics

December 9, 2024

- **Introductions**
- **About School Board Advisory (SBA)**
- **Strategic Planning and SBA Role**
- **Elementary Highlights**
- **High School Highlights**
- **Activities Highlights**
- **Public Input or Questions**



Introductions

- Name
- Parent, employee, community member?
- Tell us a little about yourself and your interest in the School Board Advisory Committee

Purpose of School Board Advisory

- Provide the Board of Education with advice from constituents
 - Strategic planning
 - Calendar
 - Public comments
 - CACR/WBWF
 - Curriculum
- Meet statutory requirements for public engagement
 - Covid relief funds
 - Federal programs such as Title
- Communication and continuous improvement efforts

Strategic Plan Overview

- [Strategic Roadmap](#)
- Vision Card
- Operational Plan
- Action Cards
- Board and Leadership Team Hubs

C.E. Jacobson Elementary



Achieve Academic Excellence

- LETRS Training - Year 2

- **State or Another District Trained Teachers**

- 12 teachers completed in 2022-2023

- **Cohort 1 (the 2023 start group)**

- 25% completed Volume 2 - Units 5-8

- **Cohort 2 (the 2024 start group)**

- 17% completed Volume 1 - Units 1-4

- **Facilitators (the 2022 start group)**

- Rush City Schools currently has 4 trained facilitators:

Mary Kurvers, Amy Gustafson, Brekka Giller, Erin Waters

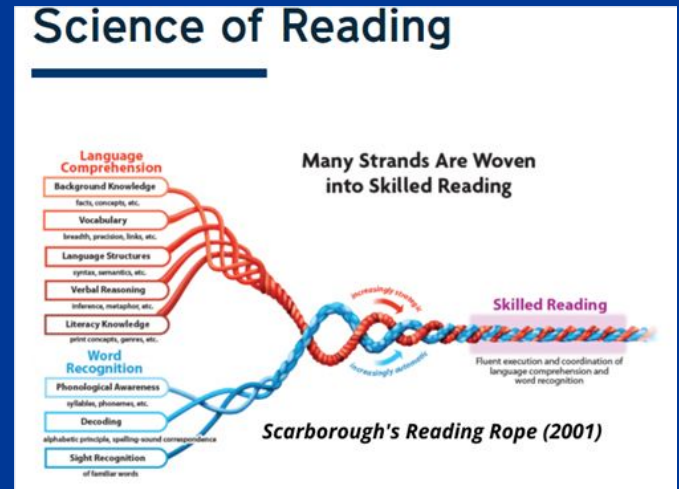


Achieve Academic Excellence

The Minnesota READ (Reading to Ensure Academic Development) Act was passed and signed into law by Governor Tim Walz on May 24, 2023. The goal of this legislation is for every Minnesota child, including multilingual learners and students receiving special education services, to be reading at or above grade level.

You can read the full legislation for the READ Act in Minnesota Session Law, Chapter 55, Article 3. You can also find updated information in Minnesota Statutes 2023, section 120B. 12. OR

Visit MDE's Website at: <https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/READ/>



Achieve Academic Excellence

CKLA Curriculum Update

- Grade 1 - implemented Knowledge section
- Grades 2, 4-8 - implemented entire program
- Grades 6-8 completed 1st level of purchased professional development



Full Implementation Plans for 2024-2025 School Year:

- All grades K-8 will complete training and implement the curriculum.
- Ongoing coaching will support grade level teams throughout the year.

Foster A Positive and Safe Environment

- **Positive Environment: PBIS**

- Our PBIS committee meets every month to frame our initiatives and make plans to make our school a positive place to be every day!
- We continue to recognize student gains through ROAR Bucks, prizes in the rolling ROAR Store, & coupons for special activities such as pizza, root beer float parties, and donuts with our SRO.
- This full scale effort involves ALL of our staff. Bus and Van Drivers were trained recently as well, and will receive ongoing training and supports for behavior and self regulation for students when riding school vehicles.



Foster A Positive and Safe Environment

- **Positive Environment: Mental Health**

- School linked mental health is going **very strong** with our partner, Bethany Cleary. She currently has a caseload of 40 students with a wait list.
- Students receive additional supports from our guidance counselor, Hannah Feten and our ADSIS coordinator for SEL, Fealy through counseling and group lessons.
- Alicia and Bethany recently presented at the school-linked Behavioral Health Conference on healing partnerships. MDE holds this conference yearly.

- **Safe Environment:**

We continue to revisit I LOVE YOU GUYS protocols and discuss them as needed.



PBIS Schoolwide Efforts



December Focus:

“Robyn the Respectful”



Can you find “Robyn the Respectful”? Mrs. Berens’ K class won the traveling ROAR banner for the first week of December!



Students continue to respond well to our PBIS super hero team’s efforts to create a positive school environment where students are aware of their own behaviors and choices, showing growth every week! Way to go!

Strengthen Community Relationships

- **Communications:**

- Teacher newsletters, student news (now posted on our website), messages through school messenger, phone calls, postcards - all are encouraged!
- Staff assign students to receive ROAR postcards at staff meetings!

- **Upcoming Parent/Family/Community Events:**

- Thursday March 6th - Family Reading Lock In at CEJ from 5:30-7pm
- Thursday, April 10th - Family Art Night at CEJ from 5:30-7pm

- **Student Driven Projects:**

- Veterans Day Cards for Vets- hundreds of students participated
- Food Shelf Drive - sponsored by student council. 1,922 items donated!
- LEO Club - Santa Store Donations - the table was packed full this year!



Finance and Management

- **Student Activities:**

- All student activities and supplementary activities to instruction are run through our own student fundraising account, which Alicia manages.

- **Finance / Instructional Spending:**

- Usage reports are analyzed to determine the value ongoing technology programs and subscriptions. Usage and efficacy data drive Alicia's decisions. Program and classroom spending are tracked. Each teacher has a budget and a process for spending. Special education spending follows a separate approval process.

- **Staff Development:** Staff development requests flow through the Q Comp council or building principals to determine cost and benefit analysis.

Rush City High School



Achieve Academic Excellence

- Two Parent/Teacher Conferences were held before the Thanksgiving holiday and the turnout was presented to me as larger than in recent years.
- Minnesota Honor Society induction - 12 new students joined 12 current MHS students in the RCHS MHS.
- Guest speakers at RCHS - MN State Patrol; Christine Keegan
- RCHS learning about AI - Principal PD; RCHS PD

Foster A Positive and Safe Environment

- MASSP School Law Conference- attended by the principal
- Ongoing SEL/PBIS curriculum delivery focused on 'Be Good People'
- Staff visibility having intended outcome- behavior referrals are down and the overall climate of the building is strong.
- Turkey Bingo - a huge hit among students and staff.
- Door Decorating underway.
- PBIS - Movie Days next week for 7-9 and 10-12 for students.

Strengthen Community Relationships

- High school principal attending local churches to connect with the community; Sacred Heart, First Lutheran; St. John's Lutheran
- High school principal named 'President of the Pine Technical and Community College Foundation Board of Directors'.
- Principal met with Kwik Trip management to establish a relationship and provide a connection should there be any student concerns within the store.
- District holiday gathering, initiated by RCPS administration, will be held at Bulrush Golf Course;

Finance and Management

- **RCCHS PD engaging in learning surrounding 1st and 2nd order change. Create; Enhance; Eliminate;**
- **StrengthFinder - staff identify their area of strength or what they would like to learn more about: collaborative leadership, curriculum, instructional strategies, SEL, classroom management, celebration.**
- **New school operational structures to be announced Dec. 20th**
- **Keira Bridley, special education teacher has been successfully onboarded and is in the classroom working with our students.**

National Honor Society



This Years



Combined Group

Rush City Activities



Willy Wonka



Willy Wonka was a HIT in the school and the community. Three wonderful performances were held with great success. Congratulations to all that were involved for putting on this production!





RCB WRESTLING

Congratulations to RCB wrestling. They have started out the season fast with wins over Mora and Ogilvie. This past weekend they continued by winning the 42 Annual Rush City Invitational.



TOP 3 FINISHERS AT THE RUSH CITY INVANTIONAL

107 lbs - 2nd place - Thomas McKenzie

114 lbs - Champion - Tucker Gould

121 lbs - Champion - Christian Kellum

127 lbs - 2nd place - Isabelle Shockman

133 lbs - 3rd place - Anthony Graves

139 lbs - 2nd place - Jeff Ward

152 lbs - 2nd place - Riley Bodell

160 lbs - 3rd place - Chase Tatge

172 lbs - 3rd place - Magnus Bremer

215 lbs - Champion - Dulton Bengtson

285 lbs - 2nd place - Jace Allerton

CHEERLEADERS

A new cheerleading club has been started with Community Education. There are currently 25 students in grades 7-12 participating in the club. They practice 3-4 nights a week after school and did a great job cheering at the boys basketball game and at our home wrestling tournament. We look forward to seeing them more this winter!



BAND RECITAL

Students in grades 7-12 put on a great instrumental recital. Recitals are good for building character as it is not easy task to get up and play in front of a group of people. There were solos, duets, ensembles and even 1 piano man.



GREAT RIVER CONFERENCE VOLLEYBALL AWARDS



ALL- CONFERENCE:

**MCKENNA GARR
NATALIE ROOD
AUTUMN STREAM
ABIGAIL TELANDER**

GRC HITTER OF THE YEAR:

ABIGAIL TELANDER

ALL-ACADEMIC INDIVIDUAL:

**MCKENNA GARR
AUTUMN STREAM**

HONORABLE MENTION:

CLARA NIESSEN

GRC MVP:

MCKENNA GARR

ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM:

GOLD RATING

FOOTBALL DISTRICT AWARDS



ALL NORTHEAST DISTRICT:

LUKAS DIEDRICH
MATTHEW KEMPF
LOGAN KIRBY
TYLER MONSON
URIJAH STICH
WILL VOLK
JAMISON WOOD

DISTRICT COACH OF THE YEAR:

JOE LAKEBERG

HONORABLE MENTION:

JACE ALLERTON
SAM DICK
KYLE HAUGRUD

DISTRICT MVP:

MATTHEW KEMPF

DISTRICT ASST. COACH OF THE YEAR:

MIKE O'DONNELL

The new concessions stand is now open for business! There are still few items to add as things progress. It is such a great space!



Public Input or Questions



**Thank you for attending
School Board Advisory!**