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TMS Board Report

Fab Lab Visits: We had the opportunity to tour Fab Labs in both Three Lakes as well as Lakeland Union HS recently. Both schools were very accommodating and I was able to gain insight into how their respective Middle Schools utilize these facilities. I believe our Middle School students would benefit greatly from the opportunities a Fab Lab can provide. We are early in the grant writing process, but I am hopeful we will be selected to receive to receive this grant.

School Leaders Advancing Technology in Education (SLATE) Conference 2017: A team of MS teachers along with myself attended this year's SLATE conference last week. Sessions were conducted mainly by teachers and administrators from across Wisconsin. There was a wide variety of topics to choose from during each session and many of them were designed in a way that allowed the presenter to share their experience with, either implementing a program or using a product (Sometimes both).

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Tier 2 training: The Middle School PBIS team attended a Tier 2 training held in Wausau this month. This was a two day training that focused on various strategies designed to target behaviors for our students who have not adequately responded to universal tier-one behavior interventions. Tier 2 strategies are increasingly more specific and intense in nature, and focus directly on the specific individual needs of the student. Throughout the remainder of this school year our PBIS team will be planning ways we can implement these strategies.

Renaissance Rally: On November 17th the Renaissance group organized a rally to celebrate our students' 1st quarter academic and attendance achievements. The rally was themed "Hitting the High Notes" was open for parents to attend and featured live music from a student led band. Following the rally, students who qualified participated in an incentive activity while remaining students participated in a guided study activity.