

**Interim Leadership Report
Board of Education
April 12, 2021**

On going interim leadership communication

The shuffle of personnel to new roles seems to be a smooth transition. School board members, staff and families are all stepping up to assist in many ways possible. We are all working together to continue to provide a safe, fun and quality education for our students as well a great place to work.

Annette, Holly and Jill meet every Monday at 1:00 to communicate about issues at hand. More meetings are added as needed. Emails are continually sent. This ongoing communication between seat based and online is vital in ensuring the transparency of both programs. We decided to take a moment at each program staff meeting to tell a 'fun/interesting' fact about the other program. An example: seat based shared with the online staff about the Trout. The online staff liked hearing about this and would love to see video of the trout and/or their release.

Online Program Updates

Online Graduation

Online graduation will take place virtually this year. It will be presented to families on the evening of Friday, June 4, 2021, on FaceBook, as it was last year and in January 2021. Plans so far include student speakers, a musical performance, staff/board speakers, and videos from learning coaches. The graduates will be mailed their diploma. They will also receive a yard sign as a congratulations. We expect up to 30 graduates for the June ceremony, in addition to the 15 January graduates.

Online calendar updates for online program

A revised calendar is proposed. The online and seat-based calendars are very aligned; the differences include the addition of the J-Term week for online in January and two additional full staff development days for online; as the 2-hour late start days on the current calendar do not apply.

Summer school

The online program is planning to offer a summer session from June 8-25. Staff interest/availability has been assessed and the next step is to contact students to sign up. Extended Time Revenue funding has been secured (\$4,013) which allows for 80 students. The program is intended for credit recovery, one course per student, focusing on high school core courses and 8th grade Algebra.

COVID 19 Update

Administration of COVID-19 related issues continues to include regular communications with the MDH, MDE and regional teams tracking COVID-19 throughout the community and state; remaining up to date on frequent new directives and guidelines; attending webinars and

seminars; ensuring CCS has the best practices, vaccination information and latest ways to mitigate COVID-19; and providing communications to stakeholders.

Vaccine is available to those 16+. Contact MDH to find out how to get your vaccine. CDC and MDE updates on fully vaccinated people: masks must still be worn (Executive Order 20-81), 6 feet apart when possible. Three feet apart can be used when 6 feet apart is not feasible. We need to continue limiting any nonessential visitor, volunteers and activities in the building.

Crow Wing County Safe Learning Plan Data

The number of new COVID cases per 10,000 continues to fall. Crow Wing County officials expect the number to be around 16 with the following week in the lower teens.

As of March 20: Crow Wing is 22.17 per 10,000, Cass County is 14.47. This is a very slight increase from the previous week. Keep in mind the distance learning number is 50.

Seat Based Program Updates

The leadership team (consisting of HRS coordinator, Mara Powers, Lead MS teacher, Lisa Schumacher, primary lead teacher and interim leader, Annette Klang, interim leader Jill Arendt, school board chair Cinda Jensen and twice monthly our contacts for Sourcewell) continues to meet and discuss best practices and revisions for our PLCs as well as the High Reliability School Certification. We are working diligently as a leadership team and as teachers to acquire the needed data for this certification and are very close to achieving it. This team is reviewing the PLC cycle, ensuring that the PLC teams are achieving ultimate purpose. The Leadership team also is planning professional development and achieving curriculum cycle goals. A sub-committee for science curriculum review is in place.

We have been in contact with Joe Aliperto to figure out what funding is available for summer school. We do not have a hard number and process on that as it is different funding than extended year funding. I am wanting to send staff a survey regarding summer school and the interest and feasibility of it, but need to know more about the money first. More to come on that.

As we are seeking to take steps toward a little more normalcy in life, we are looking at and hopefully planning the following:

Kindergarten graduation - in person

Track and field type day at the community center

Last day of school activities - outside and in the classroom

Possible summer school

The PTO has graciously set up a virtual magician to 'come to our classrooms' on April 14.