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Elementary Principal's Board Report, March 2020 NRHEG Elementary School Doug Anderson, Elementary Principal

1. Elementary School Enrollment In/Out Report (03/09/2020)

Section	Enrollment	# of Sections	Students/Sect.
ECSE	13	2	
Bridges	15	1	15
K	56	3	18.66
1	63	3	21
2	54	3	18
3	60	3	20
4	65	3	21.66
5	58	3	19.33
Total	384	21	18.29
	371	19	19.52

2. Leadership Team Meeting Summary

Elementary Leadership Team Meeting
Monday, February 3, 2020
3:15 p.m./Elementary Conference Room

Team Members: Brenda Dobberstein, Dena Summer, Diana Foster, Jessica Williams, Sara Ihrke, Terri Engel, Morgan Clark, and Doug Anderson

Committee Updates-Committee Members

Literacy Team Sub-Committee Update-Diana/Jessica/Terri

Math Team Sub-Committee Updates-Sara/Brenda/Terri

Classroom Management SEL Sub-Committee Updates-Dena & Team

Elementary Conference Evening Review

~Reflections on Conference Survey Results

~Should a daycare option be provided?

~Game nights were well attended-continue?

~Changes to scheduling will need to be discussed before the Calendar ~Committee and Staff Development Committee begin to meet late fall if other possibilities are to be considered for a conference schedule.

February 17-Danielle Theis Team Feedback

~Conversations from grade levels/departments

~June 1 Presentation-Planning will take place in April.

Review Timing of Bowling/Library Activity for the Month

~Comments and feelings were positive surrounding this activity. One possible suggestion was to check into the possibility of beginning a little earlier so that the primary grades do not run into issues with lunch/recess.

NRHEG Elementary School Norms Update

~Updated/Sent Out on 02-28-2020

~Refer to briefly before each meeting

~Take ownership for what has been developed

~Assist/take an active role in their administration

Check-in On Concerns From Last Month's Meeting

a. **Concert Update-Schedule will remain the same.**

b. **End of Day Dismissal**

Discussion to add Family Services Coordinator, Bre Bethke to the Leadership Team-approved.

Team Member Concerns/Discussion Items

3. Elementary School Norms

As part of our work with Danielle Theis, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) Educator, and Jen Brevoort, No Bully Trainer, this winter the NRHEG Elementary Staff developed Elementary School Norms to help guide our work and hold us accountable. These are reviewed before each meeting we hold.

N R H E G Elementary School Norms

Developed February 2020

Positive Minded

- ~Assume everyone has good intentions behind their comments/questions.
- ~Celebrate the small things.
- ~Model positive responses.
- ~Encourage everyone to share thoughts.
- ~Lift each other up by focusing on the positive and celebrate little victories.
- ~Validate students' feelings.
- ~Be brave and speak about the important issues with everyone present.

Solution Seeking

- ~For every complaint, I will bring a solution.
- ~We will be solution-focused, and we will actively seek solutions to improve our environment by focusing on what we can do to help.
- ~Work to be resilient.
- ~At the end of a meeting, bring all thoughts together and summarize.

Respectful Actions

- ~Listen to, understand, support others and be curious about new ideas.
- ~We will be kind and respectful to **ALL** by focusing on the positive and celebrating little victories.
- ~Intentionally provide an opening for quiet thinkers.
- ~Create a safe environment to give honest opinions.



4. From the Music Department~Mrs. Fredrickson has identified the ***February Students of the Month*** for Music. They include:

Grade 1 Monroe Wayne and Jakub LaCanne

Grade 2 Addison Quade

Grade 3 Hailly Sanchez and Sealy Anderson

Grade 4 Kenley Gehrke and Aaron Meritt

Grade 5 Kiera Hutchens

5. Through a generous grant from the NRHEG PTO, the Bridges' Classroom is participating in a partnership with the ***MacPhail Center For Music***. The Center provides faculty, curriculum and materials utilized and demonstrated by the MacPhail Teaching Artist. MacPhail also provides the necessary hardware, software, technical infrastructure, and related technical support for sending and receiving data through video-conferencing from MacPhail teaching facilities to NRHEG Elementary. MacPhail also will recognize NRHEG Elementary School as a partner school on its website. Twenty-six online music lessons at 30 minutes a session will take place from now until the end of the school year. I hope to have Ms. Foster and a few Bridges students, along with the MacPhail Center, present as the Teaching and Learning feature at the May Board meeting.

6. On Friday, March 6, the elementary held its annual Green Eggs and Ham breakfast to conclude Read Across America Week. There were 560 individuals who participated in the breakfast. The secondary school's Reader's Theater also provided an excellent program for students in the media center. Thank you to Mrs. Bently for coordinating this event.

7. On Monday, March 23, we will be holding our Bridges/Kindergarten Orientation/Open House, beginning at 4:30 p.m. The press release is listed below.

Kindergarten/Bridges Orientation/Open House for NRHEG Elementary School is scheduled for Monday, March 23, at 4:30 p.m. The orientation will be held in the NRHEG Elementary School music room and will last approximately one hour.

Please bring your child with you to the orientation. Both our *Bridges* (a kindergarten alternative program) and Kindergarten programs will be highlighted at this orientation.

If you have questions, please contact Jean Greenwood, Administrative Assistant, in the school office at 507-684-3181.

8. Through a generous grant, the *Bakken Museum's Outreach Program*, along with the Steele-Waseca Electrical Cooperative, will be sponsoring **two** days of STEM Workshops for students in grades 3-5. *The Bakken Museum* inspires a passion for innovation by exploring the potential for science, technology, and the humanities to make the world a better place.

The Museum will provide instructors for each of the activities listed below:

Day One-March 31

Grade 3 Energy

Grade 4 Frogs

Grade 5 Static

Day Two-April 2

Grade 3 Light

Grade 4 Batteries/Bulbs

Grade 5 Nano