

School District of Bayfield

Board Report

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This has been a busy time of year as we close up one year at the same time we are planning for the following year.

The end of the school year gave our students some fun opportunities of field trips, trips to the beach, and some special programming. Trips were to Wilderness Walk, Madeline Island, a Visit to the Memorial Medical Center, and a variety of parks. We had special visits from the Cable Natural History Museum with the Raptor program and Diaspora Arts interactive dance performance.

The 5th graders had an orientation into the life of middle school. Thanks to Karen Grieve for setting this program up.

The Class of 2028 had a celebration of their 'graduation' from Kindergarten on June 8, 2016. It is amazing how fast the children grow.

We have the hiring for the Elementary programs completed for next year. The teachers will be (upon board approval):

Kindergarten: Beth Dahl, Amanda Westlund
1st Grade: Allison Nyara, Laura Pederson
2nd Grade: Janine Johanik, Laura Bohn
3rd Grade: Lois Hulse, Missy Giesregen
4th Grade: Carol Kouba, Angelia Lalich
5th Grade: Kathy Noteboom, Amy Day

Special Education teachers will remain the same as this year. Special Education Instructional Assistants will remain the same. The assistant position at the LaPointe school will be Sheri Milburn (again, with board approval).

We are working on finalizing a number of grants for the school year including: SOARing, UDL (Universal Design for Learning), SAGE, Inspire, and Title 1. Angela Botka has done a great job working on the Title 1 grant.

We have received the new reading series and teachers have been given some extra time outside of the regular school day to unpack and become familiar with the materials. We

have been able to use SOARing money to make this happen. A representative from Houghton Mifflin came to Bayfield on May 27 to provide a full-day of inservice about the materials. Because Bayfield was the only district in the area to provide this type of training, we also had a number of staff members from CESA 12 join us in that training. We will be having inservice for the people involved with teaching the Human Growth and Development curriculum on June 10. We are planning to start piloting this program at the beginning of next year with a few of the grade levels.

We are intending to offer a "Troller Time" at the elementary level next year. We will offer 3 different times for the grades K-1, 2-3, and 4-5. We have been meeting frequently to get students into groups, making decisions of who will be providing the interventions and finding people to assist during those times. It is our intention to have each group divided into 3 different groupings. One group will be those students who need interventions in math and/or reading, the second group will be working on an enrichment program and the third group will be those students who need higher level programming. It is a way that we are looking at providing Gifted and Talented programming in a method that could be sustainable into the future. Please be aware that the term 'gifted and talented' is being used, but we have not evaluated students into that program as of yet.

I think that this has been a successful year. It has been very busy and has certainly been a big learning year for me. I am excited about next year and feel that Bayfield is moving forward in a good way. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this great school.