

TO: Bayfield School Board
FROM: Dave Aslyn
DATE: January 3, 2014
SUBJECT: January District Administrator Report

1. LaPointe Breakfast Pilot

Food Service Supervisor, Karen Boutin, and I met with concerned parents about possible changes to breakfast food provided for LaPointe students. A number of parents raised concerns over the nutritional content of food the District provides for students by the District Marie Nola has volunteered to prepared some breakfast food using ingredients provided by the District. These items would be served in lieu of the prepared foods typically sent to LaPointe each week. The District's Nutrition is scheduled to meet on January 15th and this item will be on the agenda for that meeting. I will keep you posted on this item as more information is available.

2. Affordable Care Act (ACA) Compliance

Carol Curry, Randi Johnson and I met with representatives from M3 Insurance to review new employer mandates related to the new national health care initiative. The District is compliant in all areas at this time and has provided all employees with all required notices. One area that we will continue to watch is substitutes who work frequently and could reach the minimum required amount of hours where the District would be required to offer health care coverage. We will also be doing further research to determine what impact ACA will have on post-retirement health care coverage.

3. School Safety

Keeping the schools safe continues to be a top priority. December's school safety drill and K9 visit are examples of activities aimed at helping our students and staff members well drilled on keeping as safe as possible in the event of an incident. In the year since the tragic Sandy Hook Elementary shooting we've seen school shootings in Nevada and Colorado. School safety is everyone's responsibility. Our standard is a safe, respectful and positive school climate each day. I had the opportunity to represent the District in a remembrance event of the Sandy Hook victims on December 14th.

4. Charter School Work Group Site Visit

Members of the Charter School Work Group visited the Nest School on the campus of UMD. The Nest School is designed for young learners and provides them with a wide range of Ojibwa language and cultural activities. The work group took away some good information from the visit. This group will be presenting the DPI Charter School Planning Grant proposal at the February School Board meeting.

5. Wisconsin Fair Aid Coalition

The Wisconsin Fair Aid Coalition's (FAC) mission is focused on representing school districts that receive little state aid and have high property tax levels because of property values. The intent is to help such districts receive a fair share of state aid. The School District of Bayfield is a member of the Fair Aid Coalition. I have served on the FAC's Executive Board for the past year. The term I was completing is up this month and I will be running as a candidate to continue as a director on the Executive Board. I feel that it is critical that our school district and other school districts in northwestern Wisconsin have a voice in Madison on such critical financial matters. The FAC's annual meeting will take place during the WASB Convention later this month in Milwaukee.