

TO: Bayfield School Board
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SUBJECT: January District Administrator Report

1. Wind Sled Committee Update

The Winter Transportation Committee has begun meeting for the 2015-16 school year. The most recent report on the substructure and mechanical systems of the large sled show it is ready for service when there is adequate ice to allow it to be operational. The committee has proposed that maintenance account up-front contributions remain at the same level as 2014-15. The committee is continuing to explore grant opportunities for the replacement of the large sled. Additionally, the committee is working on a contingency plan to have the large sled refurbished if replacement is not an option in the future.

2. High School Attendance Incentive Event

It's difficult to argue with the idea that children need to be in school to learn best. The District continues to work diligently on improving student attendance. An incentive event was held just before the holidays for high school students with good attendance as a way to reward them for being present and on time to class. Almost 80 Bayfield High School students took part in a pizza party. Participants received congratulations for their good work and encouragement to keep up the good habit of good school attendance. Attendance incentive activities will continue during the remainder of the school year. Kudos to Trent Hanson for his work in arranging the event.

3. Otto Bremmer Foundation Grant

Some additional supports for students and faculty are coming into the District as a result of an Otto Bremmer Foundation Grant. The District worked in collaboration with New Horizons North (NHN) on developing programming that supports student who are struggling with behavioral and life challenges as well as supporting our faculty in building capacity in working with students who needs Tier 3 support in the PBIS continuum. NHN staff will work with individual and groups of students on a variety of issues. NHN staff will also be working with our PBIS Team and grade-level teams working on strategies and interventions. This is going to be a great opportunity for our students and faculty.

4. 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. 2015 is a budget year in the state. FAC is lobbying for a minimum of \$1,000 per student of state general aid. We currently receive about \$588 per student of general aid. The FAC's annual meeting will take place during the WASB Convention later this month in Milwaukee.