

School District of Bayfield

Board Report

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Elementary Principal

We are continuing to work on the Elementary Troller Time. Each of the three groups, K-1, 2-3, and 4-5, look slightly different to meet the needs of the age group. We are continuing to make some changes which will also assist the students to make academic progress.

The Polar Express store will be on December 19 and 20th. We were given a large donation from a community member so that each of our elementary students will receive \$2.00 worth of Polar Bucks to be used at the store.

The Winter program will be held on December 15th. We will continue to teach audience etiquette to the students and ask for the assistance of our community to be good role models for our students.

Pupil Services

The Building the Heart of Successful Schools was attended by Anne Sullivan, Karen Grieve, Nancy Larson, Beth Kasinski and Sandy Raspotnik. This is a part of our Inspire grant. The point that was most interesting is that children who experience trauma will generally interpret a "neutral" expression on a person's face as an "angry" face. We all need to smile more.

The Pupil Service Team is exploring the data on students who are on the track to having chronic absenteeism. We have identified a number of students and will be working on some strategies to work with these students. There are about 6 families that we have identified as having concerns.

We offered training for the Red Cliff Wellness curriculum on December 5, 6 and 7. All of our elementary teachers will have received the training and many in the MS/HS have received the training. We are working with Red Cliff and Printing Plus to get additional resources. We have found someone to make the puppets that go along with the program. The Second Step resources have been updated this year. We have also purchased a number of new resources to be used in the high school, either in health or family consumer education.

Special Education

The IEP forms have been changed this year. We are training the staff on the new forms now and will be starting the use of them during second semester. The new forms are based on model that will be moving students toward being college and career ready.

An area of concern right now is the number of referrals that are coming in. Currently we have five (5) referrals and are aware of possibly 3-4 more coming in. It will be a number of weeks before we get to the point of determining needs, but there appear to be some high needs coming in.