

TO: Bayfield School Board
FROM: Dave Aslyn
DATE: March 5, 2013
SUBJECT: March District Administrator Report

1. Strategic Planning Update

Kevin Stranberg of Stranberg and Associates met with staff members and administrators/supervisors on March 4th. The online community survey is currently available and will remain open until the end of this month. Hard copies of the survey are available for those without computer access. A community mailing with information about the survey and community meetings has been sent to postal patrons. Community meetings are scheduled for Saturday, March 9th from 10:00-11:30 in the Bayfield School Cafeteria. The second community meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 18th from 10:00-10:30 a.m. at the LaPointe Elementary School. The third community meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20th from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Legendary Waters.

2. Native Language Grant

One of the measurable objectives for this grant during the 2012-13 school year is to research the requirements for an Ojibwa Language Immersion Charter School. Dr. Dee Gokee-Rindal, Linda Weber and I met with Jim Lee of CESA 12 to learn about the DPI's Charter School application process. The process is rigorous and takes a good deal of time to prepare to apply for a DPI Charter School planning grant. Districts successful in securing multi-year planning grants move into the phase of the operation where there is significant staff training, curriculum development and development of a governance system. Districts are then eligible for DPI implementation grants to support the start-up of the charter school. During my time in Bayfield, I have fielded a series of inquiries from parents and community members expressing interest in the possibility of a charter school. This may be an initiative for closer examination as the district moves along in the strategic planning process.

3. Brummer Case

Judge Eaton returned the District's motion for summary judgment directing that the motion be prepared in a more comprehensive legal format. This format requires an expertise that is beyond the skills and experience of any district personnel. An inquiry with the Weld-Riley Law Firm indicated that a small claims case needs to be at least \$800 before being worth the cost of hiring an attorney. Mr. Brummer's claim is for less than \$600. Based on this information, we have asked Judge Eaton to set a trial date and hope to have closure on this matter in the near-term future.

4. Joint School Board – Red Cliff Tribal Council Meeting

A joint meeting of the Bayfield School Board and Red Cliff Tribal Council is scheduled for Monday, March 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the Bayfield School Library. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct a semi-annual review of progress on the terms of the MOU between the School District and the Red Cliff Band.

5. Budgeting for 2013-14

The process of developing a district budget for the 2013-14 year has started. The DPI has provided preliminary revenue limit worksheets that incorporate Governor Walker's new budget proposals. These planning tools will serve as the base for further budget development work. More information will be presented as the process moves forward.