

“THE MAIN THING IS TO KEEP THE MAIN THING, THE MAIN THING”

To: Bayfield Board of Education
From : Linda L. Kunelius, District Administrator
Re: Administrative Report
Date: March 3, 2010

ACHIEVEMENT AND CURRICULUM EXPANSION:

- The Five Year Planning Committee members have reviewed the list of initiatives with staff and asked staff to assist in determining short and long term initiatives. The committee will then be able to begin developing Action Plans for the short term initiatives. Initiatives relating to Technology were referred to the Technology Planning Committee. The Wellness Committee has been working on initiatives relating to Physical Education, Wellness and Nutrition and referred initiatives relating to a school garden to the work group that has been developing grant proposals for developing and enhancing the work is doing on this topic.
- The Sixth Grade Task Force has met twice to explore sixth grade options, i.e., Middle School, Elementary or Sixth Grade Center. Mr. Jim Lee, CESA #12 is facilitating the discussion. The first meeting focused on district performance data and the second meeting focused on research and best practices. Parents attending the second meeting asked lots of questions and identified topics they would like more information on. I met with Middle School Core Instructional staff after the last Task Force meeting and they agreed to present information on the Middle School program at the next meeting. Staff also asked that six more parents be added to the work group and staff are now in the process of identifying the parents they want included.

I believe our middle school is academically excellent, developmentally responsive, and socially equitable. However, it is important to continuously look at ways we can improve. Any decisions to add, change or modify our programs need to be data driven and student focused.

- Native American Acquisition Grant: Linda Weber, Andrea Boulley, Anne Sullivan, Dee Gokee and Diane DeFoe completed a DPI grant that would support our efforts to expand curriculum and the Ojibwe language. The grant application came to \$36,200.00. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has indicated we will be receiving notice of an award within the next two weeks. The grant will need to be implemented during the current school year. Another grant cycle for 2010-2011 will be announced shortly and we will be submitting a grant that will compliment the grant proposal we just submitted.
- The STEM grant application submitted by Cardinal Stritch University has been funded. Staff will have the opportunity to participate in Staff Development

opportunities intended to expand and improve Science, Technology and math curriculum.

- U.S. News and World Report: The Bayfield School District has once again been awarded a Bronze Award by U.S. News and World Report. This is the third year we have received a Bronze Award. Forty-seven high schools in Wisconsin (9.4%) received a Bronze Award and three (.6%) received a Silver Award.

ATTENDANCE:

- A Graduation Summit was held March 2, 2010. Laura Belanger, Krystal Topping, Tom Steckling, Anne Sullivan, Jaimee Williams, Robert Kent and Linda Kunelius attended the Summit.
- Open Enrollment: The district received eleven (11) requests to enroll in other districts and ten (10) requests to enroll in the Bayfield School District. This is the highest number of applications we have ever received and are pleased so many want to enroll in our district.

SCHOOL CLIMATE AND BEHAVIOR:

- Professional Development Plans (PDP): It is always important to give back and I am thrilled to have been asked to serve on three PDP teams. One teacher is a middle school instructor, another is for an administrator and the third is for a graduate from Bayfield who is serving as a school psychologist.
- Food Service Resignation: The district has received a resignation for the Cook/Aide-LaPointe School position. We may have to make adjustments to this position based on recommendations that were recently included in the February 25, 2010 Foodservice Inspection Report from the Ashland County Health and Human Services Department.
- National Board Certification and Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC) Proposal: WEAC President Mary Bell and the coordinator of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) support program invited me to attend a meeting to discuss a staff development project they would like our staff to participate in next year. I sent out an e-mail to determine staff interest and nine (9) staff responded. Carol Sowl and I attended a meeting at WEAC on Monday and we will now be sharing the information with interested staff.
- National Park Service: The National Park Service has proposed having an assignment agreement with the district that would allow Mr. Rick Erickson to work for the Park Service in the summer and support the Teacher-Ranger during National Park Week by allowing time for presentations to other teachers or schools during the week. We have asked the Bayfield Education Association

(BEA) to consider stipulating that ARTICLE X – Sections C, F, and K would not apply and that this would not be a precedent setting event.