



## Agenda Item Details

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## School District of Bayfield Board Report Stephanie Lewis, Director of Special Education/Pupil Services April 25, 2022

### Pupil Services

The Pupil Services/School Counselors met March 22, 2022 (Doug Jardine, Karla Vinci, Stephanie Lewis); April 5, 2022, (Dan Livingston, Karla, Steph); and April 8, 2022 (Steph, Karla)

- **School Based Mental Health Professionals Project –**

- **Update** – Due to the timing of the first year of the grant, we would like to internally post for any current staff to apply to participate in this grant opportunity and pursue their school psychologist licensure. Two current staff have informally expressed interest; however, it was felt that a formal selection process should be used. UW-Superior currently is taking applications for a virtual licensing cohort. The grant budget would cover the individual's tuition and would need to be used by the end of July. A new 2022-23 budget would be completed in the fall.
- **Data used by DPI to identify our professional needs include:**
  - # Students – 427
  - % Poverty – 63.07
  - % Students of Color – 83.1
  - % Am. Indian – 73.57
  - Violence Rate – 2.31
  - School Counselors – 2
  - School Counselor Ratio – 1/214 students
  - School Psychologist - .75
  - School Psychologist Ratio – 1/569 students
  - Social Workers – 0
  - Total Need Score – 1.94**
  - Total Need Rank - 3**
- It is hoped that the school board will consider creating a social worker position and an additional school counselor position to address the mental health crisis our community (and country) are facing. (Applicable articles - <https://apple.news/ALWQH2XNvRd6MtUUBGrZKVw>, <https://districtadministration.com/teen-student-mental-health-decline-covid-anxiety-suicide-racism-depression/>)
- Review of the grant - Bayfield was selected by DPI to receive this grant, which is intended to recruit, retain, and diversify mental health professionals in the district – specifically school social workers, school counselors, and school psychologists. With increased mental health needs of our students and anticipated changes to staffing in the pupil services department, this grant appears to be very timely for our district. DPI

also works with participating UW system schools to recruit newly licensed professionals if we don't "grow our own".

- **b.e.s.t. Universal Behavior Screener** - Of the 181 kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students scheduled to be screened, only 50 had screening completed: 10<sup>th</sup> graders – 0/23 screeners completed, middle school – 14 of 61, Bayfield Elementary – 36/93, and LaPointe School – 0/4. This tool is not effective if teachers do not complete the screeners. We will need to determine how to proceed for next year.
- Karla Vinci met with the 5th grade teachers to discuss and plan 5<sup>th</sup> grade transition to middle school. Gina Monroe will be sending out a follow up email. May 20 is the tentative transition day for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders to shadow middle schoolers.
- ACP plan and Mental Health Referral form needs to be on the school's website.
- April 8, 2022, high school teachers of elective courses presented information to 8<sup>th</sup> graders to assist with their course selection for the 2022-23 school year.

The **Wellness Committee** met April 12, 2022. Present: Stephanie Lewis, Karla Vinci, Melinda Suelflow, and Kat Ratkowski

- Discussed the b.e.s.t. Universal Screener
- Discussed the job fair - hopefully May 2, 2022. Planning is in the works in collaboration with the Chamber.
- Would like to gear the next year's Wellness plan toward mental health needs. Consider training needs for fall (trauma sensitive lens needed) NVCI/de-escalation techniques/Ross Greene? Possible shift in SEL/character education curriculum?
- General culture and climate was discussed and how to improve.
- Would like to explore areas to add K-12 service learning activities to the wellness plan.

**Pupil Services Team** – continues to meet weekly to address student academic and behavioral concerns. Eighteen students are currently being monitored for supports and needs.

#### Human Resources

- Interviews for high school volleyball coaches were held April 6, 2022.
- Interviews for the Dean of Curriculum & Instruction were held April 11 and 12, 2022. On April 14, two applicants were selected to observe four classrooms and coach the classroom teachers.

#### Special Education

- Congratulations to Jocelyn Wiggins and Panhachapour Peterson, winners of the Autism Awareness/Acceptance **t-shirt design contest**. Over 90 t-shirts were distributed to staff (and some board members!) to celebrate and acknowledge our neurodiversity by wearing the shirts every Friday.
- Two families of special needs students and their children will be attending the **Autism Society of Wisconsin Annual Conference**, April 28-30, in Wisconsin Dells.
- Special education case manager meeting April 7, 2022 – Topics discussed:
  - Intervention list - please add the interventions that you are using so we can get them loaded in IC for progress monitoring.
  - Autism Month - May do another order for shirts
  - ACT Aspire (20-21)/DLM (open until the 29th)
  - Alternate Assessment
  - Summer PLC conference - Vicki and Ivy

- b.e.s.t.
- Para hires - three applicants at this time. Individuals interested in being on the interview committee?
- Ninety-one IEP/evaluation meetings have been held this year. Seventeen new referrals have been received, five are complete, the other twelve are either in progress or we are waiting for the parent/guardian consent to test.

 [autism spirit week 2022.pdf \(751 KB\)](#)

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