



Agenda Item Details

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Bayfield and LaPointe Elementary Monthly School Board Report

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Student Success:

The Bayfield Elementary School teachers hosted conferences on Thursday, November 9th from 4:30-7:30 at Legendary Waters and Friday, November 10th (k-5 in-service day) at BES from 8:30-12:00. We were fortunate to have the families of 82 students (48@LW & 31@BES & 3@phone) or 55% join us to discuss how their child's learning is progressing. This is up from 48% last year! LaPointe teachers met with 16 families or 94% to discuss their child's progress. It is great that we have so many families who prioritize their time to attend these conferences! They are an important part of student success, allowing the teachers and families the opportunity to discuss what is working for each student and how to better support them academically, socially, and emotionally during the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters.

Our classroom teachers spent the afternoon of November 11th focused on strengthening our guided reading. Our reading specialists Angela Botka and Clendon Gustafson, along with Melissa Fiamoncini (CESA 12 literacy consultant) modeled lessons for teachers at 3 levels. This gave teachers the opportunity to see the progression of readers from emergent to fluent. Teachers not only came away with a better understanding of how guided reading lessons can be structured but also many tips/tricks to make the lessons more engaging. After each person concluded their model lesson, teachers were given time to ask questions, seek clarification and enter into discussions with the larger group. It was a very purposeful afternoon and our three presenters did a fantastic job! We will continue our literacy work at our next K-5 in-service day on December 8th.

Attendance is a crucial part of student success and both elementary schools have started the year in the right direction. LaPointe Elementary ended the first quarter with a 90% attendance rate. Bayfield Elementary ended the first quarter at 91.4%. While these numbers are a good start, we still would like to see our rates closer to 95%. When we return from our Fall Break we are going to focus on improving the attendance rates at both schools through an attendance campaign that will run until Winter Break. Each classroom will be given their Q1 attendance benchmark and all who improve on that over the four week period will receive a classroom treat and choose some classroom prizes that were generously donated by RC Education Director, Jared Blanche. The top three classrooms will also earn a pizza party.

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