



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Nov 20, 2023 - Regular School Board Meeting
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School District of Bayfield Board Report

Stephanie Lewis, Director of Special Education/Pupil Services

November 20, 2023

School Counselors *Strategic Priority - Student & Staff Health and Wellbeing, Student Success*
The school counseling team, including Karla Vinci, Amy Day, and Brian Boyd have worked on the following topics over the last month:

- Impact Aid info/PPT
- Conference takeaways! - "Chill Week"
- b.e.s.t. Screener results - Screeners have been completed. Pupil services team will meet Friday the 17th to review results and determine what, if any supports are needed.
- Building the Heart of Successful Schools Conference - register for virtual participation. Watch the [2023 Building the Heart of Successful Schools Conference video](#) to learn why you should attend! **2023 Building the Heart of Successful Schools Conference** on December 7, 2023, with pre-conference sessions on December 6, 2023.
- Xello refresher
- Stronger Connections Grant - Due November 15 - Karla will check with Every Teacher a Leader. No grant application was completed. Steph and Karla worked on the grant application and submitted.
- School webpage - Create a document for ideas to share with IT. Mary M @ CESA will help with required elements on pupil services page.
- FastBridge (Research-based universal screening and progress monitoring for academics and social-emotional behavior (SEB) with intervention recommendations) - Set up Brian so he can use the system for interventions.
- Per Karla V: FAFSA Night is scheduled on December 20, 2023, from 6:00pm - 8:00 pm at the high school. 2023-24 school year statistics:
Number of high school students enrolled in college courses: 15
Number of college credits our students are enrolled in: 182 credits
- Student Concerns

School-Based Mental Health Professionals Project *Strategic Priority - Student & Staff Health and Wellbeing, Student Success*

- The quarterly meeting was held November 14. DPI Educational Consultant, Karen Horn presented at the Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance conference regarding the the grant progress, highlighting successful schools, including Bayfield (see attached presentation.)

Human Resources - Strategic Priority - District Excellence

- Two special education paraprofessional resignations have been received. Interviews were held November 16, resulting in one recommendation for hire and one position being reposted.

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Present: Steph Lewis (BSD), Lindsay Larson (BSD), Colleen Beagan (BSD), Kat Rakowski (BSD), Amy Day (BSD), Karla Vinci (BSD), Becky Benton (RC), Holly Weber (Bayfield Co), Diane Erickson (RC)


- Review Wellness Committee Priorities survey results - Lindsay
 - Feedback from Bayfield staff - 23 responses
 - *Top three programs or offerings that you believe would best contribute to the overall wellness of STUDENTS at the Bayfield School District:*
 1. Continue serving local and/or from-scratch foods in the cafeteria
 2. Staff professional development in areas of trauma-informed teaching and mental health
 3. Implement Character Ed program into K-12 curriculum (ties in with Seven Grandfather Teachings)
 - *Top three programs or offerings that you believe would best contribute to the overall wellness of STAFF at the Bayfield School District:*
 1. Wellness Wednesday alternative - Longer lunch break? Make sure breaks are happening. Staff burnout.
 2. Stress management resources and workshops
 3. Staff wellness events during in-service with guest instructors
- Holly Weber - Making sure schools have the resources for **prevention**
 - Grant that Holly sent
 - Vaping prevention - Charmaine Swan (Karla working with.)
 - Holly has extra money for extracurriculars like dances, Mt. Ashwabay ticket purchase, free swim day at Rec Center, "MS chill week" (Amy Day)
 - Opioid settlement money - prevention curriculum purchase?
 - Health Dept. will pay for instructors to come in for the prevention curriculum with CESA 12 staff providing the training.
 - What are Districts already doing? Bayfield - Sources of Strength (elementary.) Curriculum must be evidence-based and SAMHSA approved.
 - Tribal and County Relations committee
 - Holly associated with a variety of local groups to connect the pieces
- Karla update:
 - Vaping in building has gone down considerably
 - Making plan for next year
 - KV holding cessation group
- Diane introduction:
 - RC working on systems to support families
 - RC working on "wrap-around care" and who we can lean on for support when RC youth is struggling & needs resources.
 - Identify prevention activities that are currently happening
 - Gathering of Native Americans: community driven, asking the questions of how do we have a healthy community?
 - Red Cliff & BSD running parallel → align on goals and continue having conversation & grow this relationship
- Red Cliff Wellness Curriculum
- Prevention
- Vaping
- Junior Tribal Council
- Review staff wellness activity suggestions - Colleen
 - BEA meeting tomorrow - revisit request for all staff meeting on Wednesday morning during the previous Wellness Wednesday.
- Steph working with WISEdash Local to identify a confidential means to gather health office visit data as an indicator of need for SEL support.
- Substitute teacher discussion → How do we support our staff and students?
 - Teachers & paras are giving up their preps/lunches/breaks **daily**.
 - Not enough substitutes consistently in rotation to cover all the sub needs.
 - This is a national problem, not just BSD.
- MS/HS Snack → Continue to look for grant opportunities or resources

- "Take - home bag" for the weekend
- Becky Benton → Has access to healthy snacks to help provide snacks possibly three days/week. KR connect with Becky to coordinate.
- Reports -
 - [Garden Committee](#) - Holly suggested connecting with Bayfield County 4H
 - Foods
 - County Grants - See "Holly" above.

Special Education - Strategic Priority - Student Success & District Excellence

- The district has completed its state self-assessment (see attached report.) The goal of the self-assessment is to ensure compliance with selected legal requirements and improve outcomes for students with disabilities. The special education department will be taking corrective actions to address all compliance errors by January 15, 2024.
- The ad hoc committee will meet again to review the assessment results.
- As of 11/17/23, 53 IEP/evaluation meetings have been held since the start of the school year. Ten initial special education referrals have been received. The district currently has 126 students with IEPs.

 [RDA-PCSA Report-public.pdf \(150 KB\)](#)

 [Participant copy_ Addressing Pupil Services Staffing Shortages_ Recruitment and Retention Strategies for Rural Schools and Communities..pdf \(3,500 KB\)](#)

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