



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Dec 18, 2023 - Regular School Board Meeting - Updated Start Time
Category	3. Administrative Reports
Subject	3.6 Director of SpEd/Pupil Services
Type	Reports

School District of Bayfield Board Report Stephanie Lewis, Director of Special Education/Pupil Services December 18, 2023

School Counselors *Strategic Priority - Student & Staff Health and Wellbeing, Student Success*

The school counseling team, including Karla Vinci, Amy Day, and Brian Boyd, joined by Mike Peterson, have worked on the following topics over the last month: • Progress - ES school counseling instruction. Classroom management a struggle with some specials. Brainstorm ideas of potentially partnering NAC and School Counseling instruction

- Is Second Step being used? Co-Teacher tends to use this - Brook, Colleen, Sarah, 3rd grade. Not sure about K - 2. Purpose is to be intentional about coordinating Sources of Strength content (Amy D) with Second Step (regular ed. teachers.)
- IEPs - School counselors need to connect with case managers prior to meetings if they can't attend.
- Mike, Shellie, Beth requesting school counselors supervised by principals next year.
- Next Steps: Explore alternatives to the b.e.s.t. Universal Behavior Screener, explore a way to facilitate small group school counseling since guidance is out of the specials rotation, build our website - Mary Maderich was going to work with Chris P.
- Amy is starting some small groups. She has also gone to the middle school classes to introduce herself and talk about how school counselors can support students.
 - Building the Heart of Successful Schools Conference - Steph registered for virtual participation. With recorded access available mid-December, the pupil services team will schedule time to view selected sections of the conference.
- Stronger Connections Grant - Submitted November 15. The district will be notified sometime in February if we are awarded this grant (up to \$300,000.)
- School webpage - Create a document for ideas to share with IT. Mary M @ CESA will help with required elements on pupil services page.
- Per Karla V: FAFSA Night is scheduled on December 20, 2023, from 6:00pm - 8:00 pm at the high school.

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

- Continued support of Amy Day and Brian Boyd as they pursue their School Counseling licenses. August Gordon is finishing her School Social work license. Amy Schmidt is finishing her School Psychology license. The grant covers the tuition for all of these individuals with the intent that they continue with our district in supporting students.

Human Resources - Strategic Priority - District Excellence

- Interviews were held November 16, resulting in one recommendation for hire of an alternative education/special education paraprofessional. The other elementary paraprofessional position was reposted, with interviews held December 13, with one recommendation for hire of an elementary paraprofessional.

Wellness Committee - Strategic Priority - Student and Staff Health and Wellbeing

December 12, 2023

Present: Steph Lewis (BSD), Lindsay Larson (BSD), Kat Rakowski (BSD), Jackie Noha (BSD), Colleen Beagan (BSD), Amy Day (BSD), Holly Weber (Bayfield Co) • Grant Updates

- Stronger Connections - Steph - 300K, will hear back February 2024 - Vaping prevention - Karla - working on vaping cessation program with students who want to quit.
- Bayfield County - Holly
 - o Meeting with each school's administrative team in the county to integrate substance abuse curriculum. CESA 12 instructor would be available to guest instruct in schools. County administrator could be a possible source of funding.
 - o Substance Prevention Alliance looking to donate money to schools for extracurricular activity support (skiing, dances, lock-ins, etc.) It was suggested that she contact MS/HS principal, Shellie Swanson for specific initiatives.
 - o Puberty starting as early as 4th grade @ BSD. Human Development and puberty talk with 5th graders - Laura from Bayfield County could come support Jackie and regular education teachers. Potentially have after school office hours once a month to support youth (at school, Beth okayed.) Include Kennedi Bernia, MS/HS PE teacher, on this conversation. She is currently using FLASH curriculum for middle school and 10th grade health. The committee glanced at [WI State Health standards](#). FLASH curriculum aligns. Much of the curriculum used by elementary school counselor, Amy D, covers elementary health standards.
 - o Last year had a speaker from New Day. Jackie is looking into continue this year as well with 5th, MS, HS.
 - o Kat sharing [Health and Human Development curriculum](#) with the committee
 - o Blue Sky integrated into elementary? Bayfield Co could potentially cover costs for school employee to teach or someone in Red Cliff who is already trained.
- Flow-Through Grant able to be used for behavior/academic intervention purposes (Stephanie) → possible funding for trauma-sensitive training - RC wrap around & resource coordination - Diane
- [USDA Farm to School Grant](#) - Kat. Stephanie is willing to assist with crafting of grant.
- Character Ed. - next steps - Admin, Pupil Services. Explore Circle of Courage, <https://starr.org/>. Prepare staff by building knowledge of staff vs. all of the sudden implementation - slow integration. Have staff input. • Staff Wellness
 - How do we allow staff more time for prep hours/contracted time K-12. Stephanie will bring the request to explore the daily schedule at each school to identify priorities for planning and better supports for instruction and supporting students.
 - Option to hire lunch and recess monitors to give K-5 teachers time to prep?
- Middle/High School Snack
 - RC Family & Human Services Division does not have funds at this time • Could it be considered an intervention? Potentially use CCEIS grant funding - Stephanie to look into.

- Inviting guests to our committee meetings
 - RC Farm folks
- Wellness Committee Priorities (see below)
- Other Topics for the next meeting
 - Food Allergies (nut-free campus?)
 - Trauma-sensitive school - sensory needs in the classroom
 - Suicide prevention and mental health - Kevin Hines (Youth Mental Health First Aid Training) - Presenting in April at Ashland HS and Lakeland in Minocqua. BSD would potentially bus to Ashland.
- Action Items
 - Scheduling
 - Suggestions for daily calendar to give teachers more time. Collab with calendar committee.
 - Volunteers to cover duties.
 - Circle of Courage resources - Have someone who is knowledgeable and can get people excited about it.

Special Education - Strategic Priority - Student Success & District Excellence

- The special education department continues to work on corrective action steps as a result of the RDA:PCSA. The goal of the self-assessment is to ensure compliance with selected legal requirements and improve outcomes for students with disabilities. All compliance errors must be corrected by January 15, 2024.
- The ad hoc committee will meet on December 19, 2023, to review the assessment results.
- DPI Alternate Assessment report was submitted by Stephanie 12/12/23. Will continue to work on Needs Assessment for disproportionality report requirements.
- Elementary paraprofessionals participated in a SIPPS intervention training lead by elementary teacher, Colleen Trumper.
- As of 12/14/23, 68 IEP/evaluation meetings have been held since the start of the school year. Twelve initial special education referrals have been received. The district currently has 127 students with IEPs.

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