

**Agenda Item Details**

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| Meeting | Nov 18, 2024 - Regular School Board Meeting - Revised |
| Category | 4. Administrative Reports |
| Subject | 4.5 MS/HS Principal Report |
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Student Success:

Quiz Bowl has been having quite a bit of success; they went 2 wins/2 losses at the competition in Gogebic Community College. Right now for the league, our team is 2-1. The loss was only by 5 points. Team is coached by Stacy Peterson.

Student Career Advisory groups are being created with the help of the Unlocking Pathways team. Savannah Marshall and Cathy Smith are team leaders on this grant/project. Ms. Marshall shared a presentation on Career Counseling for HS teachers.

Conferences for grades 6-12 were held. Thirty-nine families attended the event at Legendary Waters Conference Center.

Brighter Future Initiative (BFI) has begun in the middle school, two days a week, with three Boys & Girls Club staff. However, due to their staffing, the program may be paused for a while beginning November 15th.

Student & Staff Health and Wellbeing:

Thirteen high school staff and many students participated in a Halloween door decorating competition. Top three door winners per student vote were Ms. Marshall, Ms. Boyd, and Ms. Smith.

All teaching positions are filled and both MS and HS are running with full staff. Hopefully, this will help alleviate some of the stress of teachers covering internally. Mr. Phillip Brede has joined the middle school ELA department. Ms. Molly Wirsing has transitioned to the Academic Resource Coordinator role in MS/HS. I've conducted substitute training with many individuals, hopefully to build up our reserve of guest teachers. Ms. Savannah Marshall will take on the Science Fest Coordinator role. All licenses have been applied for where needed.

There were five instances of Gaggle alerts during the first quarter. None of the five truly indicated bullying instances, rather students were using resources and keywords were flagged.

Ski days for MS and HS have been scheduled for January, February, and March.

Community Collaborations and Partnerships:

Career speakers have presented in Ms. Smith's class (Bayfield City Workers) and in Mr. Doering's Video Production class (Documentary Maker).

The National Guard had members present to the high school staff on our October 7th inservice day. They shared topics that they would gladly present on in a variety of classes, including history, Phy. Ed., science, math, CTE classes, and topics covering goal setting, career choices, and anti-bullying.

The Boys & Girls Club brought a guest speaker to the district for students. There were two exhibition basketball games as well planned with All-Star players of current students and alumni. The speaker presented information on goal setting and going after one's dreams.

Excellence:

The Effectiveness Project (EP) is completely set up for teachers, administrators, and specials (librarian, counselors, youth advocate, etc.) Staff have begun inputting data for SLO (student learning objectives) and PPG (professional practice goals) for part one of the EP evaluation system.

Thank you cards sent to a parent who had donated food and prizes for our band at Applefest and for our high school Halloween costume contest.

Efficient Use of Resources:

Attendance Data for the month of October is attached below. I've also added detailed comparison for September to October here:

September High School Attendance Rate was 87.77%, dropping in October to 81.15%. Middle School Attendance Rate was 89.39% in September, dropping to 88.37%.

Chronic Absenteeism has risen in both schools. September High School went from 48% chronically absent to 54% of our student body. Middle School began with 42% chronically absent, and now is at 47%.

The Senior Class had the highest amount of absences, with 94 days in September, rising to 163 in October. Eighth Grade Class had been the third highest in September, with 79 days absent in September. They dropped to 61 days absent in October.

Referral data from the first quarter is attached below in the Administrative Content area. Ten high school staff wrote referrals for nineteen students in twenty different incidents. Fifteen middle school staff wrote referrals for thirty students in thirty-two different incidents.

[Chronic Absenteeism .png \(140 KB\)](#)

[HS_MS October Attendance 2024.png \(222 KB\)](#)

[Oct. Absence Count by Grade.png \(596 KB\)](#)

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