

Agenda Item Details

Meeting Mar 17, 2025 - Regular School Board Meeting

Category 3. Administrative Reports

Subject 3.5 MS/HS Principal Report

Type Reports

Student Success:

Attendance continues to be lower than what the district is aiming at for the 24-25 school year. District YTD attendance is 87.4% Overall the MS/HS attendance is at 84.87% for the academic school year. A drop from last month's for MS/HS of 85% YTD.

High school attendance rate for February was 79.47%, compared to January's 85.19%. Middle school attendance rate for February was 85.19%, compared to January's 88.44%. We saw significant drops for both schools. February's HS attendance rate was lower than the overall yearly average.

54.4% of MS/HS students are Chronically Absent.

- 50% of absences in February were for illnesses
- 28% of absences were for other excused reasons
- 22% of absences were unexcused or unaccounted for with no call from home

Student & Staff Health and Wellbeing:

At-Risk for Graduation letters were given to students after the counselor & principal met with them. Copies were also mailed home to families. Extra support and tutoring are offered specifically to help the students meet their credit requirements.

Seniors and advisors are planning for their class trip. Fundraising activities are planned. The proposed trip is to Wisconsin Dells during the week of May 20th. Commitment letters and \$50 deposit for participation/attending class trip are due Friday, March 14.

Community Collaborations and Partnerships:

Our middle school team is planning Island School in May, with collaboration possibly with Northland College and their outdoor program.

Excellence:

We've received several letters of thanks and commendation for our basketball team, both as gracious hosts, but also while the team was guests at other schools. I've received one email and one thank you note. Our team, fans, and game workers were amazing throughout the regional games.

Efficient Use of Resources:

ACT training and planning continue, with March 11th the scheduled date for the assessment.

Students will participate in the National Youth Tobacco Survey, as well as the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. The data is an important part of many school and community grant applications. Planning is taking place this month, with the assessments/surveys being administered in March.

Duty coverages continue to be an issue to have all areas covered. As paraprofessionals are pulled to cover student needs in another area, often leaves a new area needing coverage. Special thanks to staff who jump in to help keep our daily operations running smoothly when peers are called elsewhere.

MAP assessment is being completed this week. I will be working with our RtI Coaches to analyze data and present numbers for achievement and growth for the next board report.

Alternative Education open seats will be discussed and future participants screened for our middle school program. We have four middle school students moving into the high school program next year.

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Submitted respectfully by Shellie Swanson, 6-12 Principal

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