



Agenda Item Details

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Bayfield and LaPointe Elementary Monthly School Board Report

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Strategic Priority: Student Success

We had a great 4 days of in-service with the ES staff in August to prepare for the 25-26 SY. The ES staff welcomed all of our new staff: Kelly Holmes --Ojibwe Immersion Kindergarten Teacher; Misty Nordin -- Ojibwe Immersion Co-Teacher K-1; Alli Grabko -- English Co-Teacher K-1; Heidi Sokolich -- 3rd Grade Teacher; Susan Zeuske -- Music Teacher; Becky Brown -- Special Education Case Manager Grades 2&3; Gwen Topping -- Youth Engagement Specialist K-12; Erin Westcott -- Finance Manager; Steve Keen -- Food Service Director. It was great to connect with the ES team, sharing summer celebrations, looking at the ES path forward to student success (literacy plan-year 3; math plan-year 1; PLC work-Guaranteed & Viable Curriculum) and even having some fun with our team challenge! Another initiative that we focused on is the recentering of our PBIS system. We have moved from our Strive For Five framework to the Circle of Courage framework. Beth Dahl, our PBIS Coordinator did a fantastic job leading the entire district through the changes in the frameworks. We concluded the week with our K-5 open house. Over 40% of our families came in to meet staff and bring in school items. With all of the preparation during the last week of August, our staff and students had an EXCELLENT first week of school. There were a lot of smiles and hugs! There was a lot of excitement around our new behavior acknowledgement system - Ishpinaanan (High Fives) that focuses on the four key areas of GENEROSITY, BELONGING, INDEPENDENCE, and MASTERY. The overall vibe was very positive and will set us up for student success at the elementary level for the 25-26 school year.

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