

Elementary School Board Report

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Pittsville School District's Vision and Mission:

Our Vision: Expecting Excellence and Innovation, Honoring Legacy, and Embracing Partnerships.

Our Mission: Expecting Excellence and Integrity from all, developing Innovative students, strengthened through Partnerships with parents and the community.

Student and Staff Notable Learning

Award Recipient: Ms. Van Haren

Ms. Van Haren wins the Paul Gagnon Prize for 2022! The award is given to an individual or group that has made a significant contribution to the promotion of history education. Her recognition will include a glass trophy, \$1000 cash prize, complimentary registration for the 2022 and 2023 conferences, and a breakout session spot at the 2023 Conference in Salt Lake City, UT.

Student Leadership: Update

The K - 3 and 4 - 8 Student Leadership members decided to start improving the school by adding color. They were inspired by the book *Maybe Something Beautiful*. Students are going to create colorful, inspirational pieces of art to hang up in the hallways. We will begin our projects in January.

Restorative Circles in Grades 6 - 8

Mrs. M. Petersen, Ms. Raygo, and I met with all the students in Grades 6 - 8 to hear their concerns, ideas, and solutions to improve classroom instructional time. The Counselors and I are going to review and analyze the information we received from the students to provide feedback to the teachers and to discuss some potential changes that may be needed to help students succeed. This was an effective way to hear from all students in a small group setting.

Innovation and Recognition

Packer Proposal: A Success

Olivia Moore, Addison Elsasser, and Aiden Federwitz helped me write a proposal for the Character Playbook Community Impact Grant for a chance to earn \$500 towards a project. These students were selected to help write the proposal based on their interest for the Outdoor Classroom Project, their hard work, and their willingness to present if we were selected to present. Schools were selected to present based on their written grant proposal. We found out that we were chosen to present on December 16th via Zoom to the Packers and the United Way of Brown County. A week later we found out that we were 1 of 13 schools that were selected to receive \$500. The \$500 will be used to purchase seating options for the Outdoor Classroom Space.

Student Council Sponsors Hot Cocoa Bar

Mrs. Abel and the Student Council helped sponsor and host a Hot Cocoa Bar on December 22nd. Students signed up for a time to walk through and enjoy a hot drink and some delicious fixings! The students really enjoyed this holiday event! The Student Council members were very helpful during this event.

Looking Ahead

Master Scheduling Committee Begins Work

Starting in January, Mrs. M. Petersen, Ms. Raygo, and I will be reviewing and analyzing next year's Master Schedule. Potential changes are made to add instructional minutes to core classes, to improve common planning time, and to improve JH electives.

Lives in the Balance Core Group Continues

The Core Group will be completing their official training with Lives in the Balance in February. The next steps are to start training other staff members. Staff members completed a survey of their interest level to be trained. All staff members know they are going to be trained, but they do have a choice about when. This is to help all staff build meaningful relationships with students and to involve the students when discussing their behavior and choices.

January Inservice Update

Jack Baldermann from Solutions Tree is unable to attend our Inservice Day in January. He will be coming in March. All staff members will be provided a 3-hour time period to complete Mobile Mind and / or take the Google Level 1 exam. The district provided time during August Inservice, October Inservice, and January. January Inservice will be the last opportunity for district given time.