

High School Board Report December 21, 2020

1. Congratulations to the NH Dance Team on their best in the state for the Hip Hop performance in Class 4. We also had Natalie Marr get a division 1 rating on her dance solo. Kids worked really hard and are hoping to be able to perform for our fans this winter at half time during basketball games.
2. The Letterman did another Canned Food Drive that was kicked off during Meet The Team Night helping our local food bank. Thanks to everyone that has donated.
3. Our students have started working on small group speech, FFA, jazz band, basketball, wrestling, cheer, and dance! It is great to see kids active in the school and enjoying all of the extra things in our school.
4. Staff and students have been participating in some fun dress up and other activities related to the holiday season and giving back in our community.
5. Our students and staff are doing a great job at school of meeting our expectations in place because of COVID. We still need to remind each other, but we all want to be in school and keeping our activities and opportunities continuing.
6. We have been working on promoting our winter sports according to the Governor's proclamations. It has been a change to how we have been able to do things, but important to provide opportunities for our athletes and community. Soon our camera system will be working, but we have been adjusting the best we can to include others that are not able to see our athletes compete.
7. We have completed our Perkins and RPP request process and have been approved to get more equipment to help support our CTE programs.
8. Our plan for second semester is to follow the same format we have done first semester. Students that have had to miss extended periods of time have some things to make up in person that cannot be done online. Our failure rate for the first session were only 5 students. That is much better than reports you read about about other schools.
9. Below are some of the IBN Initiatives students have been working on this fall and for this spring. It has been a challenge with COVID, but we are doing our best to work with our community:

20-21 Iowa BIG North Initiatives

Small Town Struggles (Drive-In Theater) - *Our goal is to create an event that is fun and safe for the whole community. We will be partnering closely with local businesses to promote them during our carnival games. We will have activities for all ages, including elementary kids up to our retired 'kids at heart'. We are planning this event for the spring of 2021, and we hope to make this a biannual event if we find enough interest from the community.*

Farm Bureau (Water Quality) - You get the chance to work with Jay Mathews and Ralee Kruse who work at Farm Bureau. We are currently working on how to find information and then put in in a slide show. The slide show will eventually go in a flat screen tv that is on there trailer, that they take to fairs and progress shows to tell the farmers how their soil can change if they dont take care of it correctly. The job is to do some research on no-till and cover crop and then put it into a slide show and then record you reading the slide show. Then Jay or Ralee will put it on a flash drive so then they can plug in into the tv thats on the trailer.

Credit Score (Adulting 101) -

Adulting 101 is an initiative that provides seniors with knowledge about what is to come in the future. Local businesses here in town help out to bring attention to all the essential things that seniors will need to know after they graduate from high school. People involved in Iowa BIG North who are on this initiative, both juniors and seniors will create a life and a specific day of learning for all of the seniors in the school.

S.N.A.P. - *The focus of the S.N.A.P. initiative is to provide compassion, physical stimulation, and companionship to animals who are not fortunate enough to have a stable home. To help bring awareness to S.N.A.P., we have been fundraising, advertising, and updating the facility. To help fundraise for the puppies, we promoted State Farm and earned \$1.00 for every picture posted on social media. We have encouraged the public to adopt puppies by putting an article in the newspaper, created an Instagram account, linked adoption papers to all sites, and are working on flyers to put around the community. To continue to better the environment that the puppies are living in, we have been working very hard to install a greater quality dog door. To offer the puppies physical stimulation and companionship, we also included a scheduled time to give the puppies attention and play with them. Our end goal is to help support S.N.A.P. and team up with them to give the neglected puppies a better life.*

IBN Workspace -

The Workspace initiative ties directly with our new co-working space. The purpose of Workspace is to renovate, furnish and upgrade the space. Iowa BIG North has come very far in the process of the remodel. Currently we are partnering with the NICC grant initiative to inquire for a sum of \$10,000 to cover the expenses of more accessible seating, sound reduction, white boards, and more. Even though a lot of progress has been made, there is much more to be done such as finishing our kitchen. Workspace will be an initiative that will always be active as we will always be able to improve.

Suicide Prevention -

In our initiative we work to gain awareness and acceptance of suicide prevention throughout the community year round. So far this year we have created a partnership with Senior Life Solutions (through Mercy One Hospital). We are helping them with their yard sign fundraiser. We are also working on a hot chocolate bomb fundraiser, with the funds being donated to Alive and Running/Senior Life Solutions. Our end goal is to raise awareness and knowledge on the topic of suicide prevention.

Teen-2-Teen - In this initiative we get together and talk about different and creative ways on how to make high school fun and enjoyable for the incoming freshman. We also work with the eighth graders on trying to make the transition from middle school to high school easier. Due to COVID-19 we have not been able to do most of the activities we would have normally done. Right now we are working on ways we can still allow the freshman to have fun and enjoy high school while following the regulations for COVID-19.

Sled Trail Mapping (GPS) - In our initiative, the problem that we are trying to solve is the snowmobile trail in chickasaw county has not been properly mapped in years. The maps that they use to make the paper map that you see everywhere is outdated, and we are working with the local snowmobile club to map a new one. The end goal is to have an accurate map that can be uploaded to many apps for people to use, and also to be used to make a new paper map.

IBN/NHMU Marketing Team - In our initiative, we have been currently all getting together and sharing ideas about how we can help kids in our High School, Middle school and Elementary school that are in need of things that all of them should be getting. For example, we came up with the idea of a giving tree. We, as a team, came up with kids that need some extra help by contacting each counselor in each school. After we figured that out we came up with what the kids would need/like to have, going into the holidays. We are currently at the point where we are asking students in all of our classes in IBN to sign up for a couple items that cost no more than a dollar. We are hoping that we can get the gift bags done as soon as possible so we can give them to the children before they leave for Christmas break.