

Middle School January Board Report January 11, 2016

Wellness Committee

The Wellness Committee has met several times first quarter. At this point, we have revised the current Wellness Policy. We are now starting to brainstorm new ideas for implementation in physical and nutrition education.

Kindness/Courage Retreats

In December, both the 8th and 5th grades participated in Youth Frontier Retreats. These retreats always go over well and allow students the opportunity to work closely with high school students as well.

Community Foundation Grant

We applied for the Community Foundation Grant to fund an AmeriCorps worker for our school district for the 2016-17 school year. AmeriCorps workers can be utilized in a variety of ways. They can plan and implement classroom activities centered around nutrition education; implement strategies for incorporating local healthy food and active living into school day activities and after-school youth programs; help plan and maintain school gardens; assist in recruiting and engaging high school cross-age teachers and youth team members; and several others. These services can be utilized to help facilitate and guide a school Wellness Team. AmeriCorps members bring specific background knowledge to school districts centered around helping youth develop healthy lifestyles. Their services can be utilized PreK-12 benefitting all students in the district.

Skills Iowa

The science department will be working with a Skills Iowa representative to develop benchmark tests for each of the grade levels in science for the fall and spring. Skills Iowa already has math and reading/language arts benchmark tests, but the program does not have preformatted science benchmarks.

PBIS Data

Our minors from first quarter to second quarter, have dropped by over 25%. Our majors have dropped by 25% as well. We are planning on beginning the semester on Tuesday with reteaching in our different areas throughout the building.

