

June 15, 2020

Middle School Board Report

1. During Professional Development, May 21st, teachers reviewed what we learned about distance learning the past two months. Teachers were able to share things that went well and things we would like to improve upon. As the online learning experience continued, our numbers of engagement decreased. Teachers brainstormed how to improve engagement and began discussions about how to implement an online environment that will be required in the fall. One of the biggest challenges will be to create content for students to do in an asynchronous environment while parents are working. Many parents struggled doing work with students at home after work each night, so teachers have to design lessons to help accommodate our various families. Plans are also in the works for the following:
 - a. How to celebrate with students when they return to the school building.
 - b. How to address social emotional needs of students virtually and when back physically in school.
 - c. How to keep students and staff safe including the classrooms, passing times, lunch, restrooms, and cleaning needs.
2. Our PBIS team has met to begin discussing changes needed to our PBIS matrix to incorporate online learning. These changes will be added to the handbook at a later date.
3. iPads were collected and left over student materials were given back to students on May 21 and May 22. We only have a few devices yet to get back. Thanks to Mr. Cantu, Ethan Rosonke, and MS paras and MS teachers for helping make this happen!
4. Thanks to all of the teachers that are volunteering to help on the Return to Learn Committee. All of the perspectives are helping us develop a plan for continuous learning, hybrid learning, and face-to-face learning from multiple directions. I am confident we will have a good plan to start and then make it better as our information continues to change.
5. I want to thank all of the MS staff and students for allowing me to lead a fabulous group of individuals as the MS Principal. We have seen a lot of changes in the past four years and met every challenge with a solution that put kids and learning first. I appreciate all of the dedication and look forward to my next opportunity to lead a great HS staff and student body!