

Middle School Board Report
February Board Meeting

1. Dance Team Membership – Nicolle Avenson is filling in as the middle school dance/cheer coach. She currently has 7 students out. They have been performing at half time of our seventh and eighth grade boys' basketball games. She has done a remarkable job with them in a short amount of time.

3. APL Professional Development – This was a huge success. Staff walked away with several different strategies for their classroom. We have chosen four areas to focus on in the middle school: Bellringer, Agenda (with objective), On the Clock, and Interaction Sequence. I have already started to see several of the strategies being carried over into classrooms. Staff literally made changes the day after training. I have created a new walk thru form that reflects the strategies we selected as a building.

4. EdInsight Training – Mary Frese and I attended EdInsight training at the AEA in Elkader last week. They reviewed the different district reports available and what their intended use is. They also discussed different ways to display our districts' data such as referencing grade levels, by years, by Iowa Assessment strands, by proficiency percentages, and so on.

5. Washington, D.C. – Our final meeting with parents was on February 2nd. At this point we have a total of 73 students and 25 adults going.

6. Club Time – We started something new at semester with clubs. Each advisor selected a game/activity that they wanted to do with students. Students then completed a Google survey as to which ones they were interested in. Students are mixed grades 5-8 in these activities. It is true relationship building and community building. We are working on some manners training which is another concept associated with APL training.

7. Iowa Assessments – in preparing for Iowa Assessments, each advisor is meeting with their individual homeroom students and looking at the student's trends over the past few years. They are then establishing a goal together for this year's Iowa Assessments and Spring MAP Assessments. These will be shared with parents at parent-teacher conferences, since the assessments are two weeks later.

8. PBIS Training – The PBIS team attended training on February 3rd in Decorah. We have started working on our acknowledgement system. We revamped our original ideas after APL training. This meeting focused on understanding minor and major behavior referrals and establishing a consequence matrix. Staff members will be sharing this information out at their grade level meetings.