

November 21, 2016

Middle School Board Report

1. We celebrated the end of the quarter activities on October 21. Students went to the CWC, bowling, Sunset Theater, roller skating. Thirty-six students stayed back in relation to academics, behaviors, and attendance. Each student worked through a goal setting sheet and met with an adult to determine a plan of action. Our goal is to see a decrease in repeat offenders and in the overall number of minors.
2. Our PBIS team went to year three training on November 10. The PBIS team is focusing on how we can improve our system. A survey was given to parents to complete at conferences for their input. The team continues to develop more TIER 2 interventions for students that are struggling.
3. Twenty-five staff members are participating in our IPDP program this year. Most teachers are participating in book studies to help them recognize strengths, growth mindset, and PBL.
4. The Middle School will be participating in a Midmester PBL January 26- Feb 10. During this time, students will be taking classes focused on passions and deep thinking. Students will be answering a driving question and finding ways to solve the problem. This will be a hands-on experience that focuses on 21st Century skills and problem solving. This experience will be happening all day and the community is welcome to see all of the cool things students and staff are doing.
5. Career Week was held Nov 7-11. Students worked on filling out a job application and interview skills. Students were able to experience many different career paths and learn about businesses in New Hampton. Thanks to all that helped make this happen for our 8th grade students.
6. Students participated in Veteran's Day celebrations in the community. Our middle school and elementary hosted a breakfast for veterans. Our students also went to the community celebration at the courthouse. Brian Quirk also helped to arrange a presentation by Gretchen Wronka about her family history and exploration of WWII.
7. Our PBIS team distributed a Parent Survey to get parent perspective on our program. The results are as follows:
 - a. I know the behavior expectations of my child at school (91.9% agree)
 - b. My child feels safe at school (91.9% agree)

- c. I am satisfied with the contact being made with me about my child's behavior (85.5% agree)
 - d. I am satisfied with the behavior expectations for my child at school (96.8% agree/neutral)
- 8. Winter Sports are underway at the MS:
 - a. 7th/8th Wrestling- 19 Athletes
 - b. 7th Girls Basketball- 16 Athletes
 - c. 8th Girls Basketball- 13 Athletes