

September 15, 2014
Middle School Board Report

1. Kwik Star Sales

We started the year off with Kwik Star sales, which produced our highest sales ever at \$49,140, which we receive 10% of. We will be using it to fund a Respect Retreat at the 5th grade level as well sending the 5th and 7th grade to the Iowa State Capitol.

2. Enrollment

Our current enrollment is 272.

5th Grade – 56

6th Grade – 71

7th Grade – 66

8th Grade - 79

3. PLC's

We have built in managerial team meetings during the school day each week, then PLC's in the content areas on early out Wednesdays. I met with Alicia Helle, an AEA consultant, this week to discuss how to move forward with our early out PLC's. We will be working with teachers to build a scope and sequence of their Iowa Core curriculum for the year as well as helping them build formative assessments to match.

4. Special Education PLC

I met with Sue Schulz, our AEA sector special education coordinator, to discuss where we are currently at with our special education students. Together, we will be leading a PLC with the middle school special education teachers to see if we are making the necessary gains with special education students and determining what their specific needs are.

5. Chickasaw Savings Bank

Fifteen students interview for positions at the Chickasaw Savings Bank. The bank will officially open on September 10th. We have 157 accounts with a total balance of 158,319.08

6. Orientation

This year's orientation was a huge success. We had over 90% of parents attend. We will continue with the open house format in the future for grades 6-8 and a short informational meeting for incoming 5th grade.

7. MAP Testing

We began MAP testing on Monday in the middle school. We are testing in our content area teacher's classrooms. It will allow us to not change the schedule for students.

8. AEA Consultant, Sue Runyon

Sue Runyon, math consultant, will be meeting once a month with the middle school math teachers. She will provide feedback to them on how to effectively use the block time for math instruction.

9. PBIS Training

Seven middle school staff members attended their first PBIS training in Decorah this week. We are working on establishing a Middle School Expectations Matrix to share with staff and receive feedback and suggestions on.

10. Student Focus Team

Joanne Wickham and myself interviewed students for our student focus team, which will help us brainstorm ideas to build a culture of caring and kindness in our middle school. Thirteen students will be serving on the team.

11. Athletic Numbers

8th Grade Football: 32

7th Grade Football: 19

Cross Country 17

8th Grade Volleyball 20

7th Grade Volleyball 27

Cheerleading 7