Norwood Public Schools Board of Education Principals Report

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Behavior

Our staff is well on their way of achieving the MTSS acknowledgement goal that 100 percent of certified staff will acknowledge at least three students by giving blue tickets or MavUp cards recognizing the school-wide expectations, Respect - Responsibility - Readiness - Safety.

Communication

The MLT (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Leadership Team) has been hard at work the past few years learning implementation science and the problem-solving process to help drive decision making for our district. The team is restructuring for next year into an MLT and PLT (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports - PBIS - Leadership Team). We are opening up team membership to all staff to continue to build capacity. Our last MLT meeting of this year is in May during which we will welcome our new team members!

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Elementary teachers met with parents the week of March 11th. The secondary teachers met with parents on March 13th and 14th. The administrative team provided free dinner for teachers and conference attendees and the PTA provided desserts.

Personnel Development

On February 28th, Amy Ward, our curriculum coach, modeled learning walks for Perri and Sara. The learning walks are intended as personnel development for the principals to improve their feedback to teachers during their walk-throughs. This was also a way for them to get training on what learning walks look like and how they can implement them next year with the staff.

On March 1, Amy Ward, our curriculum coach worked with all certified staff on their learning targets. The first part of the day was to refresh teachers on the "why" behind learning targets. Teachers then worked in groups of 3-4 to go over their most recent learning targets and discussed how to assess the learning targets they use.

Check-In/Check-Out (CICO) Facilitation: Perri completed a training on the Tier II intervention, Check-In/Check-Out. This enables the district to utilize this portion of our SWIS (School Wide Information System) platform for this intervention which is a low cost, high yield behavior and academic intervention that increases positive adult feedback for desired behaviors throughout the day to help students build more structure in their day.

Infinite Campus Initiative: The rollout of Infinite Campus (IC) is in progress with Ken Lawrence and Diane Muniz working closely with the team. Trainings have begun and data entry began on Monday (March 18th). Coleen Joseph will be helping with the data entry as she is well-versed in the program. This will enable Rick Williams to begin his work after spring break. The training schedule is intensive and we tremendously appreciate the dedication of the staff to constantly improve systems within our district.

Postsecondary Workforce Readiness Symposium: Rick Williams attended this in Durango on 1 March sponsored by CDE. The symposium focused the training on the state graduation guidelines that will come into effect for the class of 2021. While at the training, we discussed the new graduation guidelines including the state's specific guidance regarding the Capstone requirements. Rick briefed Dave and Perri regarding his ideas for a potential Capstone requirement for our district, and plan to start working on this requirement next fall.

Time

Early Literacy Grant: Amy V. will be back on March 18th to work with Sara and Sheri on plans for next year, as the grant will be ending. Plans on how to provide continued coaching and ideas for a smooth transition will be discussed.

Four-Day School Week

Friday Intervention: Elementary and secondary student Friday intervention will continue throughout the remainder of the year. Both programs are maintaining consistent enrollment. These interventions would not be possible without the dedication of Kelly Sutherlin and Ashley Sutherlin who manage the elementary students, Dave Crews who spearheads the secondary student intervention, Andrya Brantingham and Gwen Lane who have made transportation possible, and Leslie Stropko and crew for providing breakfast and lunch to the elementary students.

Other Important Information

Update from Rick Williams: 16 seniors have been accepted to 57 colleges and postsecondary educational institutions throughout the US and have earned \$1,452,000.00 in scholarships and grants thus far.

Rick will be taking interested sophomores and juniors to Technical College of the Rockies (TCR) for a college visit on the 18th of March. Students will shadow in the following departments that they picked for half a day; Automotive, Cosmetology, Autocad, Certified Nurse Assistant.

TCR Partnership Update;

- Zoey Truelock has her Certified Nurse Assistant License.
- Sisily Huebner has her Early Childhood Education Certificate.
- James Franklin has completed the Certified Nurse Assistant program and is taking his national license exam this month.
- Shelby Stamm is working on her Certified Nurse Assistant class this semester.
- Lilli Parrino is working on her Early Childhood Education classes this semester.

Shout Out from Gwen Lane: I would like to let all know our HS wrestlers and coaches were great this past season. Great attitudes, always prompt to leave, pleasant in all conditions, and just a great group of young men! Also, I would like to thank the Administration for allowing me the privilege to once again be the 2A announcer at State this year.

5th Grade Recycling Initiative: See attached report from the 5th Grade

Hello, this is the 5th grade recycling committee which has 7 members. This script is to inform you about what we have done so far and our plans for the future.

The committee is picking up recycling every month.



They take it to the transfer station, every three weeks, or as needed. (Thanks for letting us use the school vehicle.) We are raising money for a refillable water bottle station. There is a Yankee Candle and dessert fundraiser that is going out to the elementary school kids. You can buy water bottles that have the school's logo and US bank logo on them for \$5, if you

see any of these kids around the school, they can sell you one.

