

Norwood Public Schools Board of Education
Principals Report
4-21-20

Respectfully Submitted by Perri Gipner and Sara Rasmussen

Behavior
<p>PBIS Leadership Team (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) Report: We had our first virtual meeting this month, our discussion revolved around how to support our kids and families during the “stay at home” orders.</p>
Communication
<p>Distance Learning Update: Our efforts continue in providing learning for our students. Teachers are working very hard providing lessons virtually for our students. The efforts include learning packets, ZOOM meetings, daily check-ins, and recorded lessons. We all are working through the challenges and doing our best to overcome them day by day. We are in close communication with our students and their families and continually working on trying to help them with their struggles as well. Both elementary and secondary have a weekly staff meeting to brainstorm, problem solve together and support one another through this trying time. The staff has remained positive and are taking this all in stride. Our students are so lucky to have a dedicated group of people in their corner.</p> <p>Elementary is using the DOJO and Google platform for instruction and accountability. There is another pick-up and drop off of materials scheduled for April 20th from 9-Noon.</p> <p>Secondary is using Google Classroom and has set up a structure that involves student liaisons. See the attached information sheet that explains their roles.</p> <p>Virtual ZOOM Meetings: Perri and Sara are attending as many ZOOM meetings with students when they can. We both are attempting to stay as connected with students as possible.</p> <p>MTSS Leadership Team (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) Report: On April 14th our team had its first virtual meeting. Colorado Department of Education's Family, School, Community Partnering (FSCP) specialist, Darcy Hutchins, joined us to share her expertise in this area. She has been in this position at CDE for 7 years and has been doing amazing and powerful research, collaboration, and teaching around engaging communities with schools. She presented on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Information around FSCP in general,● An introduction on the national FSCP standards (aligned with the five principles in Constantino),● Discussed grant opportunities and a program with Johns Hopkins University● presented an assessment / survey option for parents and staff

FSCP is one of the five essential components of MTSS and aligns with the school's desire to have a more positive, engaging, and empowering relationship with families and the community.

TLCC (Teaching and Learning Conditions in Colorado): The results of this survey should be available at the end of April or beginning of May.

Learning Target Initiative: Teachers are continuing to use learning targets where they can with distance learning however we put the initiative and personnel development plan on hold until we resume to "normal" operations.

ELG (Early Literacy Grant): We will meet with our literacy coach next week to begin planning for our return to face to face instruction. This may not occur until next year, so we are creating a plan on how best to help fill in the gaps that more than likely will occur because of the lack of contact time with teachers during our COVID-19 crisis.

Personnel Development

Tointon Institute is a leadership academy for principals. This was scheduled for June but was cancelled due to COVID-10 but all participants have been offered a slot in the 2021 session.

Time

SSaCC (Safe, Supportive and Collaborative Culture): We will be scheduling an all staff ZOOM meeting in the next couple of weeks to share ideas, struggles, and celebrations during this crazy time of distance learning. Our goal is to continue our efforts of creating a safe, supportive and collaborative environment in our PreK-12 system even though we are unable to be together face to face. We are all in this together and want the message that everyone is supported to be loud and clear as we continue down this new way of teaching our kids.

Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) : All testing has been cancelled for this year.

Four-Day School Week

2020-2021 Calendar is included for your review and approval.

2020-2021 Master Schedule is completed and Rick Williams is preparing to create schedules for the upcoming year.

Other Important Information & Celebrations

Staff Access to Facilities: Staff now has access to their classrooms in order to provide learning for their students. We have created a sign up sheet in order to maintain the requirements of social distancing and to also honor the safety requirements issued by our county.

New Playground Update: The playground equipment has been ordered and should be ready to install the first part of July. The time table could change a bit due to the COVID19 crisis. We will keep you updated if this is to happen. One part of construction the school is responsible for is removing the old equipment and gravel. We are looking to have this be an in-kind donation. If you know of anyone who might be willing to help, please let us know so we can reach out to them. A couple of ideas we have for the gravel are putting it in the muddy parking lot near Primetime and also putting some in the PreK playground.

Staff Celebrations and other information:

Ben Kirk: High School Math will be operating on Khan Academy for the foreseeable future. He has received positive feedback on it from several students so far. All of our seniors regardless of what class they were in will be doing Financial Literacy Modules on a program called EVERFI. (A big thank you to Michelle Barkenmeyer for sharing that resource with me) So far he has heard positive feedback from the kids on that program as well.

Counselor Information; Rick Williams

1. Saige Morlang won the Daniels Fund Scholarship. She is one of two students in the BOCES to win this scholarship.
2. Riley Porter made it to the final round for the Chang Chavkin Scholarship. He will interview near the end of the month.
3. Saria Taylor won the Telluride Foundation and Telluride Cars and Colors Scholarships.
4. I am still working with students and scholarship committees to help students get their scholarship applications done this year.
5. I am still working with the Center for Mental Health and supporting students who need services.
6. I am still working with Colorado Mountain College for fall term registration.
7. I am working with the teaching staff as a liaison to support online learning.
8. Jacob Gordon was awarded the Skyler Kelly scholarship for \$2500.00 per year for two years (total =\$5,000.00). Way to go Jacob!!!!

Ken Lawrence: Tech Report

We have loaned out 43 Chromebooks to students, staff and board members.

Ken has been working with ClearNetworkx and the Telluride Foundation to provide internet service to staff and families who either do not have any service or their service is inadequate for online learning. Here is the status of the internet service installation:

7 installed and working (3 staff, 4 students)

6 are being scheduled and should be up by 4/24

8 are not serviced yet due to no service being available (5-Redvale, 2-Nucla, 1-Naturita). There is a new tower going up on Coventry Hill that should get service into Redvale soon. They are working with NNTC to see if they can provide service to the two in Nucla and 1 in Naturita.

2 they have left messages about scheduling but have not heard back.

3 failed due to trees/location, but hoping for a new tower at Ken's will help.

ClearNetworkx completed installing a tower on Ken's property that will be used to provide more service coverage for Norwood, especially East and North of town.