

To: Dr. Tammy Davis  
From: Dr. Pamela Miller  
Re: Middle School Principal's Report  
Date: 2/5/10

### **Curriculum, Instruction, Professional Development and Assessment**

- January 13<sup>th</sup>: Nine teachers were released for a half day of training using the EasiTeach software for the interactive whiteboards.
- Jan 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> : Our school coach facilitated peer observations and conducted a debrief session. Teachers had the opportunity to visit classrooms to see the implementation of technology and other instructional best practices. The coach met with team leaders and administration to provide job-embedded PD on leadership strategies.
- Jan 15<sup>th</sup>: Dr. Miller attended the NHASCD conference with curriculum leaders. The presenter was Grant Wiggins, author of *Schooling by Design*. The team discussed strategies for using UbD to advance the work of our Restructuring Plan.
- January 19<sup>th</sup>: The school Data Team met for a half day to review survey data from the past three years. Current data that is now available will be incorporated into the summary of data. The team also planned training on assessment data access for teachers on the professional development day. A team goal is for all teachers to be able to independently access student assessment data.
- School Visit: A sub committee of the Data Team visited Keene Middle School to meet with the principal and the SPED Director. The team discussed strategies for supporting student learning with their SPED population. During a Data Team session we noticed that their SPED subgroup showed improvement in their scores. The visiting group will share what they found at the next meeting.
- School Visit: Two of our math teachers visited a math teacher at Belmont High School who was recognized as Teacher of the Year for his work with Technology Integration. Information will be shared with other math teachers during the math curriculum meetings.
- January 20<sup>th</sup>: Jackie Chapley, our librarian, arranged for all staff to have training on the Ebsco database. Teachers can access information for lessons and students can access research for class projects.
- Dr. Miller and Ms. Kruger attended the NHASP professional development workshop for school administrators in Manchester. The topic for the evening was how to have “difficult conversations.”
- January 22<sup>nd</sup> Professional Development Day: Teachers received training from Suzan Gannett on accessing student NWEA data and using Performance Pathways. Susan Westlund, our school coach, worked with teachers on designing UbD lessons. Teachers met in their curriculum PLCs in the afternoon. Topics included technology integration and aligning curriculum.

### **Community and parent Activities**

- January 16<sup>th</sup>: The community Based Flu Clinic was held at WRMS. The strategies practiced during the POD training exercise were implemented and the day ran according to plan.

- January 26<sup>th</sup>: Dr. Miller attended the Youth Assistance January board meeting.

### **Student Activities**

- WRMS hosted the State Scholars meeting with local business partners. Scott Powell, the state coordinator attended. Scott later met with our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to do an orientation of the program and encourage student participation. We had some additional students sign up.
- January 28<sup>th</sup>: WRMS held a H1N1 Flu Clinic for students and staff.
- January 29<sup>th</sup>: Semi Final Competition for the Spelling Bee was held in the WRMS cafeteria. Student winners from each classroom participated and parents were invited to attend. Finalists were Ben Wirth, Brandon Brorby, David DeCoste and Kim Martin.
- Our Green Team is developing activities for students to cash in their gotcha rewards. The next event planned is a movie and popcorn.
- Sixth graders are planning another social for March. Students are voting on the activities they would like to have.

### **Recognition**

- Jonah Crandall is attending the National Young leaders State Conference in Boston this week. We nominated Jonah for this opportunity and we are happy that he is able to attend.
- February 2<sup>nd</sup>: The Spelling Bee Finals were held in the Gym. The whole school attended to support their classmates, as well as invited guests. Congratulations to our champion, David DeCoste, who will go on to the regional competition in March.
- Mrs. Deb Jurta won third place in the regional competition for the National Citizenship Teacher Award. Criteria for judging was based on 1) Innovative approach to teaching citizenship 2) development of teaching resources to teach citizenship and 3) compassion for teaching citizenship.