

## Principal's Report

October 5, 2022

I will be presenting a list of people who could take Tim's spot on the Board. I have not approached anyone but brainstormed with a few staff members to come up with this list.

On October 7, which is a PD day, I have invited James and his team to present Stress, Love and Leadership for our team. I think this program is exactly what we need as we face the unanticipated challenges of returning to education in a setting of "normalcy". Here is a description of the program:

*The Institute serves as a professional development and wellness resource for educators, administrators, and staff, providing workshop and retreat experiences to bring awareness to the challenges facing our clients and to work collaboratively to develop new ways of understanding how to meet these evolving challenges. Our intention is to provide an experience where educators can reconsider their definitions of Love, Stress, and Leadership in relation to their work and personal lives so that they may be able to become more aware of how they are impacted by their own stories and those of others. From there we seek to engage educators in rich experiences that help them to reframe what they know about these terms and begin a journey of transformation that will make them more fulfilled and satisfied in life.*

Updated projects approved through ESSER III: Natural Playgrounds work with movement of some of the fence to increase playground space, payment for installation of new drainage pipe to prevent future flooding of the gym, 20 new chrome books, 17 laptops, a drumming residency and money for stipends to create an after school enrichment program.

We do need to seek someone to repair and possibly replace some of the exterior cement window sills. This could be an expensive project.

I am still working on winter programming transportation. I have reached out to Notch View about helping with transportation, and I am waiting to hear back from them.

In November I will have September's benchmarking report. Updates to the programs we used affected our ability to access the reports. The problem has been corrected, and I will have the report for November's meeting.

With the help of Sarah Storella, the BES kids will be participating in a Halloween parade on Friday, October 28. The students will be dressed in costumes and will visit local businesses to get some treats. This is another opportunity to bring the community and the school together.

I was able to secure over \$4500 of my remaining Title IV for the 2019-2020 school year to partner with WMSI on STEAM related activities. Jeremy Knowlton will be working with the second grades on a robotics project.

As we review policy JLCD-R for the final time, I just want to update you on my meeting with Tammy Reardon. I know the possibility of students needing OTC medication for headaches or cramps came up. Tammy feels strongly that a doctor could provide a note for any of these diagnosable issues.

Allison Culver will be presenting briefly at the beginning of the meeting about her role as co-coordinator of the special education program and her lead of our paraprofessional cohort.