

October Board Report

Bug O Nay Ge Shig School has implemented a Teacher Roundtable that invites teachers to gather once a week to celebrate the Ojibwe Culture and to learn the Ojibwe Language. Ben Bonga has agreed to teach the language. On October 12, 20 teachers participated in this first gathering and everyone enjoyed their first 'speaking' experience with the Ojibwe language. Ben suggested that a focus for this training will be learning language that can be implemented in classrooms.

Project Adventure revisited Bug O Nay Ge Shig. This project is a grant funded through initiatives with the Diabetes Consortium at Leech Lake. A visiting trainer came from Maryland to work with Jay Malchow and two other individuals who will provide training to students and staff on use of the rope course located on the Bug O Nay Ge Shig Campus. It is possible that training can be provided in the summer for students and during teacher work week in the fall.

Jessica Sherman brought forward information on Smart Snacks for schools and how fund raisers should support the foods students have access to during the day. Foods should meet the standards set with the USDA; if the foods do not meet identified standards the foods should not be sold. Jess will work with teachers to identify those foods that can be sold to students to assure the nutrition guidelines are

Enrollment Trend data for Bug O Nay Ge Shig was reviewed by the school board. The data begins in 2007-2008 school and reflects information through the close of 2015-2016 school year. The trend data reflects student numbers that left during the school year as well as those remaining at the end of each year. There has been a significant drop in enrollment since 2008 and with that, for 2016-2017, the Family Liaison and administration has increased attention to attendance that includes parent contact and review of student needs through the Case Management Team.

Human Resources Department is in its second year of implementation since the reorganization of the department. Six staff individuals are now involved in various aspects of the HR department, with each one responsible for a critical element of staff selection, background checks, interviews, grievances, and staff assignments. HR now responds to staff needs in a timely manner and offers support to all staff in a professional way.

Bug O Nay Ge Shig School is conducting a comprehensive review of safety and security protocols. A team of four staff met and conducted a review of Pending Threat situations and the school board has reviewed a draft of teacher and transportation responsibilities in response to a received threat **before school begins**. The Emergency Team will continue its work on security update and revision that includes additional use of its ROBO Call systems.

Jeri Dodge provided information to the school board on the transportation department initiative to be more directly involved with PBIS activities. This is recognition of student winners for positive behaviors on the bus and the plan is to continue this recognition for students and to continue to focus on safe and responsible students.

The Operations and Management team has scheduled well-drilling for a new well on the Bug O Nay Ge Shig campus beginning Tuesday, October 18. The well will serve the new school as well as the existing elementary school. High school construction bids will be done the end of October, with the selection of the construction contractor done and design work beginning in November. A Planning Committee will meet at the school on October 19 to set a defined calendar for details that need to be scheduled and completed to assure the completion of the new high school by July 2017.