North Rose-Wolcott Elementary

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Board of Education Report - March 2019

Upcoming Events:

- March 13 - K/UPK Registration (1-3 pm, 6-7:30 pm)
- March 14 - UPK-4 Early Release 12:45 pm, Math Fun Night/Pi Night
- March 15 - Trimester 2 Report Cards Due
- March 21 - 22 - UPK-4 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- March 27 - Family Literacy Night
- March 28 - Roller Skating Party
- March 29 - Cubby Club

Character Traits of Focus:

- Love of Learning
- Forgiveness
- Fairness
- Humor
- Being present & giving others my attention

Strategic Action Plan Goals:

1-By June 2019, all students taking a state assessment will be proficient (3 or 4, 65 or higher).
2-By June 2019, each student who has achieved mastery will maintain mastery, and the percentage of new students achieving mastery will increase.
3-By June 2019, by the end of second grade, all students will read at or above grade level.
4- We will increase students' participation in STEAM courses by 10% per year.

Tenet 2 Building Leadership & Capacity	SAP Goal(s) Connection	Action Steps
	Goals 1, 2, 3	This month we have had writing PD, Daily 5 (station rotation model), and data-driven instruction, and writing workshop development. At our faculty meeting in February we discussed Trauma Informed Care, Interactive Modelling review (a Responsive Classroom approach to implementing classroom routines and behavioral expectations), unwrapping priority standards, and our first 2018-19 experience with EdCamp. EdCamp operates on the philosophy that our wisdom i scollective, and shared best through quality conversations to improve the practice of all. Staff contributed topics for discussion, including executive functioning, scheduling the day, student behavior, enrichment, balanced literacy, math workshop, Positivity Project, and self-care. Staff chose the workshop they'd like to spend their time and discussed the topic of most interest to them. Overall, this was a productive use of our meeting time and built on earlier conversations started during our ghost walk and faculty meeting. We plan to continue this model monthly.
	Goal 1, 2, 3	One of our main priorities within the Strategic Plan is to create a community of readers and writers at NRWE. Our movie night event for *the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* was well-attended by our students and their families, despite the snowy weather. It was perfectly aligned to the movie, but not too helpful for driving. The Cougar Pride Parents sold snacks and popcorn was provided to all free of charge. We are looking forward to and preparing for our spring reading project, *Charlotte's Web*.

Tenet 3 Curriculum Development & Support	SAP Goal(s) Connection	Action Steps
	Goals 1, 2, 3	We have been utilizing the Community Schools initiative to support our curriculum development periodically during the school day. This month Jay Roscup led a group of his

		staff through activity rotations with the students while our fourth grade teaching team worked on their interim-based action plans, common assessments, and development of review materials for the upcoming NYS assessments. This time for teachers to work together is crucial in moving us ahead as collaborative instructional teams.

Tenet 4 Teacher Practices & Decisions	**SAP Goal(s) Connection**	**Action Steps**
	Goals 1, 2, 3	As mentioned, last month we utilized the "Ghost walk" format to explore Personalized Learning activities and our first EdCamp to increase community-wide dialogue on teacher-led topics. This month we will continue our EdCamp model adding a look at UPK screening tools, our Kindergarten screening process, and college/career readiness concepts within our NRWE programming, the next One Book One School project, and many more options.

Tenet 5 Student Social & Emotional Developmental Health	**SAP Goal(s) Connection**	**Action Steps**
		Our newer staff members are eagerly registering for the Responsive Classroom Round 1 training the team has set up with WFL BOCES. We are excited to participate in the pilot of the most up-to-date RC training. Participating in this pilot included an additional text for each staff member and a reduced cost to the District. The next step for our administrative planning process is to complete the organization of our four one-day trainings this upcoming August. These trainings include how to respond to misbehavior, preventing and addressing bullying, teacher and student language, and connecting academics to the morning meeting. Our staff expressed excitement about these options at our February faculty meeting and are awaiting registration details from BOCES.

Tenet 6 Family & Community Engagement	SAP Goal(s) Connection	Action Steps
	Goal 1	The Cougar Pride Parents led by our Parent Liaison, Samantha Gardner, have been busy planning a spring Easter Egg Hunt for early April. Additionally, they will be facilitating a clothing drive in conjunction with 4H to support our NRWE students. Some clothing will replenish the nurse's office supply, some will be available to all families, and some will be earmarked for families who have expressed a need. Any donations can be sent to the NRWE main office. Family members have been working with our admin to register as Board-approved school volunteers. The deadline for new volunteers to register prior to "field trip season" is fast approaching. This is a process that takes some time and cannot be completed at the last minute. Volunteer paperwork is included in all communications with new families, as well as added to our monthly NRWE newsletter.
	Goal 2	Our annual PE night coordinated by Kristi King and Scott Baker was a hit. Students and their families demonstrated what they've learned in PE this year, and all expressed it was a fun evening. With the support of Kristin DeFeo our staff is working hard on the upcoming Math Family Night to celebrate Pi Day. This will include math games and activities for families, make it/take it kits, snacks, and a display of our students' work. It is shaping up to be a really fun math-focused evening!