

Student Achievement

Summer school is nearing the end. It has been a very busy one for our students, but one that has been productive. I think we have struck a nice balance between the academics and the more recreational-type activities. June Muto and the assistant principals have done a great job overseeing the program and handling any issues. I will share summer school data at the end of August.

The release of the 3-8 scores is going to be delayed this year, due to SED shortening the tests from 3 days to 2 days. We will obviously share those results as soon as we receive them. The 3-8 teachers did receive gap analysis reports in June that outlined how their class did on each question, detailing which standards they did well with, and which ones they still need to work on. The principals and I will have individual teacher meetings, as we did last year, to talk about their overall class proficiency and action plans for individual students.

Professional Development

The Leadership Council retreat was very productive. The agenda was as follows:

Monday-Book Study: How the Way We Talk Can Change the Way We Work

Tuesday-DCIP Development and Building Improvement Planning

Wednesday-New Teacher Orientation Planning and Planning for Opening Day

We have curriculum writing going on next week, with interim assessment writing going on the following week. Staff did work this week with Math Expressions and had a productive session with the BOCES coach for math.

New Teacher Orientation is August 21-23, and was planned and will be largely facilitated by Leadership Council members. We are excited for the new staff that has been hired and know that the days will be very productive.

DCIP & SCEP Plans

These plans have been developed and submitted to SED. We will be getting feedback regarding the SCEP (MS plan) and DCIP (district plan) from SED at some point. There were many teachers that participated in the development of each of these plans, along with the entire administrative team. A full copy of the plan has been provided for your review but below is a summary. There are no more LAP plans required by SED so NRWE did not have to write one this year.

The focus areas of the plans are as follows:

- A formula for Leadership Council meetings that will include data review and action plans that will be sent to the building SLTs for implementation
- Curriculum review processes and a system for curriculum writing throughout the school year
- Data analysis and action planning, including using the tactics bank for personalized learning
- Reduction of the suspension rate for students with disabilities and analysis and use of social/emotional data that leads to adjustment of interventions

- Increase the number of parent volunteers and increase the number of positive parent survey responses regarding 2-way communication at the middle school

Other Notes

We are continuing to hire for all open positions. We are very pleased with the quality of candidates that we have been able to interview and hire this summer, which has not always been the case. We are excited bring the new folks on board and get them working with our students.

I have attended a couple of Wolcott Rotary meetings so as to increase the connection between the organization and the district. We will be developing a schedule to cycle the principals through at meetings as well. It is a very welcoming and great group of people!

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