

HOS Report 9/18/19

Potential SEL grant

We are being considered for the SEL grant I applied for through the state-it is a 3 year grant cycle that will train teachers in the delivery of a research based SEL program. Would be grade 6 next year, grade 7 the following year, grade 8 after that. They pay for all training, including an external fidelity monitor. Our site visit is scheduled for 9/25/19.

DHS

DHS added a risk assessment to the pre-k requirements. Katie and I reviewed it, filled it out, had the staff review it and put a copy in each classroom DHS binder. It was added to my spreadsheet checklist for the annual spring DHS visit.

GiveMN/MACS

I helped organize a "how to" meeting at MACS with GiveMN to offer Charter schools help in creating some fundraising opportunities for their schools. I attended on the 12th, and have some better ideas to move forward with the creation of the fundraising committee this winter.

Last year Ann Marie, Amanda Hedlund and I started a chart of the school's "fundraising asks," and there are quite a few. The goal of the fundraising committee will be to, in my mind, eliminate some of the events (cookie dough, BB&B, etc.) and do an annual ask built around Give to the Max Day.

Mission Statement work

Some work was done on the Mission, and it was rather frustrating to try and piece together, so I offered it to a friend that is a skilled wordsmith. I offered the draft to my team, but have not had any response.

Here it is: ***Bluffview Montessori School empowers self-directed learning through a multi-sensory, materials-based Montessori curriculum that, in all learners, germinates an independent diligence, nourishes our natural curiosities, and enroots a deep respect for self, community, and environment, sprouting the intrinsic desire for scholastic, civic, and personal fulfillment.***

Staff expectations as per HOS Eval

Staff expectations were discussed in detail at the last all-staff meeting on Sept. 9th. Topics included being on time, cell phones out of sight, petty cash, dress code, confidentiality, maintaining organized classrooms, and gossip. Follow ups will take place as issues arise.

Senator Miller

Jeremy Miller will be visiting BMS for a walk through in early October. I met with him this summer, and spoke briefly about financial concerns. This time I will be speaking about financial

issues again, along with the new DHS oversight over the Pre-k, and offering the MACS initiatives (which I am waiting to receive from Tom).

October 4th

An action packed day. Officer Klinger will be in to do a walk through of the Lockdown process, Kate Konop is doing 2 sessions of QPR (suicide prevention), and cultural competencies with Jonathan Locust. Vision design will be in the building that day during Jonathan's presentation - 1:00 - to complete pictures of the classrooms for the virtual tour on the website.... All staff was briefed that classrooms must be in excellent prepared condition before October 3rd at the September staff meeting for both the photo shoot and the Senators visit.

I scheduled the next all-staff meeting for September 30th (as opposed to the first Monday of October) so that a reminder to all can be issued.