

HOS Report 4/18/24

Annual Cycle of Review DRAFT doc

The Draft cycle of review for FY25 & 26 is on the agenda after the annual cycle of review section. This will guide our Board continuous development and knowledge base about the laws, regulations, and issues that board members need to be aware of in their role as governors of the school. This can be tweaked at any time with subtractions and additions, but is submitted to VOA annually as part of the review process.

Board elections/Governance

As of 3:00 on 3/25/24 we received 2 Board nominations (Kim Bell, teacher and Stephanie Dunn, parent), one for each available seat. Both candidates have had their questionnaires shared out, and ballots were sent out on the 15th. Even though we have 2 nominations for 2 seats, we are still obligated to go through the process.

Potential busing and calendar change

WAPS admin sent the transportation agreement for us to consider adding the school days 9/3/24-9/6/24. The projected cost is \$24,859.54. It is being presented to the full WAPS Board tonight for approval. We need to decide, do we move forward with this idea or not. If so, what are our next steps? Draft calendar options, share with BMS community, field responses, and make a formal decision at the 5/16/24 Board meeting. This plan is not open for approval at this meeting, but a document for planning, discussion, and review.

Strategic Planning

I have 3 options that are happy to present to the Board this summer. Cheryl Glasser from Achieve Consulting, Gail Gilman from MSBA, and Chuck Rowe from Midwest Studies Group. Let's discuss how to move forward. I propose we have our July or August meeting with a 20 minute window for each to make a proposal to the Board, virtually.

Spring conferences attendance

This spring had approximately 90% attendance for conferences. One classroom is currently working through them as she was unable to attend the scheduled conference night. There are a few parents being followed up with, so the number may go up a little yet. This is a bit lower than fall which was 94%. It is consistent with the previous 3 years which were all lower in spring.

Perpich CAPP committee

The Perpich lead, Kristi, will be at Bluffview on Friday to meet with Chris, Sandy, and I about working through a few lingering details that are primarily around integration and technology. There seems to be a gap that needs to be bridged before we draft an initial document to submit to the full Board.

VOA

Stephanie Olsen is attending tonight's Board meeting as per our contract, and conducting her spring site visit Friday morning.

Annual meeting

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 5/23. Last year's packet is in the consent agenda folder. It has reports from the HOS, Board Treasurer (Shelly, Finance Committee), B&G (Henry), HR (Renee), and Pedagogy. This year's report should include the same report as last year with a MNMTSS Committee report replacing the Pedagogy report. Henry will create a new template for this year's report and share that with those required to add reports by 4/25. The reports should be completed and shared via Google Drive before our next Board meeting on 5/16/24. It seems appropriate to add the VOA scorecard to the annual meeting report as well.

Local Literacy Plan

The Read Well By Third Grade has been replaced with a Local Literacy Plan (Read Act)-the reporting is basically the same as it revolves around Fastbridge screening-we are fortunate that we are already using it in the way that the State is requiring! Thanks to HVED for having us on the right track. This includes a survey the HOS has to fill out with data and planning information after the spring screenings are done (due 6/15) and then the Local Literacy Plan will also have to be submitted that day. The concept is that the data collected for the survey submission will inform the Plan for the next school year. There is some debate at MDE as to whether or not they will weigh in on screening benchmarks and what they should be (in classic style they are currently saying that it's a local decision). I have emailed and encouraged them to do so, as it doesn't make much sense to do 2 approved universal screening tools without consistent statewide benchmark expectations to guide the Literacy Plan data and planning.

MNMTSS

Our cohort continues to meet monthly and during the sessions we are working on the DLT/SLT which evaluates where our MTSS programming is. This summer should include the first drafting of a MNMTSS handbook with the school details in math, reading, and behavior which will then become a living document for while we annually work through the DLT/SLT and make improvements.

Spring surveys

The annual spring Family and Staff surveys are in the consent agenda. They may be tweaked a bit yet before sending out, but here are the current questions/prompts for each. They will be sent out sometime in early May so they can be compiled for the May Board meeting.