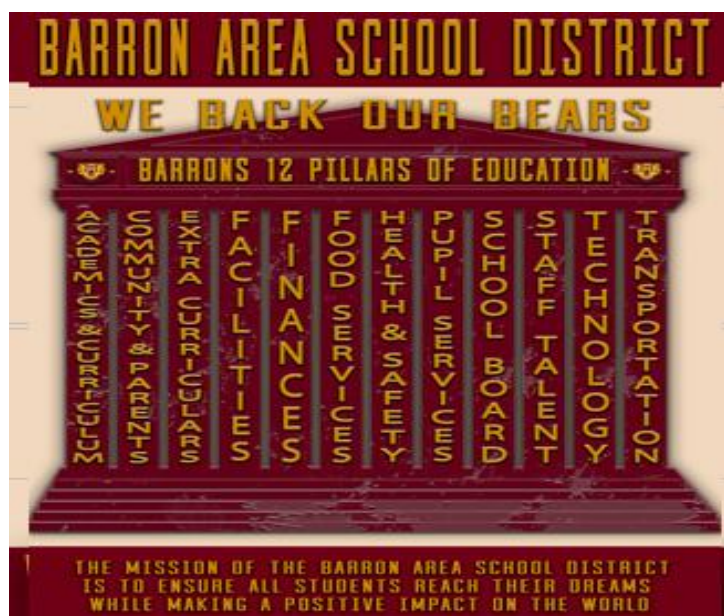


Board UPDATES October 2018



Academics and Curriculum

We are continuing our work with Golden Standards which will soon be added to our district website. This work is being done hand-in-hand with our Universal Reading Committee and is addressing all disciplines district wide.

We are excited for the launch of our new platform in January. It is a live site that was created by Ellyn Schneider and our entire staff will be linking their work into our platform. These are living documents with continuous improvement in mind.

Our elementary Tier II interventions are up and running in grades 2-4. A team will be assessing our kindergarten and first grade students October 16 to determine needs and identify students for possible interventions.

We took time to review PBIS data at Woodland this month and we are seeing a substantial decrease in majors, which proves we need to stay the course with this initiative.

Riverview has implemented our new PBIS Reward system for recognizing positive student behavior. We can now recognize

positive student behavior from anywhere in our school using the PBIS Rewards mobile app. Our three areas that we focus on are Respect, Responsibility, and Safety. Students can earn up to 20-30 points a day. They can also check the app to see how many points they earned and teachers can see how many points their grade level has earned. Our PBIS committee members developed this process and our PBIS Golden Rewards store. Students can purchase awesome items from our store using their points.

Community and Parents

LeRoy Butler event was held on September 25 for community and the morning of September 26 for BHS students. The event went very well both days and the message to our students, staff and community received excellent feedback.

We successfully completed our first set of parent/teacher conferences. We are looking to increase participation in our conferences and will be bringing a new plan to our board mid-year in preparation for the 2019-20 school year.

Extracurriculars

Tennis is sending three players to State - Hailey Zurn in #1 singles and Jada Brunkow and Phoebe Jerome in #1 doubles.

Emma Knutson finished 9th overall in our conference for girls' golf.

Boys cross country finished third at the conference meet. Tristan Massie placing 2nd and Marcus Peterson placing 8th. Girls finished 4th at the conference meet with Rylee Stauner placing 6th.

All conference selections will be out for volleyball, football, and boys' soccer at the end of October.

Winter sports coaches are conducting sign ups for their respective sports so we are already to roll for our next season but still looking for some big finishes in our fall sports, including possibilities of more state qualifiers!

Facilities

Our new fitness/temporary Band room lighting, ducting, ceiling and concrete floor are completed.

Wood boiler repairs are continuing with the auger repairs. We did find a crack under/near the fire cone and a lot of wear in the incline auger housing. These will be addressed as part of the repair.

Phase 2 continues with walls going up. A plan for the missing door and window frames has been made. They will be bolted in later with mortar poured in them. This is being done to facilitate our timeline. Allowing the block layers to continue setting wall with their part being done in approx. 2 weeks. Ductwork and steam piping are making their appearance. New heat exchanger is on site as is the pex for the infloor heat.

The weather is hindering the install of the in-floor heat the rest of the concrete. We hope for the final concrete pour will be next Friday. Supplemental heat for the classrooms was installed a couple of weeks ago and seems to be effectively serving those rooms. Plastic for the kitchen went up yesterday to help them keep warm as Phase II continues in to the cold weather season.

Finance

We are excited to be proposing a new structure for our EL department that will benefit many.

State aid figures are projected to be favorable for BASD and will officially come out on October 15th.

We are looking forward to our Annual Board Meeting October 22nd at 6:30, to propose our Annual Budget for approval. We are pleased with the way our finances are rolled out and we will continue to investigate ways to save funds and spend responsibly with data driven decisions in mind.

Food Service

Our weekend back pack program is up and running at the Woodland Elementary School. Thank you to the Barron Food Pantry for their contributions, to Mrs. Mizer's class for helping to pack and Allison Rick for distributing.

Health and Safety

Health

- Flu shots for students will be available on October 23rd and 24th. Still coordinating staff flu shot dates.
- Field trip emergency bags now have epi-pens in them.
- The second legal notice has been sent for State vaccine reporting.

Safety

- We are working on designing our entry ways to increase visibility and safety.
- We are working on our plans for reunification drills this year.
- Deputy Dave is working individually with teachers to implement comfortable ALICE procedures.

Pupil Services

21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Update:

- Chris Rolston and Katarina House attended the 17th Annual CCLC Grant Conference on October 1-2, 2018. The content was very good and much information was gained that will assist us in moving forward with the Boys & Girls Club collaboration for our after school program.

Special Education Mandated Self- Assessment Completion:

- The Barron Area School District has completed the mandated Self-Assessment with flying colors!
- The next self-assessment is due in the 2022-2023 school year.
- Two district representatives will attend a DPI sponsored activity where best practices are discussed. Our representatives are Katie Hanson-Mizer (special education teacher at BHS) and Brooke Kucko (district-wide speech/language pathologist).

State-Wide Assessments:

- The Phonemic Awareness Literacy Screener (PALS) is BASD's reading readiness screener and administered to students in 4K-2nd grade. The fall screening is now in progress.
- On December 3, 2018, the required test for English Learners will begin. It is called ACCESS 2.0 and is computer administered. The window closes on February 1, 2018.

School Board

We are excited to report that our Newly Revised Adopted Policies are live on our District website. They are under Board of Education-Board Policies Tabs.

Staff Talent/Development

Our first required Teacher Staff Day took place on October 12. Our Focus continues to be our Golden Standard work district wide and our commitment to train our Trauma Sensitive Team.

Technology

The IT department hits the ground running in September to address the needs of our staff and students through work order requests. Since we have hundreds of requests, our team works diligently to address them as soon as possible to get technology ready in the classrooms. Focus has also been working with the new HS construction project to partner with areas of technology as the project moves forward. We are also preparing for a new security/camera project to organize the placement of additional cameras inside and outside of our buildings (running wire, terminating ends, physically placing cameras) along with prepping the management software for the installations.

The new WISEdata system for DPI collection is also a priority for our 3rd Friday records and Oct. 1st Child Count. We are viewing and correcting our data uploads to ensure that our state reporting data is correct.

Infinite Campus has released a new app and mobile app option for our students and families. The new apps provide automated live data notifications regarding assignments, attendance, grades, etc. We are assisting our families to get their accounts activated or renewed to gain live notifications/information about their children in these areas.

Transportation

We are excited to be training in two new drivers this fall.

We added one new route to ESL in Almena.

We also are currently getting, our much needed, new bus ready for the road, and are installing a camera system and radio.

We are busy getting buses ready for the winter season.