



LEAN INTERMEDIATE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Preparing for future success...one student at a time

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OIMS BLT MINUTES Monday, October 2, 2017

Present: Jerry Trietley, Helen Button, Joel Whitcher, Kim Kruse, Sue Kallenbach, Angela Mest, Joe Mest, Jennifer Mahar

Welcome and Introductions: Mr. Trietley welcomed everyone and introductions were made. Jerry quickly reviewed the scope of the OIMS Building Level Team Committee and reminded the group that we are looking for representation from students, parents, community members and staff to discuss topics that affect OIMS. Concerns and action plans that come out of our BLT are carried to District-level meetings. **BLT minutes** are posted on the District's website for public review.

Springboard Committee: Mr. Trietley distributed minutes from the September 28th OIMS Springboard Committee meeting. He explained that Springboard is a forum for building constituents to discuss internal building issues. One topic discussed at the first meeting was whether students are required to stand for the Pledge to the Flag. By education law, they are not required to, but it is our expectation that, unless there is a clear religious exemption, all students should stand; whether they recite the Pledge is their choice.

Wellness Committee: The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program has spurred an increase in our breakfast and lunch participation rates district wide. A side effect is that some students who pack lunch are also getting a full school lunch and sharing the food with others who may not have had enough to eat. The Wellness Committee is looking for ideas for wellness activities to involve all faculty and staff across the district.

Safety: Mr. Trietley reviewed the safety drills that have been completed at OIMS. All required fire drills are complete for the year; however, we plan to run at least one more in the spring to refresh everyone's memory. We've also successfully completed one lockdown drill, one shelter in place drill, and one evacuation drill to the YMCA.

IRLA/STAR Update: Jen Mahar reported that we are done leveling a lot earlier than we were last year. The IRLA Coach is coming next week (Oct. 10th & 11th). Teachers have asked if it would be possible to pay someone to come in and prepare the IRLA bins prior to the start of school so they can

be distributed to classrooms before opening day. Mrs. Mest and Mrs. Kallenbach both emphasized the importance of establishing the IRLA routine from day one.

6/7 Team Meetings: Mr. Trietley met with all 6th and 7th grade students by team during the first week of school to go over student rights and responsibilities. Even though the kids see the rules in the agenda and parent/student handbook, there's nothing like hearing it straight from the principal.

Cooking Class: A cooking class (taught by Fawn Whiteman) was being offered under the PEP Grant; however, the PEP Grant programming ended September 30th. The cooking class is now under the Community Schools umbrella. Kathie Dudley has expressed interest in continuing the program if Fawn decides she prefers not to. None of the committee members were aware of any information going home about the class.

State Assessments: OIMS experienced a slight gain last year in the percentage of students taking the state assessments. We want to increase those numbers this year.

Chronic Absenteeism: A letter was mailed home through the guidance office outlining the definition and effects of chronic absenteeism. Andy Studley, Attendance Support Coordinator through the County of Cattaraugus, will be leaving us for a promotion at the county building. We are hoping Cory Phetteplace will remain with us.

LAP Update: Jen Mahar provided the group with an update on the Local Assistance Plan. Previously Olean was a focus district. Last year we had a Local Assistance Plan in this building. Over all, we are currently considered a district in good standing, but OIMS will still be a focus building based on the performance of certain sub groups of students. Those students will be the focus of fine-tuned interventions (i.e., Front Row Math, PBIS, counseling, etc.) targeting absenteeism, social-emotional health and other topics.

Mr. Trietley asked Joe Mest how his transition from elementary to intermediate-middle school has been. He said his biggest adjustment has been the size of the building. He was impressed with the first assembly (Reggie Dabbs) and the first fun night. He also likes the a la carte offerings in the cafeteria.

The first 6/7 dance attracted over 200 students and made over \$800. It was a drama-filled evening – Mr. Trietley commented that the kids seemed to lack maturity. The first 4/5 fun night was a success – students commented that it was too short. Mrs. Kallenbach said the kids played well together.

Mr. Trietley thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting.