

Bradford Elementary School
Principal's Report for OUUSD Board
September 16, 2019

Current Enrollment: 252

School Culture, Social Emotional Learning, and Behavior

- Guidance Special - we are offering a new Guidance special this year, taught by our School Counselor in collaboration with the classroom teacher. Themes to be covered include self-regulation, how to prevent and respond to bullying, and healthy relationships.
- Assemblies - our assemblies this year will focus on developing school-wide unity and a common language around behavioral expectations, values, and celebrations.
- Our student support program is expanding this year to include increased support for classrooms, students, teachers, and paras. We are conducting a review and revision of our processes, beginning with bus expectations and behavior at lunch and recess.

Personnel

- We are still looking to hire a school librarian (.6 FTE), academic interventionist (full-time), paraeducator, and an after school director. Please spread the word about these openings!
- Our new staff have jumped right in, bringing energy, enthusiasm, and expertise to the mix. Many thanks to our new mentors, both formal and informal, for showing our new staff the ropes.

Teaching and Learning

- We are developing curricular frameworks for literacy and math across the supervisory union this year. We hope to strengthen our programmatic coherence by selecting a math program for 2020-2021. This will require a significant financial investment which will be reflected in next year's budget. We are having conversations at BES and with OESU to make this happen.
- Literacy is a building-wide focus for us this year, as we build processes to provide literacy-focused instructional time for all students based on their individual needs. We are also building capacity for math instruction through sending a teacher cohort to the All Learners Network, a workshop-style approach to improve teachers' instructional growth so that all students can succeed in core instruction in math.

Facilities Report from Facilities Director, Fred Tougas

- The new stage curtains will be shipped from the sewing house this week.
- When the boilers were being cleaned last week some problems were detected on one of the boilers. The parts have been ordered and will be installed once they arrive.
- There appears to be a slow leak in the heating system that has to be found and repaired and the system will then be recharged with antifreeze. We are trying to determine where the leak is, repair, and recharge the system before heating season.
- The bottle filler fountain is up and running. There are a couple of things that need to be tweaked, but it is functional.

Respectfully submitted,

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Principal