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OUUSD Board Report

August 2021

INSTRUCTION

- **New Teaching Staff:** We welcome Lorelea Smith as our new 3rd Grade teacher. Mrs. Smith has been teaching for 26 years in the Upper Valley. She comes to us with a depth of knowledge and experience, especially in literacy and MTSS.
- **New Support Staff:** We welcome Jessica Paynter and Mike Stever as Paraeducators, and Jessie Daigle as our long-term floating substitute.
- **Additional Staffing:** in partnership with Little Rivers Health Care, we will have 3 mental health clinicians on site four days per week, Kim Therrien, Jazmin Smith and Ali Warhaftig. We are also partnered with OESU for a full time Social Worker, Tracie Novak and full time Speech Language Pathologist, Carrie Ross.
- **Back to School Open House:** in the open air, on August 24th. We scheduled our Open House before school starts to ease the transition and anxiety of students returning to school -or who are new to our school. This very important opportunity to connect is being balanced with COVID safety by directing families to the outside back doors of each classroom where they can meet the teacher and see some of the teaching materials.
- **Extended School Year:** BES hosted special education extended school year services for the month of July.
- **After School Program:** We're not prepared to offer an After School Program when school starts this year. We were working with OESU, who's looking for an Extended Learning Coordinator. This position would be responsible, among other activities for OESU, for the BES After School Program. This position didn't get filled. I recognize and apologize for the last minute notice that has left some families scrambling for after school child care.
- **Current Enrollment:** Currently enrollment is 211. I'd estimated 250. Enrollment is in flux at this time of year, as families move in or out of the community, sometimes showing up on the first day of school. There are many PK students not yet enrolled in local private programs, which usually accounts for 40 children.



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FOOD SERVICE

- After a typically busy summer providing meals, Food Service is ready to the school year. Again, this year we'll be able to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students. Students will be eating in their cohort groups in the cafeteria.

FACILITIES

- Tree Removal: VSBIT conducted a playground safety inspection and asked that trees by the swing sets be trimmed back away from the swing set. Three trees out on the Nature Trail/ Outdoor Classroom need to be removed for safety reasons. Two are leaning over one of the gathering areas, and if they are uprooted during a windstorm they will destroy the Troll Bridge. The last tree is dying and dropping large branches onto the pathway beneath. Three companies were contacted for estimates and removal before the students return to school. It will be \$6100 to have these safety hazards removed by Longto Tree Services before the start of school.
- Equipment Upgrade: The leased John Deere tractor has arrived and replaces the 1986 John Deere tractor.
- Heating Oil: Oil usage last year was over 24,000 gallons because of COVID ventilation protocols. Previous years ran 13,000-14,000 gallons. The Facilities Director budgeted for \$40,000 for the 21-22 School year and this was reduced during the budget process to \$25,000. Should COVID ventilation protocols continue for this coming school year we would anticipate purchasing another 24,000+- gallons.

Respectfully Submitted,


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Bradford Elementary School