

# Elementary School Board Report

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## Pittsville School District's Vision and Mission:

*Our Vision: Expecting Excellence and Innovation, Honoring Legacy, and Embracing Partnerships.*

*Our Mission: Expecting Excellence and Integrity from all, developing Innovative students, strengthened through Partnerships with parents and the community.*

## Student and Staff Notable Learning

### ***3rd Grade Collaborative Classroom: Follow Up From Susy Niehaus and Kristin Mueller***

What challenges did you face?

- Scheduling - trying to arrange our schedule to fit in content areas for our students when our specials were at different times. Planning ample time to deliver lessons thoroughly within time constraints. Having consistency for the students with our scheduling. When team teaching, it involves more time for coordination and planning to develop the best lessons to deliver students.

What did you learn?

- We learned that by team teaching we were able to discuss issues relating to students, such as behavioral expectations, student motivation and teaching policies, and we were able to come up with improved solutions.

What will you do differently next year?

- Rearrange our content areas to parts of our day that provide a longer period of time for delivering lessons to students without a lot of interruptions.

### ***Superintendent License Obtained***

After attending Viterbo University for seven years, I have completed all the classes needed to obtain my superintendent license. I want to thank the district for the support with these classes. After taking my last class in June, I was advised that with all the classes I have taken for the superintendent program I would be eligible for my Director of Curriculum and Instruction license if I enroll in the practicum this fall. I will be pursuing that instead of beginning my doctorate work.

### ***Attendance at AWSA's BEL (Building Effective Leadership) Academy***

On July 26th and 27th, Liz Knutson and I will be attending the kick off for this year's BEL Academy. This academy will help Liz and I develop our leadership skills. Liz will be the first teacher leader attending this academy as it is designed for building level leaders! I encouraged her to sign up as I feel strongly that having another staff member present will help our continuous improvement work at the elementary level. Liz has been very involved with helping our school move forward.

### **Innovation and Recognition**

#### ***Summer School Teachers and Staff***

I want to thank all the teachers and staff who have helped make this year's summer school program successful. Our new 4K class has been effective with helping our incoming 4K students learn the routines of school and get to know their way around the school! Our students have been participating in the library program on a weekly basis. A special thank you to our new band director, Tom Wiegert, who was hired for the 2022-2023 school year. After being hired, he immediately started doing band lessons with our students and led the marching band in our annual 4th of July parade. They did a great job! This year we had 17 students take hunter safety. We have 47 students signed up for Jumpstart - which will include math, reading, and social emotional learning this year. Due to lack of staffing, Prairie Fire Children's Theatre postponed our performance of Snow White until next year. We have a total of 255 students signed up for summer school classes. That number will vary per session.

### **Looking Ahead**

#### ***Possible Partnership with Library***

In June, Dr. Watson and I met with Tammy Hardinger from the community library to discuss a possible partnership during early release time next year. We discussed how the library could support students who may need to stay at school until 3:10 p.m. After meeting with her, she was going to discuss our ideas with the board to determine whether we can move forward with a partnership during early release time.

#### ***Last Summer School Session***

July 11 - July 21 is our last session of summer school.

### ***PLC Summer Institute***

To continue developing our skills to implement PLCs as a district, staff from the high school and elementary school will be attending this year's summer PLC Institute from August 9 - 11 in Minneapolis. Mark Denniston, Tara Grossman, Dean Bellanti, Lacey Foate, Ellie Joosten, Liz Knutson, and I will be representing our district at this institute. We will plan to share the information we learn with staff.