

Board of Education Workshop
Monday, October 10, 2022
4:30 PM
Northwinds Elementary
1111 - 7th Ave NW
Buffalo, MN 55313

MINUTES

1. Presentation: Northwinds Elementary, Carmen Tubbs, Principal

Creating Outdoor Learning opportunities – Debi Volkenant, 5th Grade Teacher

Information was provided by T&L in October 2020. Visited the Hanover Forest and was inspired to create similar meaningful activities at Northwinds. Also connected with Wright County Departments and partnered with Wolf Ridge Environmental Center. Shared samples of some class that are taking place – .leaf identification, pond study, etc. Benchmarks and standards are being addressed. Students shared some lessons they have learned. Plans include a bird feeding station and seating in the forest area, a polinator garden in the grassy area, trees planted in the boulevard, and eradication of buckthorn.

2. Quest Evaluation Report, Pam Miller, Director of Teaching and Learning and Rob Nosbush, High Potential Services Coordinator

Quest Program formally started in 2010 after Gifted staff had been cut during budget cuts. Quest program is respected across the state. Has had families decide to enroll in the BHM school district because we have this program. Other school districts have contacted us about the program. 83% of former students would choose to repeat their experiences in Quest. Elementary Quest Program is located in Parkside Elementary and then continues at BCMS and BHS. Very few families have declined the opportunity once tested. Students have voiced their appreciation of the program.

3. 2021-22 Spring Activities Review

A. BHS, Nick Guida, BHS Activities Director

Unable to attend

B. BCMS, John Hayden, BCMS Activities Director

Had good numbers last spring although they are still lower than pre-COVID. Softball only had 8 signup so sent them to BHS teams. BCMS facilities are phenomenol. Soccer is able to be onsite this year. Hope to do the same with softball. Hope to build baseball numbers with hiring of new coaches – Jack Strong (Legion baseball) and Ramon Vega (Community baseball). Used varsity girls tennis players to help at middle school level and it worked well. Buffalo

Heights is a great partner for golf. Track and Field will now be held at BCMS with all the upgrades that have taken place. Have hosted two meets.

4. Committee Reports

KO – Safe Schools

AR – AMSD

BS – ESP negotiations

AL – 877 Foundation

5. Other

Adjourned at 6:00 pm