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Board Report January 2019

MTSS Update and December 19th In-Service

We completed our winter benchmark screening in FastBridge during the month of December and at our December 19th in-service grade level teams met to analyze the data. The teams utilized our FastBridge data to reorganize our MTSS intervention groups as needed in order to meet the needs of each individual student. This ensured that students were ready to begin working on their targeted skills when we returned to school for the second semester. We will spend time at our next Building Leadership Team meeting on January 17th looking at our data to determine effectiveness of our interventions and our core curriculum. We continue to see growth and improvement in all of our students as we analyze our MTSS process.

In addition to looking at reading and math data our grade level PLC's and our Building Leadership Team (BLT) continue to look at behavior data to implement behavior interventions. At our December 19th in-service each building spent time looking at behavior data and discussing current interventions. We are continuing to research and learn about behavior intervention options to help students with behavior concerns. At our January 17th BLT meeting Susan Daner a Kansas MTSS Behavior Specialist will be providing additional information regarding the behavior MTSS Process and our BLTS will take this information back to their buildings at the February 1st early release PLC.

Kansas Educational System Accreditation (KESA) Update:

Our Building Leadership Team will meet on January 17th to continue to evaluate and refine our MTSS process. Additionally, we will obtain updates on the progress of our action plans in each building and evaluate our progress on the district action plan. At this meeting we will also begin planning for our Outside Visitation Team (OVT) which will take place on April 11th.

Social Studies Textbook Meeting

The social studies teachers met in December to look at and discuss textbook options as part of our textbook adoption process. We participated in a webinar from a Gibbs Smith Education representative that shared information regarding their new Kansas History Textbook. We spent time discussing the pros and cons of each resource and formulating questions to ask the company representatives. At this meeting we narrowed our choices down to two textbook companies. I have had four teachers volunteer to pilot resources from these companies for the second semester. I am currently in the process of working out the final details of this textbook pilot.

District In-service:

I received positive feedback regarding our December 19th in-service that was moved to the buildings this year. Teachers appreciated having the extra time to work with in their building PLC groups and participate in some teambuilding activities.

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Our next in-service will be held on January 21st. I am very excited about the plans we have made for this professional learning. On this day we will have both content team time and choice sessions for our teachers. I have included a picture of our schedule below. You can find the [Elementary Choice Board at this link](#) and the [Secondary Choice Board here](#). We are thrilled with the variety of topics and presenters that we have available for our teachers to choose from! I'm also enthusiastic to try something new which includes providing teachers with an option of individualized professional learning where teachers research and learn about a topic of their choice independently. I'm looking forward to this day of professional learning!

**USD #113 Prairie Hills Teacher In-Service
 January 21st, 2019
 Sabetha Middle School**

Time	Location	Content Group	Topic- Presenters	What to Bring
8:00 - 8:45	Auditorium	All Staff	District Updates Todd Evans and Jennifer Gatz	N/A
8:45 – 8:55	Stretch Break/Transition			
High School/Middle School Staff & Elementary Art, Music, PE Schedule				
8:55 – 9:40	Auditorium	The Brain Body Connection Gina McNeese		N/A
9:50 - 11:30	Various Rooms	See Choice Board Schedule 2 Sessions - 9:50 – 10:35 and 10:45- 11:30		Laptop/iPad
11:30-12:45	Lunch - On your own			
12:45- 3:15	Various Rooms (pg. 2)	Content Team Time		Laptop/iPad
Preschool and Elementary Staff Schedule				
8:55-11:30	Library & 118	Content Team Time Dreambox Learning Webinar 10:45-11:30		Laptop/iPad
11:30-12:45	Lunch – On your own			
12:45-1:30	Auditorium	The Brain Body Connection Gina McNeese		N/A
1:35-3:15	Various Rooms	See Choice Board Schedule 2 Sessions - 1:35 – 2:20 and 2:30-3:15		Laptop/iPad