

GILA Principal's Board Report  
Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016



We promise to ...

- help our students increase their math performance 4% annually and their reading performance 3% annually,
- treat all students with compassion, dignity, and respect so that at least 80% will continue schooling with GCSD, and
- personalize instruction for each student based on assessment data.

**I. Student Learning & School Innovation**

- a. The English and Language Arts teachers and John Riddle went to Fairbanks at the end of February to work with PEAK consultant, Mrs. Reba Neville. Work accomplished: Defined the learning outcomes for each of our ELA courses; developed an “ideal” progression of classes for students. (This effort is largely thwarted by the scheduling difficulties inherent in having a split campus.); continued with the mapping process for each course i.e. Defining the learning outcomes—“What will a student know and be able to do as a result of taking this class?”--, building assessments, designing units, planning instruction, identifying resources.
- b. We have students preparing to compete at the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) competition. HOSA is one of a handful of career and technical student organizations (CTSO's) that are available to students in Alaska and across the nation.
- c. PEAK consultants, Laurie Strong, Spence Rogers, and Scott McCandlish were in Galena earlier this month coaching teachers as they continue to hone various aspects of their instructional practices. A larger group session was facilitated by Laurie Strong on Saturday. This session focused on reading instructional strategies across content areas.
- d. Work has begun on drafting next year's master class schedule. The Academic Support teacher on the SHS campus will teach an English Language Arts Class based on need. This will likely be a Reading Fundamentals class. Some courses will not be taught during the 2017-2018 and new courses will likely be added.
- e. Discussions have begun for the purpose of identifying the most effective way to place students in the courses which will best meet their needs. Various options for scheduling the first few days of the 2017-2018 school year will be considered.
- f. Four Student Teachers from UAS will be arriving in Galena on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Three are English teachers and one is Social Studies. They are here for a one week observation/practicum and will be spending their time observing and having discussions with students and a variety of staff members.

- g. We continue a focus for teacher and admin learning on classroom implementation of our Achieve 3000 reading instructional and assessment tool and on the way we are using the data this tool provides in order to improve student learning.

## II. **Community and Stakeholder Engagement**

- a. GILA PAC meeting was held on Thursday, March 16, 2017.
- b. We are trying to arrange travel for our GILA PAC members to travel to Galena on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and to depart on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Student and Staff surveys continue to be used to identify strengths and weaknesses in our various programs and professional development initiatives. This information is being used by Admin to help improve programs and services.
  - i. We are administering the National Youth Risk Behavior Survey on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> to approximately 85 students for whom we have written parental permission.
- d. We are updating our new website. It should go live next week.
- e. We are changing the format and the system we use to have students apply to GILA. We should be ready to go within the next couple of weeks.

## III. **Resource Management**

- a. We will very likely be able to use the HQ Building during our state testing dates of March 28<sup>th</sup> through April 6<sup>th</sup>.
- b. As of Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, the following positions have been filled:
  - i. GILA Academic Support: Mrs. Shayla Schwoch
  - ii. GILA Social Studies: Mr. Kevin Schwoch
  - iii. GILA Student Services: Mr. Richard Rohlman
  - iv. GILA Assistant Principal: Mr. Jack Von Thaer
  - v. SHS Student Services: Mrs. Karen Ruchti (transfer)

As of March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (PowerSchool)

Total Number of GILA Students: **216**

Seniors: **48**

Juniors: **63**

Sophomores: **54**

Freshmen: **51**

Males: **117**

Females: **99**