



To: Board of Education
From: Katie Spisich
Re: Board Report
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Goal 1: Engagement

We welcomed our new staff to South Meadows and spent intentional time building connections, strengthening our shared practices, and learning together as a team. Our professional development this past week was designed not simply to provide information, but to create opportunities for staff to collaborate, reflect, and build a stronger instructional foundation across our building.

A few highlights include:

- **Collaborative Classroom:** Staff began deepening their understanding of the Collaborative Classroom curriculum, with a focus on creating individualized daily reading blocks that meet the needs of all learners.
- **Educational Technology:** Staff began building a shared vision for effective technology use in our classrooms through learning and discussion with Alex Stacy.
- **Restorative Practices:** Staff engaged with Marie Larson to explore restorative practices and how we can strengthen relationships, build community, and respond to student needs in ways that support belonging and accountability.
- **MTSS & Student Support:** Staff worked alongside Michelle Hilla and Lisa Nickel to strengthen our understanding of district-wide MTSS processes and 504 plans, helping us build more consistent systems for identifying and supporting student needs.

Across these learning opportunities, our focus has been on building together rather than working in isolation. Staff have had opportunities to ask questions, share ideas, learn from one another, and begin identifying practices we can implement consistently across South Meadows. This collaborative approach will help us continue building a cohesive K–5 system where students experience strong instruction, consistent expectations, and meaningful support.



Goal 2: Portrait of a Graduate (P.O.G.)

Our professional learning and team-building work is also connected to the skills and dispositions we want to develop in our students. As staff collaborate, problem solve, reflect, and learn from one another, we are modeling the same qualities we hope to cultivate in our students; collaboration, communication, adaptability, empathy, and a commitment to continuous growth.

Goal 3: Health and Safety

Staff engaged in professional development around the I Love U Guys Foundation and updated safety protocols with Greg DeGrand. This work provided an opportunity to refresh our shared understanding of emergency procedures and strengthen our ability to respond calmly, consistently, and confidently when safety concerns arise.

Our goal continues to be creating a building where students and staff feel safe, supported, and prepared, with clear systems and a team that is ready to work together when it matters most.

Respectfully,

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