

RSU #16 Elementary Principals' Report
October 2018

RSU #16 Elementary School News: The October 5 workshop day was a huge success! Teachers and Ed Techs learned about the impact of trauma on our students, and started to strategize ways we can offset the negative impacts of childhood trauma.

Individual School News:

Elm Street School	Minot Consolidated School	Poland Community School
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Data point of the month:

Attendance:

Our current enrollment at Elm Street School is 292 students. Our average daily attendance is 96.1%. We currently have 17 student who have missed 10% or more of the school year, which represents 5.8% of our total school population. Last year, our chronic absenteeism rate was over 11% and we have set a goal for decreasing our chronic absenteeism rate to 8% for the 2018-2019 school year.

-We have had an average of 2.9 ODR's per day. Our data from SWIS indicates that the majority of our ODR's (office discipline referrals) are happening in our classrooms, with a higher number occurring on Fridays.

Highlights of the past Month:

The first recipient of our Hootie Award was our new Dean of Students, Amy Robinson. Amy was given the award because of her commitment to Elm Street School and her willingness to always go above and beyond to make sure our staff and students feel supported and loved every day! She always comes to school with a willing attitude and a warm smile. Amy has been a teacher at Elm Street school for the past 18 years and recently completed her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership with a Certificate of Advanced study in Curriculum. We are lucky to have her as our Dean of Students. In her role, she has been responsible for implementing a school-wide recognition system for Attendance Awareness Month in September. She is currently also going into teacher's classrooms to do lessons with our students entitled, "It is Bullying?" in honor of Bullying Awareness month. The lesson is designed to help students understand what bullying is and how they can work

Data point of the month:

Attendance:

There was 257 students enrolled at MCS at the end of September. At the end of September we had 11 students who had missed 3 or more days of school this year, making them chronically absent. This represents 4.3% of our populations.

Behavior:

-Average of 2.58 ODRs per day (National Average is 1.08)

-48 total referrals (18 majors/30 minors)

-91% of students received no ODRs for the month of September. (This shows that PBIS is working at the Tier 1 Level.)

Highlights of the past Month:

MCS had visitors from the Fast Freddie Foundation. Students in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade enjoyed a bike safety assembly. At the end of the assembly, students in Mrs. Chamberland's class each received a free bike!



We had our September Mustang Pride Assembly. Two students from each class received a Mustang Pride Certificate from their teacher. Mrs. McKew received the Horace Mann Hootie Award for her work in teaching PBIS expectations to her kindergarten students. We had 3 students receive Books-A-Million cards for their work on PBIS. Students also earned their first PBIS school-wide Celebration.



Data point of the month:

We have 482 students at PCS as of October 1. 12% of our students (60) have missed more than 3 days already this year, which makes them chronically absent. Many are due to illness or family vacations, but we continue to work on solutions to the issue.

Highlights of the past Month:

Our students have earned their first school-wide reward! They have all earned an extra recess, which we are working on scheduling with our Leadership Team this week.

Welcome to Jill Ballou, who has joined us as Grade 5 teacher!

We are finishing up NWEA testing for grades 3-6, and will be using the data to help drive instructional practices and interventions for our students.

Staff Professional Development:

We have focused on establishing our baselines for the year. We have been working on content areas and establishing common lessons and interventions for students, along with our PBIS work and the teacher and ed tech evaluation system. These will help drive our work as the year progresses.

We could really use...

We still have a couple ed tech openings, and feel the shortage on days when we have ed techs out or have indoor recess.

