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Principal's Report **March 24th, 2016**

Alaska Measures of Progress Initiatives Update

In an effort to enrich student experiences and to increase individual assessment scores, the faculty and I met to discuss the results of the first year of the AMP. We analyzed the data and identified some trends. In response, we have taken the following steps:

- Students spend time on Chromebooks with the Keyboarding Without Tears program. Login information was also sent to parents in order to encourage usage at home as well.
- A greater focus is placed upon the utilization of Lexia reading and Math Whizz programs. More accounts have been created. Thirty more Math Whizz accounts have been allotted to us by ASD.
- Teacher Assistant Hilda Martin and teacher Jeanne McDonald have been offering a before and an after school half hour Lexia and Math Whizz session.
- Khan Academic website of free academic tutoring is also encouraged both in class and at home in specific classes.
- Last year's AMP scores were disseminated to each student's current teachers. These scores are being compared to current AIMSweb assessments and teachers have been identifying specific strategies and have been implementing them with individual students.
- Continued efforts by teachers to differentiate instruction.
- Teachers are making use of AMP practice tests.

Staffing Update

Secretary Nicole Decker has gotten another job out of district. We have hired Zulinet Perez and she began work last Tuesday. She is currently attending trainings along with working in the office.

Setting Up Media Center

We have received approval from Kiska, LLC (our landlord) to paint the end wall white in the media center. A ceiling mount and projector have been purchased. We received a quote from Criterion's cabinet shop for the shelves that will be attached to the sidewalls. I propose that we flesh out the quote (as it also includes estimates for cabinetry in other parts of the building) and determine steps to move forward.

Sheds, Acoustic Panels, and Moveable Door

The three sheds were delivered over Spring Break. The one closest to the gym is being used for PE storage; the other two are for Drama Club. Volunteers are coming over tomorrow to move items from Best Storage to the sheds. The panels have been mostly installed. Due to a mix up in ordering, there were fewer wall panels available than required and extra ceiling panels. The extra panels have been stored in the PE storage shed. Sixteen wall panels are being fabricated. The hooks for them are already installed. The moveable wall between Herr Downie's room and the gym has been installed and is functioning properly.

Dress Code Clarification and Enforcement

Only three detentions have been given out to students who have failed to comply with the dress code since a letter was sent out. Students receive a detention once a third Out of Compliance referral has been issued.

Enrollment

Current enrollment is 464.

Returning Student Survey Numbers – Include affirmative and an average of undecided responses.

K	66 (projected)	
1	74	
2	68	
3	66	
4	70	
5	45	
6	41	
7	31	
8	<u>11</u>	
Total	472	Not returning: 13

Lottery Numbers (as of March 24th)

K	147	66 slots with 25 siblings = 41 available
1	21	
2	6	
3	3	
4	0	
5	1	
6	2	
7	1	
8	<u>1</u>	
	182	

ACTION ITEM

Scholastic Magazine Subscription Renewal

Our teachers make substantial use of leveled Scholastic Magazines. \$2,489.35 is the total needed to renew subscriptions for next year. This requires a vote.