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Success is not measured by what a man accomplishes, but by the opposition he has encountered, and the courage with which he has maintained the struggle against overwhelming odds. – Charles Lindbergh

REFLECTIONS FROM THIS YEAR



COVID-19 continued to be a challenging force for the school district;

We set optimistic goals for the year in hopes that COVID-19 focus would begin to fade;

Protocols were continually being revisited as a result of the pandemic;

Contact tracing and quarantine remained for the year.

...yet we accomplished much!

DISTRICT GOALS

- + <u>Inquisitive Learning:</u> Create and establish an inquiry-based framework that values an interest-driven learning environment. Learners will, individually and collaboratively, focus on identifying, analyzing, and solving problems as inquisitive members of their community.
- + <u>Partnerships:</u> Establish partnerships that foster meaningful educational opportunities on local, regional, and global scales. Prepare all learners to become engaged and productive citizens through service to others, collaboration, and real-world connections.

DISTRICT GOALS

- + <u>Social Awareness:</u> Our learners will feel connected, valued, and secure in digital and non-digital learning environments cultivated by a shared sense of community. Every individual will develop skills that promote an awareness of self and others as well as the environment, including the ability to understand the impact of their decisions.
- Communication: To enhance our school/district communications using multiple platforms, including our new website and social media.

GOAL 1: INQUISITIVE LEARNING



How does it fit?

Connection to Board Goal # 2:

To set budget parameters that effectively plan for enrollment growth, maintain the depth, breadth, and quality of the educational and co-curricular program while remaining fiscally accountable to the community; Evaluating and assessing our redistricting plan to accommodate shifts in student population.

Examples of our work:

- Continued parent, staff and student communication;
- + Aligned all staff PDP's with strategic goals, specifically inquiry;
- + HBS enhanced opportunities in Discover Lab;
- RMS used faculty meetings to share inquiry-based lessons;
- Teacher-led inquiry project cohort expanded to HCRHS teachers;
- Collected and developed database of interest inventories;
- Underway: Grade 3 Passion Projects @ TBS/WHS.

GOAL 2: PARTNERSHIPS

How does it fit?

Connection to Board Goal #1:

To continue to improve communications and expand community engagement with all stakeholders. Our focus will include broadening our efforts beyond our locality, highlighting and celebrating district accomplishments with an emphasis on our sustainability/greening initiatives, and developing collaborations with our local governmental entities.

Actions Completed:

- Aligned all staff PDP's with strategic goals, specifically curating partnerships and virtual field trips;
- Teachers attended TechSpo Conference for innovative ideas and have begun planning;
- + Collaborations with Penn Museum;
- Nurse/Counseling resource document for families in need;
- Used Google Forms to develop a bank of partnerships and field trips for curriculum integration;
- + Sustainable Jersey Application.

GOAL 3: SOCIAL AWARENESS

How does it fit? Connection to Board Goal #4:

To continue our integration of Social-Emotional Learning across the curriculum as well as providing equitable access to mental health supports for all students and staff as needed as we resume in person teaching and learning.



Actions Completed:

- Tier 1 SEL Curriculum Adopted K-8;
- + Child Assault and Prevention (CAP) and Aevidum program piloted and expanded K-8;
- + RMS implemented Hunterdon Behavioral Health and MTSS;
- + Leader in Me Teacher Academy;
- + Digital Citizenship/Digital Star program;
- Diversity, equity, inclusion initiatives expanded.

GOAL 4: COMMUNICATION

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Actions Completed:

- + New website design and roll-out;
- Monthly newspaper articles with special highlights;
- + Enhanced social media presence with consistent postings. Include news articles and announcements on social media.



THE BIG PICTURE

- + Our district made progress toward our goals, despite the pandemic;
- + This year represented a recalibration of our strategic plan;
- + There are still projects in progress;
- + We look forward to more in regard to these goals next year!



THANKS!

This was a collaborative effort! All schools, administrators, and staff had a part.

Any questions?