

Rye Junior High Rye School District Administrator Report June 21, 2023

Goal 1: Orient my understanding of the SAU 50 Plan for Effective Teaching in order to implement it with the staff at RJH.

Goal 2: To gain a comprehensive understanding of the Rye School District to include policies, procedures, and budgeting for all aspects of the school- curriculum, maintenance, staffing, technology.

Goal 3: To align practice, goals, and vision with Rye Elementary School

Goal 4: To gain a deep understanding of curriculum and assessment practices and analyze student data to identify goals for instruction and student progress.

Accomplishments and Successes

Goal 1: All evaluations are submitted, and I learned so much about effective instruction, developing classroom climate, and formative and summative assessments. Next year, I plan to spend more time in the classroom, modeling strategies and team teaching. I'm excited for year two!

Goal 2: Both the RJH staff and student handbooks have been completely revamped for 2023-2024. Going through that process at the end of the year helped me have a more comprehensive approach to structuring the climate and culture of the school. Our new Math Interventionist has been offered a job, which you will see in your board materials.

Goal 3: Our staff welcomed incoming fifth graders for a Step Up Day, where they were able to get a tour of the building, meet their teachers and see the classrooms, hear about the Explore program, and were able to talk to current fifth grade students. That same evening, we hosted all rising fifth grade families for an informational night. Our new students were then given a scavenger hunt, and were able to show off their new school to their families.

RES invited Alison Dunn and me to a grade 4 data day, where we were able to look at the Student Support Plans and hear about best practice for many of our incoming students. I recently attended the Grade 4 'clap-out', and welcomed our rising 5th graders. So exciting for all of our students!

Goal 4: RJH recently hosted a community event titled "Rye Revealed". Teachers all offered three social studies seminars focused on Rye related topics that address our social studies standards.

We then asked students to create a representation of their learning, and did our best to adhere to a tenet of project based learning, which is to allow students voice and choice and accept that we cannot control the outcome!

The projects were creative, varied, and demonstrated our students' appreciation of their town. Students built their own stone walls, they organized a timeline through our Wedgewood property, they created breakout rooms with a Rye theme, and built models and artwork that reflected their learning. We invited the community to a celebratory cookout, and were thrilled to have so many volunteers helping us out.

Thanks to our RJH family for a wonderful day of showing off what students know and are able to do!

Current school focus

Goal 1: I will be reviewing the Plan for Effective Teaching with more experienced eyes, and creating a plan for observing each teacher that is more transparent to all staff.

Goal 2: Reviewing handbooks and the safety plan will be extremely helpful this summer, to ensure that our practice matches all plans. We are also working on a MTSS-B structure that is team specific.

Goal 3: Michelle and I will be able to meet regularly to streamline events, dates, and vertical alignment for our respective curriculums.

Goal 4: This summer, I will be participating in a virtual training on MTSS and using data to inform instruction, which is available through Demonstrated Success.

Other

Thank you to the Rye School Board, PTA, and REF for supporting our students and staff all year.

We were able to celebrate our eighth grade graduates at an Awards Assembly, and graduation was a wonderful send off for our students. Best of luck to them in high school- we will miss them!