

Saranac Community School

Board of Education Agenda

Regular Meeting

September 4, 2014

7:00 PM

Library, Saranac Jr/Sr high School

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Saranac Community Schools
Board of Education
Meeting #4

The regular meeting of the Saranac Community Schools Board of Education was held on Thursday, August 21, 2014 in the Library, Saranac Jr/Sr High School, 150 Pleasant Street, Saranac, MI.

Board President, Steve LaWarre called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Coulson, Denny, Doll, Hawkins, Lauer, LaWarre and Tutak-Hill.

Connie Hamilton led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from regular meeting #3, dated August 14, 2014 were approved as written.

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS: Superintendent, Maury Geiger would like to delete Closed Session for Negotiations Planning from the agenda.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS: None

PAY BILLS: Motion by Lauer, supported by Coulson and unanimously approved that the Saranac Board of Education authorize the payment of July/August bills from General Fund totaling \$579,820.56.

BOARD POLICY REVIEW: The board reviewed the following policies. These will be brought back for approval in September.

Policy 4040: Safety

Policy 5175: Criminal History Check

Policy 6001: Goals and Objectives

Policy 7050: Curriculum Development

Policy 7880: Flag Display (New Title) – United States Flag and Pledge of Allegiance

Policy 8350: Student Suspension and Expulsion

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS: The board received public comment.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Superintendent Geiger reported we have the latest Focal Point published. There will be a booth at Saranac Bridge Fest this weekend, and the Annual Education Report has been updated and is published on our website. Mr. Geiger went over the current student count, there was much discussion on adding another 1st grade classroom, and it was the consensus of the board to go ahead and post for another teacher. The “Back the Track” timeline has changed, with bids due on September 4. They are over half-way to the goal of raising funds; the board is willing to help with the funding, but would like a budget update first.

BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

APPROVE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES: The Executive Session minutes dated August 14, 2014 were approved as written.

OTHER: None

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, and no objection, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Hawkins
Secretary

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Maury Geiger, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Accept Gifts

POLICY: 9350 Public Gifts and Bequests

These are the gifts received in late July & August.

Mr. & Mrs. Eric Jorgensen	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 500.00
Mr. Aaron J. Kroemer, DDS	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 500.00
Mr. T.J. Mitchell	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 100.00
Lake Funeral Homes	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 1,000.00
Mrs. Donna Atkins	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 50.00
Dependable LP Gas Co.	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 200.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Truswell	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Barry Jackson	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Jackson	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 100.00
Mrs. Evelyn Jackson	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 100.00
Caledonia Farmers Elevator	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 200.00
Builders Exchange of Lansing	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 200.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ojar Smits	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Cahoon	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 500.00
Mr. Virgil Biggs - H.D. Vest Financial Serv.	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 1,000.00
Mrs. Barb Sparks	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 100.00
Grand River Veterinary Hospital	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 500.00
MITA	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 200.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dean Hyde	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 100.00
Sons of the American Legion	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 1,000.00
Mr. & Mrs. James McCarty	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 50.00
Ms. Tamara Cantu	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 200.00
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Lambrecht	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Mason	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 500.00
Mr. & Mrs. W David Moore	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 250.00
Mr. & Mrs. Karl Klynstra	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 2,500.00
Mr. & Mrs. James Wackerlin	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 2,500.00
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Geiger	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 100.00
Nimble Needles	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 50.00
Shear Styles Salon	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 100.00
MC Sports	Donation for "Back the Track" - Gift Card	\$ 50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Rasmus	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Walt Powel	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 400.00
Mr. Kevin Cole	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 50.00
Mrs. Joyce Ballard	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 1,000.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Rust	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Leslie	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 100.00
Edmondson, Rouse & Schmid, PC	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 50.00

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Raymond James	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 1,000.00
Overbeck Construction	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 1,000.00
BHT&D, P.C.	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 200.00
Adam & Sarah Doll	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 50.00
Mr. William Eckstrom	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Brett Risner	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Darold Simpson	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 300.00
Mr. & Mrs. Jason Smith	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 75.00
Saranac Community Association	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 1,000.00
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Grody	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 50.00
Mr. Michael Wojcik	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Renwick	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Tribbett	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 65.00
Mrs. Julie Miller	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Doug McPherson	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Hale	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Fountain	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Coulson	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 500.00
Mr. & Mrs. R. James Wackerlin	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Karl Klynstra	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 50.00
Carhart Products	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Burton	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Talcott	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 1,000.00
Trent Buck, Bill's Barber Shop	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 35.00
Kristina & Jill Hoople	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 50.00
Quality Hardwoods - Luke Brogger	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 1,000.00
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Van Spronsen	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Houtteman	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lee Jones & Families	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 400.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Vance	Donation for "Back the Track"	\$ 500.00
Deer Run Golf Club	Donation for "Back the Track"- Golf Certificate	\$ -
Dan's Bike Shop	Donation for "Back the Track"-Bicycle Gift Set	\$ -
Joe's Place	Donation for "Back the Track"-Certificate	\$ 20.00
Viki's Pasty Shop	Donation for "Back the Track"-2 Free Pasty Certificates	\$ -
Germaine's	Donation for "Back the Track"-Buy 1 get one free meal	\$ -
Arrowhead Golf Course	Donation for "Back the Track"-Golf Certificate	\$ -
Blundy & Hoppes	Donation for "Back the Track" - Free Oil Change	\$ -
Ionia County YMCA	Donation for "Back the Track"-Free Swim Lessons	\$ -
Total This Month		\$ 22,855.00
Total Gifts for 2014-2015 Including This Month		\$ 34,675.00

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Maury Geiger, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Jr/Sr High Math Teacher

Beth Simpson led an interview team of the junior senior high school Math department consisting of Steve Tompkins, Brien Simpson, and Nancy Helminski and interviewed two candidates. The team recommends Kathryn (Katie) Rottier for the Mathematics position. Katie has prior experience in Saranac in a pre-teaching math assignment with Mrs. Helminski, and has two years of teaching experience at the secondary level.

I also had the opportunity to meet with Katie and I support the committee’s recommendation. Due to the timeliness of the posting, and the need for us to have a qualified teacher ready for our students on the first day of school, I have assigned Katie to the mathematical position as a substitute teacher pending board approval. I would request that the board waive past practice and approve hiring Katie Rottier for the secondary mathematics position.

Suggested Resolution

I move that the Saranac Board of Education hire Kathryn (Katie) Rottier as the Jr/Sr High School Math teacher upon a clear criminal history as presented.

Motion by _____ Supported by _____

Discussion: Yes _____ No _____

Approved/Denied: Yes _____ No _____

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August 20, 2014

Mrs. Beth Simpson
Saranac Jr/Sr High School
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Mrs. Beth Simpson:

I am writing to express my interest in obtaining a teaching position in secondary mathematics at Saranac Jr/Sr High School this coming fall. My name is Kathryn Rottier. I just finished a one year contract at Kentwood Public Schools, where I taught Algebra and Geometry at East Kentwood Freshman Campus.

I graduated April 2012 from Grand Valley State University. I am certified to teach 6-12 mathematics and biology. I completed my teacher assisting at Saranac Jr/Sr High School where I taught Geometry. I student taught at Kraft Meadows Middle School which is a part of Caledonia Community Schools where I taught 7th grade math and science. I then obtained a job at Niles Community Schools, where I taught Algebra 2.

I am confident my skills and experience would prove beneficial to Saranac Jr/Sr High School, and I would welcome an opportunity to discuss my qualifications with you in person. I can be reached by phone at (616) 889-6165 or by email at kerottier@att.net. I can be reached anytime or you may leave a voicemail and I will return your call promptly.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

The image shows a handwritten signature in dark ink. The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first name 'Kathryn' and the last name 'Rottier' clearly legible. The signature is written on a light-colored background.

Kathryn Rottier

Enclosure

Kathryn Rottier

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Objective

To obtain a position as a teacher in secondary education mathematics at Saranac Jr/Sr High School where I can encourage students to excel and instill in them a passion for learning.

Education

Grand Valley State University

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
Concentration in Secondary Education, Minor in Biology/Teaching
Certified in Mathematics and Biology

Allendale, MI

April 28, 2012
GPA: 3.542
July 2011

Related Experience

Algebra Teacher

East Kentwood Summer School

June 2014- July 2014

Kentwood , MI

- Taught Algebra A and Algebra B.
- Created material to help implement the curriculum.
- Helped struggling students reach a full understanding of the concepts within Algebra.
- Taught ESL students.

Algebra and Geometry Teacher

East Kentwood Freshman Campus

Aug. 2013- June 2014

Kentwood , MI

- Employed for a one year contract.
- Taught four classes of Algebra and one Geometry class.
- Created material to help implement the curriculum.
- Helped align the curriculum to the common core.
- Implement literacy strategies and intertwined them into the curriculum.
- Worked with a team of three other teachers that taught core classes, we created cross curriculum activities and looked at the data of the students we all had and implemented multiple opportunities to help struggling students in and outside of the classroom.
- Took part in a Math Department Team where we analyzed the data from a common test, and decided what to implement in the classroom to increase test scores.

Algebra 2 Teacher

Aug. 2012- June 2013

Niles High School

Niles, MI

- Decided, built, and taught the curriculum.
- Taught an inclusion Algebra 2 class.
- Created a curriculum map that aligned the textbook to common core.
- Took part in a Data Team to analyze the data from classes and standardize testing, and deciding what to implement in the classroom to increase test scores.

After School Math Tutor

Jan. 2013- June 2013

Niles High School

Niles, MI

- Helped students that were struggling in class and need extra help.
- Helped students with Algebra, Geometry, and Algebra 2.

Student Teaching

Jan. 2012- April 2012

Kraft Meadows Middle School

Caledonia, MI

- Taught 7th grade math and science.
- Used Connected Mathematics, which is a curriculum that is discovery based.
- Encouraged collaboration among students.

Teacher Assisting

Sept. 2011- Dec 2011

Saranac Jr/Sr High School

Saranac, MI

- Taught Geometry to high school students, primarily sophomores.
- Aligned the Common Core to the curriculum the school uses for mathematics.
- Analyzed the Plan and Explore Test to identify knowledge gaps where curriculum can be applied.

Substitute Teacher

Nov 2010- June 2012

Professional Educational Services Group (PESG)

Ottawa County

- Implemented lesson plans left by the teacher while maintaining classroom control.
- Helped students with any questions

FFA Student Advisor/Trainer

Nov. 2007- Mar. 2011

Lowell High School

Lowell, MI

- Taught students how to apply the rules of various leadership contests.
- Helped students prepare to compete in district, regional, and state FFA competitions.

Honors

Dean's List- Grand Valley State University

American Degree- National FFA Organization

Interest and Activities

National FFA Organization

Softball

National Honor Society

Wrestling Statistician

Cross Country

Track

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Maury Geiger, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Jr/Sr High Social Studies Teacher

Josh Leader led an interview team of the junior senior high school Social Studies department consisting of Glenn Fountain and Steve Miles interviewed three candidates. The team recommends James McRae for the Social Studies position.

I also had the opportunity to meet with James and I support the committee's recommendation. Due to the timeliness of the posting, and the need for us to have a qualified teacher ready for our students on the first day of school, I have assigned James to the Social Studies position as a substitute teacher pending board approval. I would request that the board waive past practice and approve hiring James McRae for the secondary Social Studies position.

Suggested Resolution

I move that the Saranac Board of Education hire James McRae as the Jr/Sr High School Social Studies teacher upon a clear criminal history check as presented.

Motion by _____ Supported by _____

Discussion: Yes _____ No _____

Approved/Denied: Yes _____ No _____

Ms. Beth Simpson
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Saranac, MI 48881

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is James McRae and I am applying for the Secondary High School Social Studies Teacher opening at Saranac Junior/Senior High School. I am a 2011 graduate of Albion College's teacher education program (rated "exemplary" by the Michigan Department of Education) with a concentration in secondary education, with Michigan teaching certifications in social studies, history, and political science. According to your website: "Saranac Community Schools through its strong community involvement, will provide an education for all students which enables them to become contributing, productive members of society." With my record of excellent educational outcomes, teaching flexibility, and my experience in community and extra-curricular activities, I believe I would be an ideal fit for your school. I would love to discuss my qualifications, such as:

- **Experience at teaching successfully, even in difficult environments.** From September of 2013 until the end of the school year, I was the long term substitute teacher for math and science at the Eaton County Youth Facility for youths in the criminal justice system. Despite teaching outside my certification areas, I was successful not only in planning and implementing lessons, units, and performing the duties expected of a classroom teacher, I also designed an entirely new curriculum for remedial math, and a *majority* of my students showed improvements of *more than one grade level* per school year on Woodcock-Johnson education assessments.
- **Excellent subject knowledge and deep social studies background including AP experience.** I have been consistently praised by my mentors for having very deep subject knowledge in all facets of social studies. I strongly believe that in order for students to become "contributing, productive members of society" they must have a nuanced understanding of the workings of the world around them.
- **Experience successfully leading extra-curricular activities.** For the past three years I have been the assistant director of theatre for Charlotte High School. In this capacity I have helped direct three musicals, three plays, and I have personally directed three plays including *The Great Gatsby* this past spring which Mark Colson, professor of media acting at Michigan State University rated as well above the average level of theatre performance at most high schools. I understand the need at a small school for high levels of staff involvement in extracurricular and community activities and I would be more than willing to lead and direct these.
- **Differentiation of instruction to students across a wide range of ability levels.** In my time at the Eaton County Youth Facility I was the sole teacher of both math and science, teaching two classrooms of math, and one of science. These classrooms included students taking courses ranging from middle school math to Algebra II, Earth Science to Chemistry and Physics, and with reading levels in some cases lower than 3rd grade. I made adaptations to allow all students to succeed.
- **Classroom management of students who had prior behavior problems, and struggled previously with academics.** Many of my students at the Eaton County Youth Facility came to us with mostly failing grades, some who had been out of school for years at a time despite not being even sixteen years old, and most of our students were diagnosed with either a learning disability, or an emotional impairment. My first priority for these students was establishing a routine with clear expectations, and a clear incentive/disincentive structure. Once students became comfortable in the routine, my patience, relentless positivity, refusal to let them fail, and dedication to helping each student individually allowed them to see themselves be successful, and then build on that success moving forward.
- **Commitment to professional development.** I have attended the Learn Today Teach Tomorrow conference for pre-service teachers from 2008-2011, including as a speaker on a panel of student teachers. I have also attended the annual Michigan Reading Association Conference, and the Michigan Conference for Social Studies where I presented on "Integrating History and Geography" with colleagues from Albion. While student teaching, I attended in-service trainings for "Kagan Cooperative Learning" and incorporated cooperative activities and diverse teaching styles into my curriculum. It is my hope to be a regular attendee and participant at the MCSS as I develop my professional career.

I look forward to discussing this opportunity at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,
James D. McRae



JAMES D. MCRAE

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Charlotte, MI 48813

(517) 667-1678

EDUCATION

Albion College, Albion, Michigan

Bachelor of Arts in History, Secondary Education Concentration, May 2011

Major: History; Minor: Political Science

Overall Grade Point Average: 3.35/4.00

Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, June-December 2012

Classes in Geography and Economics, for Social Studies Certification

Overall Grade Point Average: 3.63/4.00

CERTIFICATIONS

Secondary Education Certifications:

Social Studies (RX) 6-12

History (CC) 6-12

Political Science (CD) 6-12

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Eaton County Youth Facility, Charlotte, Michigan

Long Term Substitute Teacher, October 2013-present

- Taught math and science to students in criminal-justice system
- Taught middle school math and science classes up through Algebra II and Chemistry
- Developed lessons, units, and assessments for all classes
- Developed and implemented entirely new remedial math course
- Worked with support staff to develop education plans for special needs and struggling students (a majority of students at the facility)
- Majority of students assessed improved in math by multiple grade levels according to Woodcock-Johnson assessments

Charlotte, Grand Ledge, Holt, Maple Valley, Mason, and Waverly School Districts

Substitute Teacher, September 2011 – October 2013

Established strong relationships amongst teachers and staff

- Established a reputation for dependability and helpfulness

Charlotte High School, Charlotte, Michigan

Long Term Substitute Teacher, October 2012-November 2012

- Taught English 9 and Composition for 4 weeks
- Developed own lessons to fit existing curriculum
- Implemented classroom management plan
- Developed and implemented assessments, and completed end of term grading

Pennfield High School, Battle Creek, Michigan

Student Teacher, January 2011 – April 2011

Taught World and US History classes

- Designed and executed own units and lessons
- Managed four classes completely independently for four weeks

Homer High School, Homer, Michigan

Observer-Teacher, October-December 2010

- Observed a Government and History teacher for ten hours each
- Designed and executed two lessons for each teacher

Albion High School/Washington Gardner Middle School, Albion, Michigan

Teacher-Observer, May 2010

- Observed the day to day operations of a High School history teacher for three weeks
- Taught a self-designed unit to seventh grade students about the interactions between cultures and their education systems in Europe, Africa, and Asia.

PRESENTATIONS

Michigan Council for the Social Studies Conference, "Teaching Geography in an Integrated History/Geography Curriculum" Co-Presenter, November 2010

Learn Today, Teach Tomorrow Conference at Central Michigan University – Student Teacher Panel Presenter, April 2011

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Pearson Educational Services, Lansing, Michigan

Scorer, March 2013-April 2013

Alma Wheeler Smith for Michigan Gubernatorial Campaign, Ypsilanti, Michigan

Technology Coordinator, June 2010-October 2010

Meijer, Charlotte, Michigan

Cashier, June 2008-August 2008

Woldumar Nature Center, Lansing, Michigan

Junior Counselor, June 2006-August 2006

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Learn Today, Teach Tomorrow Conference Participant, March 2008, 2009, 2010, April 2011

Kagan Cooperative Learning Workshops, January 2011, March 2011

Michigan Reading Association Conference Participant/Volunteer, March 2010

Michigan Council for the Social Studies Conference Participant, November 2010

Red Cross First Aid, CPR and AED Certified, expires June 2014

HONORS

Michael P. Noonan Band Award, April 2011

Albion College Dean's List, Fall 2007, Spring 2010

John and Nancy Carlyle Scholarship, Fall 2010-Spring 2011

Albion College Presidential Scholarship, Fall 2007-Spring 2011

INVOLVEMENTS

Charlotte Community Band, October 2012-Present

- Conductor and Music Director January 2013-Present

Charlotte High School Drama Department, September 2011-Present

- Assistant Directed three musicals and three plays
- Directed three plays
- Worked with department chair to plan and organize day to day operations of Drama Department

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America Inc. Fall 2007-Spring 2011

- Vice President, April 2009-April 2010
- Province Council Representative, April 2008-April 2009

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Maury Geiger, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Hire Music Teacher

An interview team consisting of Connie Hamilton, Jason Smith & Matt Stauffer interviewed five candidates and will be bringing a recommendation to the board on Thursday.

Suggested Resolution

I move that the Saranac Board of Education hire _____ as the Elementary School Music Teacher upon a clear criminal history check as presented.

Motion by _____ Supported by _____

Discussion: Yes _____ No _____

Approved/Denied: Yes _____ No _____

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Maury Geiger, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Out-Of-State Field Trip

POLICY: 7490 Field Trips and Excursions

We have received three requests for Out-of-State field trips for October, and next spring & summer – the information regarding the trips are attached. I will ask for approval at the September 18 meeting.

- FFA National Convention – Louisville, KY – October 29-November 1, 2014 – Information will be presented at the meeting.
- 8th Grade Reward Trip – Cedar Point – May 29, 2015
- 8th Grade Trip – Washington D.C. & Gettysburg– June 8-13, 2015

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Maury Geiger, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Track Update

The "Back the Track" participated in the BridgeFest parade and also had a booth downtown. We continue to accept many donations and pledges from families, businesses and community members. At this point, we have received over \$27,000.00 in donations, and \$25,000.00 in pledges for a total of \$52,000.00. Many thanks to our community for their support, and I will have the most recent information at our meeting.

The Request for Bid (RFB) for the track was due Tuesday, September 2nd, 2014. An interview committee consisting of Karl Klynstra, community member, Josh Leader, Athletic Director, Roy Hawkins, Board Member, and Maury Geiger, Superintendent, will be scheduling interviews for the two organizations that submitted bids this Thursday, September 4th, 2014, with the intent of being able to bring a recommendation to the board meeting Thursday evening.

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Maury Geiger, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Staff Welcome Back

The staff welcome back to school was last Monday, August 25th, and was an opportunity to introduce new staff and review our accomplishments and thank you's as we start another successful year at Saranac Community Schools. I will be presenting the Back to School PowerPoint presentation that was shared with all staff at our opening last week regarding our goals in the areas of curriculum, instruction, and promoting and serving our school and community.

Saranac Community Schools

MISSION STATEMENT

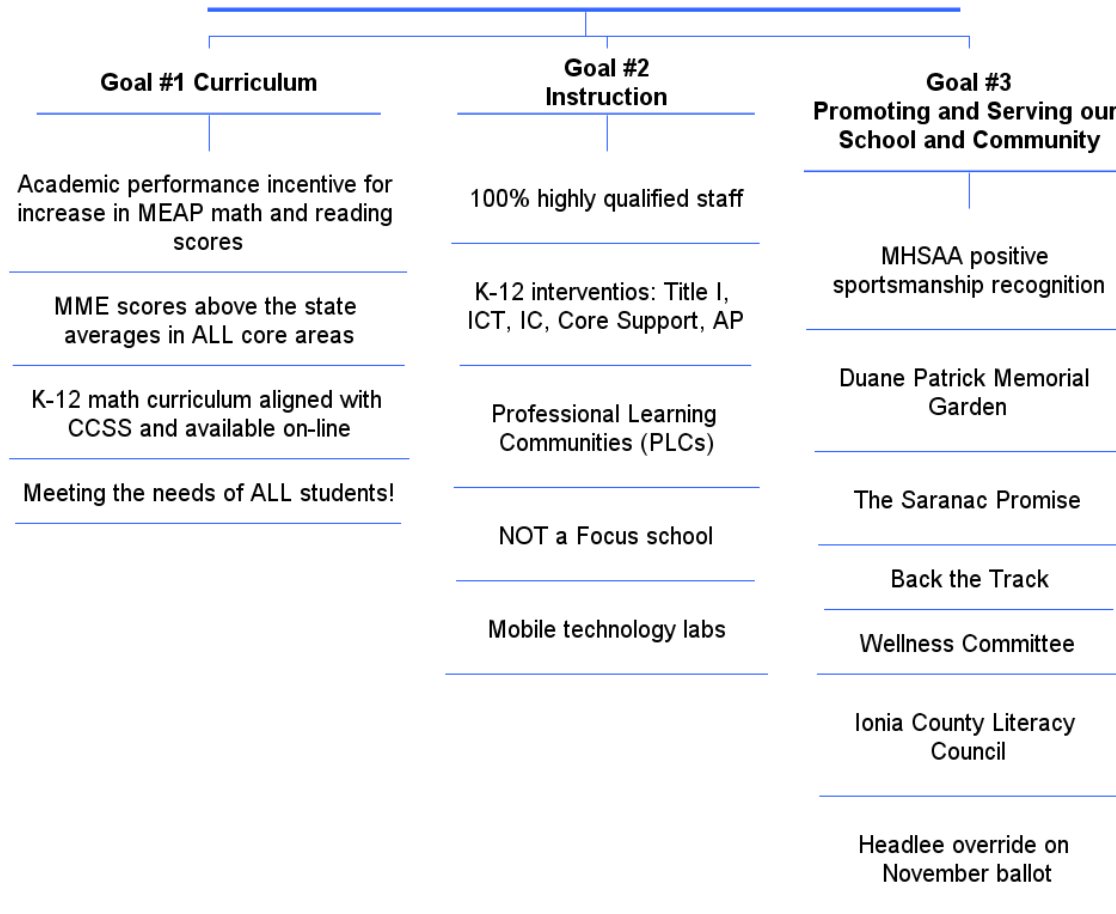
*Saranac Community School District,
through its strong community support and involvement
will provide an education for all students
which enables them to become
contributing productive members of society.*

“Preparing Youth Today For Tomorrow!”

Saranac Strategic Plan 2014-2015

Accomplishments & Thank Yous

Saranac Community Schools Strategic Plan



Goal #1: Curriculum

Accomplishments & Thank Yous

- Academic performance incentive for increase in MEAP math & reading scores
- MME scores above the state averages in ALL core areas
- K-12 math curriculum aligned with CCSS and available on-line
- Meeting the needs of ALL students!

Goal #2: Instruction

Accomplishments & Thank Yous

- 100% Highly Qualified Staff
- K-12 interventions
 - Title 1, ICT, IC, Core Support, AP classes
- Professional Learning Communities (PLC's)
- NOT a Focus school
- Mobile technology labs

Goal #3: Promoting & Serving our School & Community

Accomplishments & Thank Yous

- MHSAA positive sportsmanship recognition
- Duane Patrick Memorial Garden
- The Saranac Promise
- Back the Track
- Wellness Committee
- Ionia County Literacy Council
- Headlee Override on November ballot

Our Children...
Our Future...
Depends on you!

Have a great year!

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Maury Geiger, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Technology Update

Technology Director, John Milewski will be updating the board on technology throughout the district.

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Maury Geiger, Superintendent

SUBJECT: District Curriculum Goals

I've included specific curriculum goals that have been developed with the administrative team based on the board directive of having the Superintendent set measurable goals in the areas of reading, writing, and mathematics in at least two grade levels.

These goals will be a part of the superintendent evaluation to be completed this fall, and part of the administrative evaluations that will be completed this school year.

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Student Growth Goals – Fall 2014

Reading

- All 1st grade students will show growth in reading using the Observation survey as an assessment tool during the time period of September 2nd, 2014 to February 28th, 2015.
- All 6th grade students will show growth in reading levels using STAR as an assessment tool during the time period of September 2nd, thru November 14th, 2014.
- All 7th and 8th grade students will show growth in reading levels using STAR as an assessment tool during the time period of September 2nd, thru November 14th, 2014.

Writing

- All 4th grade students will show growth in writing performance using the Thinking Maps Writing Rubrics as an assessment tool during the time period of September 2nd, thru November 14th, 2014.
- All 7th and 8th grade students will show growth in writing performance using the Thinking Maps Writing Rubrics as an assessment tool during the time period of September 2nd, thru November 14th, 2014.

Math

- All 2nd grade students will show growth in Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for math based on common local assessments during the time period of September 2nd, thru November 14th, 2014.
- All 7th and 8th grade students will show growth in math using pre-and post-tests based on math standards taught during the time period of September 2nd, thru November 14th, 2014.

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TO: Board of Education

FROM: Maury Geiger, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Student Count Update

We will bring the most up-to-date student numbers and class sizes to the meeting on Thursday.