



Willows Intermediate School

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“Do the Right Thing”

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Board Report:

Establish and build trust with the faculty and staff of Willows Intermediate School. Focus on developing, maintaining and implementing a sound PLC process during collaboration time.

Foster the partnership between the school community and the community of Willows. Increase parent engagement and communication to ensure families are informed about the happenings at the school and in their student's education. Communication and partnership with our families are essential to student success here at WIS.

- Held first Guiding Coalition Meeting with Leadership Team. This team has been assembled to facilitate the PLC process school-wide. Team Members are responsible for carrying out school-wide initiatives that have a direct impact on student learning. The team also creates an agenda that staff will use when meeting in their PLC teams.
- The School Site Council will have its first meeting of the year on 9.25.25 @ 3pm in the WIS library.
- The Program Specialist (GCOE) and I meet at least once a month. These meetings are designed to ensure the lines of communication are open between WIS, Special Education and the Osprey program.
- I met with Kendra Tyler of GCOE to learn of the 6-12 Literacy Grant WIS will be participating in this school year. The focus will be on literacy (reading fluency, reading comprehension, etc.) across all four grade levels here at WIS.
- Mr. Siplin and Ms. Porter (5th grade) are attending a School Climate Culture Conference October 1st and 2nd in Winters.
- Girls (7th and 8th grade) volleyball season has been fun for our students. The girls had some success competing against other junior highs in the area.
- Soccer season is underway with 5th/6th grade and 7th/8th grade co-ed teams.
- Newly hired, Veronica Martinez (Bilingual Instructional Aide), started this month (September) and has been a great addition to our WIS team.
- PTO is gearing up for a couple fundraisers including Teriyaki Chicken Dinner and Sweet Treats (Popcorn).
- Maintenance has been working hard to ensure sprinklers are working correctly and has our grass in the front of the school looking good.
- We currently have 436 students on site.