

# **Directors' Report**

## **CCS Board of Education Meeting, August 19, 2024**

### **District-wide Programming**

1. Critical Reminder: New board training requirement effective August 1, 2024
  - a. Osprey Wilds offering no-cost, virtual and recorded, training on September 10 & 11, 2024
  - b. Covers newly required topics
  - c. Action Item: Board members should consider registering, as a unified team, for this training
  
2. Legal Update on Religious Charter Schools
  - a. While not directly applicable to us, this Oklahoma ruling reinforces our school's commitment to remaining nonsectarian
  - b. Reminder: We should continue to be vigilant in maintaining clear separation of church and state in all our operations
  
3. PELSB Teacher/Para Compensation Workgroup
  - a. Opportunity: We should consider nominating one of our educators to represent our school's interests
  - b. Long-term Impact: The workgroup's recommendations could affect our future budgeting and staff compensation strategies
  - c. Action Item: Identify potential candidates from our staff to apply for the workgroup
  
4. Launch of COMPASS Statewide Support System
  - a. Online Directors met with our new identified school ESSA contacts via Sourcewell
  - b. New no cost resource for evidence-based support and professional development
  - c. Offers expertise in various areas including literacy, math, and culturally responsive instruction
  - d. Action Item: Assess how we can further leverage COMPASS resources to enhance our school's performance, particularly in literacy
  
5. Back-to-School Preparations
  - a. Collaborative efforts underway for district-wide back-to-school workshop week
  - b. Aim: Ensure all staff are prepared and aligned for the new school year
  - c. Action Item: Finalize workshop agenda, incorporating new policy updates, COMPASS resources, and orientation for blended teaching roles where applicable

### **Online Programming**

1. Staffing Update
  - a. Ronda Veit's position adjusted:

- i. .8 FTE seat-based
    - ii. .2 FTE online for 7th and 8th Grade ELA
  - b. Action Item: Ensure smooth transition for Ronda into her new role, particularly the online component. Welcome Ronda!
- 2. Welcome Letter and Back-to-School Information
  - a. We're pleased to report that a comprehensive welcome letter was sent to all K-12 online students and families. This communication included key information like:
    - i. JMC Family Portal
    - ii. Required Actions for Families
    - iii. Information Management
    - iv. New Student Onboarding
    - v. Upcoming Communications
- 3. Preparing for a Successful Year
  - a. We are enthusiastically gearing up for another great school year! Our team is working diligently to ensure a smooth start for all our online students. The welcome letter and accompanying information demonstrate our commitment to clear communication and supporting our families as we begin this new academic year.

### **Seat Based Programming**

We are gearing up for the beginning of school! Many teachers have done so much individual training and curriculum writing.. All teachers that teach reading have begun the READ ACT training called CAREIALL. This is a gigantic training that requires a lot of time and energy. I thank everyone for their commitment to this! Many teachers attended the Sourcewell Summit at Breezy Point. We had wonderful speakers and received quite a bit of encouragement.

Our enrollment has dropped slightly. We are trying to inquire as to why. Many reasons are taking part in activities that the large districts can offer. Some of the middle school students simply want to be involved where their friends go. This is something we will always see. We are not worried about this, and we also know that our enrollment goes up until mid-October, with fluctuation throughout the year.

The playground has been used so much during the summer. We are truly a community school!

Staffing is going very well. We are adjusting as needed. With the drop in enrollment, we may not need as many paras as we have in the past.. We have secured a part time music teacher and full time STEM teacher, however, we are waiting on their licensure approval.

At this time, the Crow Wing County Highway Department is stating that we will have our usual access to our property during the road construction. We have a back up plan for traffic flow if needed.

Open house is Tuesday, August 27, 4:30-6:00. We are scaling this back just slightly due to the uncertainty of the roads and construction. We will not be having pictures at the open house.