

Directors' Report
CCS Board of Education Meeting, March 18, 2024

MCA testing has begun! Big thanks to Abi Swenson for coordinating and to all those proctoring and helping out!

Online Program

Current online enrollment is 351 (29: K-5, 46: 6-8, 276: 9-12). We are full and on a waiting list for grades 6-12, and at 76% for K-5!

I will be starting the administrative evaluations for licensed staff beginning in April. This is done on a 3-year cycle, and is in addition to the annual evaluation activities done by the QComp leads.

Graduation planning is underway - the ceremony will be at the Crosslake school building on Friday, May 31, at 2 PM. Board members, please plan to attend if you are available. We expect to recognize approximately 73 graduates at the ceremony!

Online student clubs have started! We are offering a Cooking Club, Fishing Club, Group and Board Games Club, Outdoor Sporting Club, and Social Club. Thanks to Sheila Berg for coordinating and to Sheila, Karen Teff, Mitch Swaggert, and Molly Papillon for leading these clubs!

The new science standards start implementation in the fall, so we will need to rearrange our science curriculum a bit. I will be meeting with our online science teachers to plan for this, in the next couple of weeks.

We have identified five testing sites for MCAs this year: Crosslake (all dates per the testing calendar), St. Paul on March 13-14, St. Cloud on March 20-21, Duluth on April 3, and Moorhead on April 4.

We are looking at our options for changing our Learning Management System (LMS). We have started a work team to look at our options. Currently our main LMS is Edgenuity, and there have been some needs identified that Edgenuity isn't able to support. This will be a big transition and our plan is to research this year, make a decision in early 2025, get training over spring/summer, and implement a new system in the Fall (if we decide to go the route of making a change).

Osprey Wilds field trip update: We currently have 27 students, plus numerous parent and staff chaperones interested in attending this overnight trip. We have students from elementary, middle school, and high school. It should be enjoyable and interesting. We will have a bus going from the Crosslake area to Sandstone to provide transportation. Logistics and more information will be worked through in the coming weeks.

Seat Based Program

The DAC/CC (District Assessment Coordinator/Curriculum Coordinator) will need to become a full-time position. We are working on dividing the time allotments between online and seat based. The budget

impact will be .4 FTE. Finance has discussed in length and is aware of the situation. DAC would serve both programs. A new proposal and job description will be in the packet next month.

I am also looking to see how our Title 1 needs play out next year with the funding we receive.

We have had lots of sickness this last month! Hopefully we are on our way out of that season!

Testing season has begun. The online students began on March 13th by coming into the building for MCA testing. This will be taking place every Wednesday and Thursday for a few weeks. Special thanks to the Title team for their flexibility with their displacement.

Field trips are in the works and being planned. We will be using our funds wisely for these occasions.

Summer School initial invites will be going out within the month. Chosen students will be asked to attend by their teacher, if we have spots remaining, we will do a general call for more students.

Road construction - met with LAKE Foundation. Last week I went to the LAKE Foundation meeting. We discussed the road construction, the loading zone and how the construction and restructuring will impact our procedures next year. I asked specifically if this will impact summer school and the beginning of our school year for 24-25. We will be fine for summer school and the school year will have an impact, but uncertain of what.

Our enrollment remains steady - fluctuating by perhaps one or two. We are currently at 149 with 2 new students starting next week.

Gaming club is a hit! Mike Newton and Kevin O'Brien have been generous to begin an after school gaming club for the Middle School students. They are teaching some excellent skills associated with this fun! I walked in one night and Mr. Newton was talking to a very captivated crowd about how to lose gracefully and what to do when frustrated. It was great!!

READ ACT - this unknown is ever changing. We are, however, anticipating costs, scheduling training and working things into our 24-25 professional development, while waiting for further direction.

We held the Spelling Bee a few weeks ago. The kids had a great time with this. Thanks to Miss Schumacher for organizing this yet again.

We have another Foster GrandParent participating in this program brought to us through Lutheran Social Services. We appreciate working together!