

Faulconer Chapman School

Board Report

October, 2015

How are we doing?

FCS had a great turnout for Back to School Night on Sept 29. Nurse Carol presented helpful healthy information for people of all ages. There was also a quick presentation from our PBIS team on the steps FCS is taking to encourage positive behaviors at school.

Student Highlights:

Once again we are having AVID at FCS. Several staff were trained to help in further implementation this year. The AVID staff was thrilled to work together during our training and it continues with our work on campus. We are stronger now with more positive results from our current program, headed up by Robin VanBuren at the building level. It is our intent to build upon the successes from last year.

What's New:

With the help of coach FCS classroom teacher Tim Hart and SHS classroom teacher Steven Grauer, FCS formed a cross country team this fall. The team has enjoyed the one practice and one competition each week. Our cross country students competed in four meets this year with good success and great attitude. Four male runners and one female runner. A thank you goes to Mrs. Clifton, FCS Special Education Assistant, for transporting the team to one of their competitions.

The FCS Staff has formed a Leadership committee composed of the principal and six teachers, three from the elementary school and three from the middle school. This group will be leading staff through some professional development around best practices with classroom instruction, classroom management and student engagement. Additionally, we are looking at creating a positive staff culture at FCS.

Parent-teacher conferences are fast approaching. They are held during the first week of November. .

All 6-8 FCS students have the opportunity to be involved in a morning meeting before school begins each day. This ten minute block of time has become a popular activity among middle schools around the State of Oregon. FCS has 4 different groups of people leading morning meeting throughout each week. Ms. Swinkels, FCS counselor, is leading the meeting twice a week. FCS student leadership is leading once a week while athletic coaches also have the floor once a week. The remaining day each week, one teacher announces 1-3 outstanding academic students.

FCS' morning meeting has been well attended and is off and running. The mission of FCS' morning meeting is to help strengthen the MS student community and to improve attendance and communication.

The collaboration grant our district received this year has had an immediate impact at FCS. A Mini grant application has been launched district wide to encourage teachers to transform practice within their classrooms and beyond. Robin VanBuren has also begun attending mentor training as a part of the grant to better support mentors and new teachers within in our school and the high school as well. Expect to see more work from the grant take place at FCS and district wide.

Dates to remember:

- *Parent- Teacher conferences, First week of November*

Volleyball:

- Tues Oct. 20 Taft @Sheridan 3:45pm
- Weds Oct 21 Sheridan @ Taft 3:45pm

Football

- Weds Oct 21 Taft @ Sheridan 4:00pm Grade 8
- Tues Nov 3 Sheridan@ Willamina 4:00pm Grade 7
- Weds Nov 4 Willamina @ Sheridan 4:00pm Grade 8