

Pleasantdale School District 107

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At the May 2016 Board of education meeting, Dr. Dave Palzet proposed a new configuration to the way library services are delivered. At that meeting, Dr. Palzet explained that the new configuration would include a library instructional aide at each school and a single certified librarian (Mrs. Rikki Steinmetz) to oversee our district library program. At that same meeting, Dr. Palzet proposed implementing a new position within the district: Innovative Teaching Coach (iTC). The goal of this change was to allow our librarian more opportunity to work with teachers and students in classrooms and provide staff with instructional technology support. Over the course of the summer, the administration was busy hiring our new library aides (Kimberly Music and Alison Cooke) and our iTC (Stephen Braband). It is becoming clear that the this change is having a positive impact on our schools and is helping us to achieve our goal of improving the student experience.

While the schedules of our Librarian and iTC are static, there is flexibility within their schedules to ensure that they are fully meeting the needs of our staff and students. Below is schedule these professionals observe:

Role	Elementary	Middle	Flex Time
Librarian	Mondays & Friday	Tuesdays & Thursdays	Wednesdays
iTC	Tuesdays & Thursdays	Mondays & Fridays	Wednesdays

Additionally, both the librarian and the iTC have set up a public calendar, and teachers are able to book blocks of time with them. So far, these professionals have planned lessons with teachers, co-taught lessons in classrooms, and provided instruction to classes and small groups. Both the librarian and the iTC have provided teachers with technology support as we implement new initiatives such as 1:1 iPads, Schoology, and MAP testing.

Our librarian and her aides have been working on teaching students library rules and procedures as well as organizing the book club and Caudill Award list at the middle school. At the elementary, they have been focusing on rules, procedures, Monarch award, Bluestem award, read alouds, book discussions, preschool inclusion, and specific grade level units.

Kim Music is the library aide at the middle school. She has been working on recategorizing the nonfiction collection at the middle school, organizing the library, working with classes and individual students as they visit the library, cataloging and processing, and becoming familiar with the materials in this library. Over the course of the year, Kim will be working on re-labeling, re-organizing, and recategorizing the nonfiction area.

Alison Cooke is the library aide at the elementary school. She has been working on making the library a current and inviting area that is the hub of the school. In addition, she has been reading aloud to all students, teaching short lessons as directed by Mrs. Steinmetz, shelving books, readers advisory for all

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students, and becoming familiar with the materials in this elementary library. A main focus for Alison this year will be working on rearranging the library and making it more inviting and appealing to the elementary students.

Likewise, our ITC has been busy over the course of the past several weeks. After being hired, Mr. Braband immediately began to bring himself up to speed with the technology systems we use and the structures we have in place. Prior to the start of school, Mr. Braband helped with our iPad deployment (LaunchPad 107) event. Likewise, he has provided professional development and support to teachers as they implement our Learning Management System, Schoology, into their classrooms. He has provided help desk support to students and helped set the configurations on our student iPads. Mr. Braband is in the process of meeting with teachers at each grade level and assessing the needs of our staff. Finally, he was an integral part of our launch of MAP testing and was able to offer teachers on-the-spot support if they ran into testing issues.

Moving forward, Mr. Braband will continue to work closely with the staff and help them to continue to integrate technology into their classrooms. He will co-plan and co-teach as well as work with small groups of students.

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