

Directors' Report

CCS Board of Education Meeting, July 18, 2022

Collaboration Update

We have been working together to find additional ways to support our students with their social-emotional and mental health needs. We will start using the SAEBRS assessment in the fall which identifies risk factors and potential interventions for students in this area. Additionally, we are proposing the addition of teletherapy more broadly for our students via an agreement with ReGroup Counseling, as covered elsewhere in this board meeting. Our ESSER funds will be applied to both of these items.

The retention bonus was a well-received idea from our staff. Encouraging our workers cannot be done enough!

Summer is a time for much of our "behind-the-scenes" work. Online and Seat-based Student and Family Handbooks, Staff Handbook, and Crisis Handbook have all been drafted for the board's review. Several applications and reports are in the works this month - plans for ESSER spending, Title I, II and IV applications, World's Best Workforce plan, and our 2021-2022 Annual Report/WBWF Report.

Four online and three seat based staff members attended the Osprey Wilds retreat in June! We look forward to having them share their experience and learning with us.

We are reviewing proposals from marketing consultants. We need to hire someone to help us re-vamp our website and develop an overall marketing strategy and plan for our schools. Additionally, we recently purchased banner ad space on crosslake.com, check it out!

Online Program

Current total online enrollment: Serving a total of **266** students as of 7/13/22.

GRADE LEVEL	CAPACITY FORMULA	CURRENT STATUS
Online K-5	Max of 19 students per class: 38	K-2: 11 students, 3-5: 15 students (26) Open to 12 more students
Online 6-12	$(C-E)/6=S$ <i>C=Teacher Capacity*</i> <i>E=Current Enrollments</i> <i>S=Number of Students to admit</i>	TBD with enrollments. Currently at 240, still space to enroll

Enrollment for 22-23 - We started an initial roster for next year, which we are updating as we learn of student transfers in and out of our school. We currently have 266 online students. We tend to get a huge rush of new students at the very start of the school year.

Summer School: 31 students earned credit during summer school. The 3-week term focused on credit recovery for students who did not pass one or more course.

The Crosslake Online Program and our students have been highlighted a number of times in the Pine and Lakes Echo paper! Search the paper's website to read these articles!

Many online staff members worked hard over the month of June to develop new content, curriculum, and programming for next year. All staff were provided the opportunity to request summer work, and requests were evaluated and granted according to the school's priorities and budget availability. All projects were reviewed for completion before timesheets were approved. Topics include MTSS and mental health planning, course revisions, new course development, MESS-E project development, online orientation, and more.

Seat Based Program:

We are having summer school for the first time on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in June and August. The June session was a great success. We averaged 25 children. All of the kids really loved it! The teachers stated that all went very well and could have used more time. We are currently doing 9:00-12:00. The focus areas are: social and emotional learning, environmental education, reading and math. Breakfast and lunch are served. Hoping all children and staff return in August for the second session.

Big Fun Tuesday has been a hit once again! Teachers and staff are working the event and many school students and other area children are attending. Ronda Veit has been key in organizing this - THANK YOU Ronda!

Due to the increase in shootings in school and other public places, I have been working to ensure parents of our protocols in place as well as make some safety changes. We are looking at various security measures to update and change in the near future. The Log Church hosted an event regarding the processing of tragic information and how to discuss these items with students. Although we practice what a situation like that looks like when there is a shooting, I do not bring it to the forefront of the students' attention. I believe that is the parents'/guardians' role to discuss, and bringing more attention to the sadness of it all causes fear to multiply in the minds of the students. They have so much to deal with already. They need to come to school to learn in their safe place and have a great time.

Waiting list:

Our current enrollment situation is great. We have a waiting list for a few grades. We will be contacting families to confirm their enrollment status, and continue to move children into open slots as they become available.

We have now gotten 2 applications for a 1/2 teaching position. We are hoping to fill this with a high quality teacher.

I am working with the Lake Foundation to solidify the fact that we must practice all drills, including intruder. We must have another method to get out of the building for the 2nd floor students. This would require a different window/door and ladder system. I will also push for storage upgrades. The parking lot updates are nearing completion.

The PTO garage sale was an incredible success! The PTO worked very hard on this fundraiser and made well over \$6000 to be used on field trips and other requests made to them.

We are seeking out ways to incorporate more tele-health for our students as we know the needs for counseling and processing of uncertain emotions will only continue to ride.

The Crosslake Chamber has been great to work with in some new marketing adventures. We had a 'blast' at the fireworks over the 4th weekend, as well as advertising on the chamber website.

Kamp Kimchee has been wonderful! They are a great group to host and they love being in our building. This is great exposure for Crosslake and our school. We are hoping to continue to open our doors to more and more community events. A huge thank you to the teachers for 'cleaning' their classrooms and making them available for the campers.

Doug Moan has retired. Good for him! He will leave a huge hole for us, but we will begin the search and attempt to move forward without him!

Jodi Schott has moved on to new adventures as well. We are happy for her too, and will miss her also. We have hired a new Administrative Assistant named Beth Duffy and are looking forward to her beginning at the end of the month. Special thanks to Cheryl Cole and Kelly Bittner for working hard to fill the gap until Beth can join us!!

The teachers are enjoying and looking forward to the Responsive Classroom training. This is very beneficial and valuable for all. Thanks to the board for approving the funds for this.

Thanks to the board for providing extra money for curriculum writing days. Multiple teachers have been reaping the benefit of doing this.

Teachers will be attending the Minnesota Summit put on by Sourcwell. This is an incredible training on August 9-10.

Summer has been very busy - lots of things to catch up on that don't get done during the school year!