

## **Directors' Report**

CCS Board of Education Meeting, August 21, 2023

We are moving forward with a change in plan to our technology staff - while the Tech Coordinator role is still posted in case we receive additional applicants, we are currently planning to instead hire a Tech Assistant role. This person will work primarily out of the school building and their main responsibilities will be the organization, tracking, shipping, and overall management of our computer assets. They will work in close partnership with Jen Miller, who will again be responsible for providing tech support for online students. We have a number of applicants for the Assistant role and have started interviewing for this position.

We are meeting with Julie from TeamWorks to schedule remaining Strategic Planning Team sessions and determining the plan to move forward over the school year.

Over the summer we will be working on a number of behind the scenes tasks such as our Title I, II, IV applications, our Annual & WBWF Report, updating our documents with the new logos and branding, thinking about the ideal administrative structure for CCS, developing our 23-24 Professional Development Plans, scheduling fall strategic planning sessions, setting our goals for 23-24, and so much more!

We've been reviewing many new/updated policies (thank you Cheryl!) and working on getting our handbooks updated.

### **Online Program**

Enrollment: Currently we are at 270 enrolled students (23 K-5, 27 6-8, 220 9-12) plus 2 tuition-paying students (out-of-state or homeschooled). Our enrollment typically increases in the late weeks of August and early September.

We have filled our part-time SPED position, Social Studies position and part of the learning coach positions. We are still seeking to fill our part-time science/electives position which may be combined with the remaining learning coach FTE.

Planning for "Welcome Week" is underway - for staff development as well as students. Our focus for the first two days with students will be building relationships, orientation, scheduling Google Meets, and ensuring they understand their responsibilities and the expectations as an online student.

Students/families will be receiving start-of-year communications beginning this week. Student log-in information is sent the day before school starts.

Holly attended the MACS Regional Directors meeting. This was helpful as we reviewed many of the legislative changes that happened in the recent session. Cheryl has been doing a great job making sure we are covered with all our policies and required elements in the handbooks and website.

There have been some changes to the Online Learning Law in MN, the biggest that applies to us is that the three-year review process is no more, and existing online schools are no longer required to maintain state-approved online provider status. We will continue to participate in continuous improvement efforts and take advantage of any accreditation or quality assurance opportunities that come our way. MDE has promised that more information about any changes will be forthcoming.

### **Seat Based Program:**

Summer School has gone extremely well! We are very pleased with the turn out and the commitment. We are hopeful that this has been very fun for kids, they have loved learning in a different setting and style and are retaining many things so that summer slide isn't quite as noticeable!

The LAKE Foundation and maintenance/custodial staff have been so busy! A majority of the common space walls are being painted, we are getting new cabinetry in various places, and a few other sweet touches. We have secured a storage container from the LAKE Foundation that will be used to store many things that are taking up valuable space. Sadly, the Eagle's nest had to be taken down. Our occasional heavy rain made the mud so very heavy that one of the main limbs could not withstand the weight. We had to get rid of the nest. It was such a fun idea!!

We are so grateful to the LAKE Foundation for their generosity and amazing attention to our needs and details!

Our enrollment is up and down daily. We are hoping to achieve our highest ever, and that's right around 160.

The middle school marketing campaign has been very thorough. We are still hopeful to receive a few students from our efforts! We are trying to recruit more kids every day!!

Teachers have been in and out and are settling into their classrooms. It's fun to have people back!

Staffing is going extremely well.