

## Interim Directors' Report

CCS Board of Education Meeting, August 9, 2021

### Both Programs

We have been working hard on the Osprey Wilds Renewal Application, which is due September 15. The Technology Coordinator is leading our application for the Emergency Connectivity Fund which supports tech needs due to COVID (due August 15). Upcoming applications include our ESSER application (additional COVID funds), and our World's Best Workforce and Annual Report (both due October 1). Title 1, 2, and 4 applications are due at the end of August.

### Online Program

We are happy to be bringing on three new hires this fall: Angela Oleszko (Special Education), Troy Stehr (Health/PE Teacher), and Catherine Roath (Social Studies/Learning Coach). These three individuals are highly qualified and we are thrilled to have them on our team!

Enrollment Update as of 7/30/21: 207 online students. Besides graduates, we lost 8 students from last year for a variety of reasons. We have started the enrollment process for 11 new students so far. Our Admissions Coordinator indicated that August is a very busy month; as many school registrars have the month of July off there isn't typically a lot of activity until August. We expect several additional adds/drops during August and into September.

We plan to open the Learning Lab to 9-12 grade online students in the fall. An interest survey went out to all high school students and their parents/guardians, to be completed by August 15. After that point we will determine the days/hours the lab will be open, may not be full time if there isn't enough interest to support staffing the lab M-F.

FYI: In the 2021-22 school year, schools that are not already approved online learning providers may choose to offer to their resident and previously-enrolled students. From MDE: *While MDE has and will continue to prioritize safe in-person learning, In order to have the greatest flexibility to adapt throughout the 2021-22 school year, **we strongly encourage all districts and charter schools to prepare to offer online options to students and families who want them.***

*MDE strongly encourages districts to apply to become online providers for all grades served, but districts/charters will determine local context and need. Districts/charters that are fully-approved or provisionally-approved online providers will have the greatest flexibility at the local level to adapt throughout the school year to COVID-19 cases and close contacts as needed. This is a local decision for districts/charters to become online providers and all options outlined below are optional to families.*

## Seat-Based Program

- Our OW site renewal visit is scheduled for October 5, 2021. More to come on that
- Fire Marshall 9:45 - Aug 24, 2021
- I attended the OW new board member training on Aug 3, 2021  
3 takeaways:
  - Address OW concerns in 72 hours or less
  - Have a training/professional development for the board in place
  - We need to update our handbook in the staff discipline area
- Big fun Tuesday - was a medium huge success this year. Sometimes it was packed, others not as much. Overall, it was great to be back at it, and all enjoyed themselves.
- Enrollment updates - We are still trying to accommodate all students from the waiting list by methodically calling families and placing them as space allows.
- Kinder camp coming up - Mindy Glazier has had great responses and the days should be great
- Hiring paras - we are in the process of interviewing. Might be asking for a few more applications as we may have 4-5 spots available
- Hiring teachers - there are postings for teachers, we will be working on these
- Hiring DAC - I have received one internal candidate for this position
- Hiring coordinator of nursing and health services - our previous coordinator is not renewing her agreement. This position is posted.
- Recommend hiring in house HR personnel - gathering information
- Mask discussion - we need to discuss this. At this time, the words from the state are recommended - we will send a statement on August 10 explaining what this means and our view and policy of the mask situation. If the state requires it, that changes protocol.
- It has been an extremely full summer with many issues to be solved at school. A special thank you to all involved in working SO HARD on all of these matters!