

CRAIG HIGH SCHOOL

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August 13 CCSD School Board Report

Craig High School - Submitted by Josh Andrews

This month I am wrapping both PACE and CHS into a single report.

CHS doesn't have much to report at this time. Several families have requested enrollment information throughout the summer and I am looking forward to an increase in our student body numbers over last year by 4-6 students.

Cross Country has started and it looks like we will have enough participants to field both a boys and girls team this year. Tina is enjoying having an assistant coach this year with John Morgan taking that role. This will make managing summer practices easier as well as providing for a male chaperone when the team travels. The first meet is in Wrangell, August 23.

CHS is hosting a swim meet September 5 and 6! Coach Mandy is really taking the lead on this event and we appreciate her dedication to the team!

Daniel has spent hours working in the wood shop getting it set up so as to be functional and safe. It looks great - thanks Daniel!

The rest of his crew has been working hard at CHS keeping the grounds beautiful and working on many maintenance needs that always seem to accumulate. Thank you to the entire crew!

Starting July 7, I have spent each Monday in the office working on **PACE** needs. There has been no shortage of challenges to sort out and there will continue to be for a while.

The staff has been very welcoming and gracious as I am learn what needs to be addressed. I appreciate their time, professionalism, and guidance as I work out this role.

Robert Jeffrey has started as our new contact teacher and is based out of CHS. Daniel and Brent retrieved all of the leftovers from the Ketchikan Learning Center and Robert is now working on sorting through curriculum and other items. Mr. Jeffrey is introducing himself to his current students and is meeting students who were already assigned to him when he arrived.

The Anchorage staff has completed their move to the new learning center in Anchorage. The office is smaller than their last site, but has signage alerting passerby to our presence and is significantly cheaper than the last location. There has been a little challenge getting internet installed in the offices, but I believe that is now taken care of. Sonia Travers is our new part-time Admin Assistant in the Anchorage Learning Center and she has hit the ground running!

One major challenge PACE will undertake this year is a migration away from FileMakerPro to PowerSchool. We are working with Kyle Schneider to assist in this process and have contacted a third-party plug-in developer to provide support for tracking allotments and equipment. While FileMaker Pro has served us well in the past, state reporting requirements are cumbersome and the files have grown to the point where it is difficult and slow to access information. PowerSchool will

support a seamless integration with the rest of the district and allow for expedient state report exports.

We are also looking for ways to reduce costs while still maintaining parent choice. Many of our high school students take online correspondence courses. These typically cost about \$400 a year per course. We have signed up with Edmentum and have licenses that cover the entire district 6-12. They have an extensive course library that ranges from basic courses to AP courses as well as a large number of CTE courses. Additionally, Edmentum is connected to NEWA and MAP testing and has a catalog that provides remedial assistance at the level the student requires. We can price these courses very competitively. If only 9 full time high school students sign up via Edmentum rather than AK Grad or Keystone, we will have paid for the cost of the subscription.

Enrollment is a concern at this time. We are significantly below projected enrollment numbers now with 160 students enrolled and 130 pending enrollments for a total of 290 when enrollments are completed. It is important that we clarify policy changes that were made last year as there was some confusion about what counted as reimbursable and what did not. I would also like to target our local communities with a light ad campaign - I don't know if people realize PACE is based on POW. There are several homeschool families locally that might choose PACE if they knew it was local.

PACE has really become a school that feels as if it is outside our district. There are changes that can be made that will be mutually beneficial for both PACE and our brick and mortar schools that will make our PACE staff feel like they are an important part of the district. I am looking forward to continuing my work with PACE and helping it streamline its procedures while maintaining its reputation as being a flexible, quality program.