

COSSA Board Report

Career & Technical Education/COSSA Academy Report
September 16, 2024

CRTEC report – by Shelby Cloward

1. CRTEC Core Values
 - CTE teachers selected the word SOAR to use for our core values. SOAR represents Skilled, Optimistic, Adaptable, Reliable.
 - We will use these words to recognize and award students as well as to build work related values in the classroom
2. Certifications
 - OSHA 10 online training has been set up for students in the auto, diesel, intro auto/diesel, construction trades, pre engineering, and welding classes
3. Technical Advisory Committees
 - The Fall TAC meeting will be held September 24 at 6 pm.
 - Culinary will provide a tri tip dinner for advisory members and staff, this will be a fundraising opportunity for them
4. CTE Math
 - CTE Teachers met with Mrs. Owen and reviewed math content
 - Students are being prepared to be tested on Oct. 1
 - John Styles has been helping afternoon students from all programs with any math they need help on and preparing them for testing

CTE Enrollment

- See Attached document.

COSSA Academy by Terry Rothamer

School Culture and Climate

The Academy has implemented several initiatives to improve the culture and climate at the school. Advisory classes have been organized to include character education (RISE), community circles, STAR and grade advisor-student checks along with advisory challenges.

The advisory challenges have included throwing contests, trivia matches, egg drops, and, of course, basketball. The students established the rules and come up with the challenges between advisory classes.

Our RISE character program will 'officially' roll out this coming week along with the selection of our school logo which we have some excellent options for them.

Mr. Duty is our new student council advisor and student council elections were held Wednesday, September 11. Candidates campaigned with posters, handout, and gave speeches at our assembly. Elections were held in advisory classes and we have an excited student council ready to hit the ground running.

Academics

Agile Evolutionary Group and Dillon Education group conducted professional development at the beginning of the school year. Part of the ongoing development included teacher observations to provide feedback on understanding student executive functioning skills. Our first observation was conducted last week with a follow up observation scheduled for next week. Teachers will be helping students set SMART goals to improve their executive functioning. We have several new teachers and the team overall is eager to improve their teaching skills. The attitude has been positive and the staff is teachable.

We have been working on improved testing conditions for the STAR reading and math tests along with reading the reports and including this in the advisory periods to set help students set goals for improvement. Our students took much more time with these testes and we believe we have established a solid baseline. Mr. Ramirez has assisted by taking the lead role in setting up the system and getting our teachers information on reading the reports.

COSSA Academy and CTE Upcoming Events

- Picture Day, Thursday, September 19, 2024
- Teacher in-service, September 20, 2024
- Special Education in-service, September 27, 2024
- End of quarter, October 10th
- 2nd quarter begins October 14th