

**Directors' Report**  
CCS Board of Education Meeting, February 14, 2022

**Collaboration Update**

SPED - The transition continues to incorporate a teacher having both seat based and online students. We continue to work out schedule issues, but it appears to be moving in the right direction!

Cabin Fever was held Friday, Feb 4. Online and seat based representatives and activities made for a full building of online and seat based families. This event is the kick-off for enrollment for both programs.

The Collaboration Committee has been busy brainstorming activities and ideas for possible activities. They will be meeting with both directors to discuss options and plans.

We hope to post the HR/Business Manager and Administrative Assistant Ed-Fi/DAC positions soon!

We provided a thorough response to the draft evaluation provided by Osprey Wilds as part of the contract renewal process, and await their decision about our next charter contract.

**Online Program**

Current total online enrollment as of 1/3/22: **313/329\*** (95%)

K-5: **27/38** (71%)

6/12: **286/291** (98%)

+ 12 supplemental students

**Serving a total of 325 students as of 2/9/22: Moving to Waitlist for grades 6-12**

*\*the 329 number is what we'd have available if all our students were full-time, to add to the seat-based's capacity of 141 and equal our cap of 500 per Osprey Wilds. We do not have capacity to reach our Osprey Wilds cap with our current staff. Moving forward, I will report on enrollment using the table below, as that is more meaningful for how we make staffing and enrollment decisions. More detail is provided in the CCS Online Enrollment Update document discussed in the Information Discussion section of this meeting.*

GRADE LEVEL	CAPACITY FORMULA	CURRENT STATUS
Online K-5	19 students per class: 38	K-2: 13 students, 3-5: 14 students (27)  Open to 11 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>	$(1,538-1,564)/6 = -4.3$  <b>FULL - WAITLIST as of 2/9/22</b> <i>(currently over by 5 students)</i>

Hiring Updates: Lisa Lovdahl has been hired as .5 Learning Coach.

Still remaining from the board approved plan: .4 FTE Teaching, .6 FTE Learning Coach. No postings planned at this time.

Graduation: We had 8 online students graduate in January! These graduates have been sent their diplomas, and will be formally recognized at the ceremony on June 3, 2022 (tentative time is 1:00 PM). The

ceremony will be held at the school building in Crosslake and will include a virtual component to include the graduates who are not attending in person. Planning is underway, please let me know if you have suggestions for graduation speakers or performers!

MCA Test Planning: I've been working with Beverly Loeffler on putting together an MCA test registration form to go out to online families. We are set to have four testing sites: Crosslake, Duluth, St. Cloud, and St. Paul. Testing monitors have been arranged at each of these sites and training is underway.

Building field trip: Clare Thompson, online science teacher and EE Coordinator, has organized a snowshoe outing at the CCS school building! We are so excited to bring this "in-person" activity to our online students.

Online staff have been extremely creative in finding ways to help students become more engaged in a virtual setting. CCS Online students have the opportunity to earn points and/or extra credit in their English classes by participating in student activities, because we know that kids do better in online learning when they make connections with their teachers and classmates. CCS students have several ways to get involved and earn some "points" (not to mention have some fun!). Here are some of the happenings:

- **Middle School Student Meeting:** Every Wednesday at noon on Google Meet
- **Media Club:** Calling all investigative journalists! *Do you like to ask questions? Do you like to investigate?* Then Media Club is for YOU!  
Media Club - Meets last Friday of each month, 1:30 – 2:00pm
- **HS Student Game Break:** Join other students to play fun virtual games and get to know each other. Random drawing to win a \$10 gift card at each meeting! Meets second Friday of each month at 11 AM
- **Senior Club:** Join other CCS seniors to plan graduation and discuss what you want your senior year to be like! Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PM
- Students also get "points" for completing their STAR tests, doing video chats/calls with teachers or other students, volunteering in the community, doing activities outside, and more!

### **Seat Based Program:**

Building Use:

Since we are operating in a Level 2 (according to the Covid Mitigation Plan) safety environment, our building has been very busy. We are allowing parent volunteers to return to classrooms. The Pequot Lakes Patriot Activities Club hosted a basketball tournament. Reports were that we 'have a beautiful facility'. The GOP Caucus was held here with record attendance, Senator Carrie Ruud was in attendance. This two-hour event worked well in the building. Cabin Fever was Friday evening. This is the kick off to CCS' enrollment for both schools. The Crosslake Pickleball Group recently began an evening league in our gymnasium. 5:30-7:30 is the time to be here!

Community groups or organizations requesting to utilize the building will be honored if we are able to staff and accommodate needs. We are updating the building use fees and confirm these prices with requests. Staff supervising the event will be expected to work on either special projects, regular work or other. Employee supervisors will be paid \$15/hr for supervision. We cannot host an event if staff is not available in the school.

Camp Kimchee has contacted us and will be returning July 10-15.

Outdoor benches have been moved indoors for the winter. The Middle School is currently trying them out and the elementary wing had them the last few months. . These traveling benches have been a big hit both indoors and out!

Star testing has gone extremely well! Even with students and staff in and out, we have had a very high rate of participation!

Many classes, not just the EE teacher, are taking advantage of the occasional warm weather and the beautiful area we are in by snow-shoeing!

I am currently working on updating the Crisis Team and procedures involved.

Our first Tuesday Celebrations continue to go great! We acknowledge birthdays, testing results, the archery team, teacher certifications, GREAT behavior, do some training for appropriate behaviors and always have fun music! This has been an awesome addition this year!

We are discussing summer school and kindergarten roundup options - with the goals of great attendance and optimum learning for students who need to catch up or maintain academic skills.