

Directors' Report
CCS Board of Education Meeting, May 20, 2024

We are wrapping up the final stages of our strategic planning process and will be meeting with Julie this week to finalize the operational plan and action cards.

We've started making edits to the handbooks and annual report in preparation for the fall.

The application for Title grants has moved up to July 1 this year. The Title I funds have historically been allocated to seat-based, and Title II and IV have been targeted to online programs. We will be working on these to figure out the best plans for how to use these funds in 24-25.

Online Program

Current online enrollment is 358 (34: K-5, 46: 6-8, 278: 9-12). We are full and on a waiting list for grades 6-12, and at 89% for K-5!

We are happy to have filled our open roles, congrats to Rose Bierce who will be the Online Associate Director and Jennifer Jones hired as Online Reading Interventionist. We are currently looking for a .5 FTE Middle School Math teacher to fill the portion of Rose's FTE that is now available due to her changed role.

We have 73 students enrolled in summer school. We plan to have a similar program to previous years, with students in grades 6-8 eligible for a math class, and grades 9-12 eligible to take one course in math, social studies, English, or PE/Health. To qualify, students must have failed at least one course in the past and this is designated to be credit recovery.

Some staff will be working on curriculum development through June.

Graduation planning is underway - the ceremony will be at the Crosslake school building on Friday, May 31, at 2 PM. Board members, please plan to attend if you are available. We expect to recognize approximately 73 graduates at the ceremony! The LAKE Foundation is again offering the Christine Sessin Memorial scholarship to 2 CCS graduates!

Seat Based Program

The Earth Day (weeks) festivities were very fun! Kids did the roadside clean up, some made some up-cycled hot pad holders,

The May 1 Service Breakfast was a huge hit! We had multiple agencies represented. We want to show our highest appreciation to the people who are in community service. The breakfast was followed by a K9 demonstration by the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Department. The kids were mesmerized by the dog and were very well behaved.

The swing set should be operational shortly! Bud has been on the fast track to get this done before the end of the year. It should be in the nick of time!!! Special thanks to Bud, the city of Crosslake and all others involved with the project!

Our enrollment continues to be steady and consistent. Paula is giving tours and enrolling students every week. We plan to push a few more radio ads during the summer to obtain a few more middle school students..

We are still brainstorming new options and ideas for the library. The money is available specifically for library usage. We are currently thinking through a locked cabinet library, open once a week.

I met with two representatives from the Minnesota Department of Education. They loved what we were doing in our facility and asked many questions that I enjoyed answering. When asked about the Read Act, I told them everything we had in place and that honestly it was not going to be horribly hard for us as we have so many things going in our favor already. They told me that I was the only relatively positive comment they had received. 😊

Our test scores are amazing. We will be meeting our goals for our authorizer, Osprey Wilds. That's great news!

We have 65 students enrolled in summer school. We are hoping that this intense, yet very fun time will close the learning gaps of some of our students, and enrich them all! The educational, hands on field trips that we are incorporating should be a bonus as well.

I have received zero comments about contemplating a 4 day week. Perhaps if more districts make this a reality, people will be commenting. For now, it's full steam ahead with the amazing things we have going on now!