



# Comstock Board of Education

## January 13, 2025

### 6:30 PM

### Regular Meeting

Comstock Administration Building  
6138 King Hwy  
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

269-250-8900

Welcome to the meeting of the Comstock Board of Education. This public meeting of the Board of Education is for conducting the School District's business. In the spirit and intent of Michigan's Open Meetings Act, this meeting will be conducted in person while live streaming on our district's YouTube channel, [www.youtube.com/comstockps/live](http://www.youtube.com/comstockps/live).

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The posted notice of this meeting, meeting agenda, and information on how to access the live stream are posted on the District's homepage, [www.comstockps.org](http://www.comstockps.org).

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Pamela Dickinson, President

#### 2. PLEDGE / MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pamela Dickinson, President

#### 3. MISSION, VISION, VALUES

Saralyn Brown, Secretary

#### 4. ROLL CALL

Megan Amsbury, Recording Secretary

#### 5. AGENDA CHANGES

#### 6. AGENDA APPROVAL (Action)

#### 7. RECOGNITIONS & PRESENTATIONS (Discussion: 5 Minute limit/item)

##### A. Senior Field Trip (Discussion)

Kim Adams, Teacher, CHS

##### B. Overnight Field Trip - Key Club (Discussion)

Abigail Schreiner Osborn, CHS

##### C. Overnight Field Trip - Softball Team (Discussion)

Abigail Schreiner Osborn

##### D. Academic Update - CELA

Meadow Nuyen, Principal of CELA

#### 8. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Per District Policy 2504 the Board has a **three (3) minute limit** per registered speaker.

#### 9. CONSENT AGENDA

##### A. Meeting Minutes

a. Monday, December 9th, 2024, Regular Meeting

b. Wednesday, December 11, 2024, Special Meeting

##### B. Personnel

a. New Hires

1. Aisha Kapadia, GSRP Teacher, CELA
2. Melanie Kuckuk, Social Studies Teacher, CMS
3. Kristin Loew, Special Education Teacher Consultant

b. Resignation

1. Cynthia Bloom, Social Studies Teacher, CMS

C. Consent Agenda Approval (**Action**)

10. **CELEBRATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Comstock Celebrations & Superintendent's Update

Dr. Jeff Thoenes, Superintendent

[http://www.comstockps.org/news/comstock\\_celebrations](http://www.comstockps.org/news/comstock_celebrations)

B. Committee Reports (**Discussion: 5 Minute limit/item**)

a. Appointment of Building Liaisons

Pamela Dickinson, President

b. 2024 Committee Report Summaries

Pamela Dickinson, President

C. Board Member Comments (**Discussion: 5 Minute limit/item**)

D. President's Update

Pamela Dickinson, President

11. **OLD BUSINESS** (**Discussion: 5 Minute limit/item**)

12. **NEW BUSINESS** (**Discussion: 5 Minute limit/item**)

A. Governance Issue (**Discussion**)

Pamela Dickinson, President

13. **RECORDING SECRETARY UPDATE**

- Scheduling Policy Committee Meeting
- MASB Winter Institute Virtual Event

14. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION**

January 27 - Regular Board Meeting  
6:00 pm, Comstock Administration Building

February 7-8 - MASB Winter Institute (Virtual)

February 10 - Regular Board Meeting  
6:00 pm, Comstock Administration Building

February 14 - CES Pastries w/Pals  
7:45 am, Comstock Elementary School

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Pamela Dickinson, President

The mission of Comstock Public Schools is to serve our community by empowering, inspiring, and challenging every person within the school district to reach their full potential, and to ensure all students learn and thrive in a safe and healthy environment.

The vision of Comstock Public Schools is to be an inclusive, high performing learning community where we foster dreams, explore possibilities, and create futures.

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PROPOSAL FOR OVERNIGHT/EXTENDED STUDENT TRIPS

Type of Trip: **Senior Class Trip**

Proposed Departure Date: **5:45/6:00 am Wednesday, May 28, 2025** Return Date: **12:00/12:30 am Thursday, May 29, 2025**

Proposer **Kimbelry Adams**

Position **High School Senior Class Advisor**

Date by which response is needed: **ASAP**

Proposal Date **12/12/24**

A. Purpose

1. What is the major place to be visited or event to be attended?

**Cedar Point Possibly**

2. How is the trip related to the educational program of the District?

**We have a senior trip every year to congratulate graduates on a job well done and to celebrate the end of their Comstock experience prior to graduation..**

3. In what ways will the students benefit?

**Class bonding & celebratory event prior to graduation.**

4. In what ways will the District benefit?

**Seniors enjoy this trip as their last moment together before graduation**

5. How will the trip be evaluated to determine the extent to which these benefits were realized?

**We discuss the trip every year and how fun & beneficial it is for the seniors as one of their last activities as a whole class prior to graduation.**

B. Students and Staff

1. Which students, (grade, class, or organization), will be going?

**Graduating seniors**

2. How many students in total?

**Approximately, 40 students possibly**

3. How many students are currently experiencing academic problems?

**Students can not go on the trip if they are not graduating and in good standing.**

4. Which staff member will be in charge?

**Kimberly Adams (senior class advisor)**

5. What previous experience has the staff member had in conducting overnight or extended field trips?

**I have been in charge and or participated with this trip for the past 17 years, it works well and has been positive in the past.**

6. What other staff members will be going?

**Kim Adams, possible admin (Colleen Grueter), a SE teacher (if necessary due to SE students) , possibly other staff members that might be needed for special circumstance students for medical situations, and/or other staff or approved adults. Typically no parents or relatives of senior students.**

7. How many chaperones, in addition to staff members, will be going?  
**(1-3)staff members, possibly 1- non staff member**

8. What are their names and affiliations with the students?

**Kim Adams-Senior Class Advisor, Collen Grueter (Asst. Principal), - SE Teacher if needed, Christopher Adams**

9. How many school days will be missed?

**None, the seniors are already out of school**

10. How will teachers be advised in advance that the students will be out of school?  
**N/A**

### C. School Work

1. How will missed work be made up?

**N/A**

2. What special assistance will be provided to students with academic problems?  
**N/A**

#### D. Itinerary

1. What is the destination?

**Possibly Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio or an alternative within the State of Michigan.**

2. What will be the mode of transportation? What liability insurance does the carrier have?  
**Charter Bus via a professional bus corporation- ie ( B&W Charters possibly)**

3. Where will the group be housed and fed?

**Fast Food possible at toll plaza on the way to and back, drink wristbands TBD upon ticket discounts at park included in the past with ticket. Any other food will be at the cost of students at the park/facility/event and while traveling.**

4. What enroute or supplementary activities are planned?

**Students should be located at the park/facility all day.**

5. What arrangements have been made for dealing with emergency situations?

**We have a form that is filled out individually with their insurance and emergency contact information.**

6. If tour guides are involved, what liability insurance do they carry?

**N/A**

#### E. Finances

1. What is the estimated total cost and cost per student?

**(tentative) \$120 a student (they pay) less if fundraising**

2. What is the source of funds?

**Students pay for individual participation and donations**

3. How will the funds be collected and safeguarded?

**We collect the money and deposit all funds to be allocated accordingly**

4. How will any shortfall be made up or excess funds used?  
**Typically the trip will not occur and we will not go if they don't pay full amount-possible fundraising or donations used if shortfall.**
5. What provision has been made for students who are financially unable to pay any necessary costs? **We have adults/families that sponsor students if they cannot afford it and/or possible fundraisers/donations.**

#### F. Communications

1. How will you communicate to parents prior to, during, and after the trip?  
**We have their phone numbers, emails and students cells with info on permission/liability forms**
2. List telephone numbers at destination and where the group will be housed.  
**N/A**
3. What information will be provided to the media and the community?

**In the past we acknowledged the fundraising donors within our community in numerous ways including Board recognition and articles written as well as the district newsletter.**

<u><i>Kimberly L. Adams</i></u>	<u>12/11/24</u>
Signature of the Requestor	Date

Approved:

	Date
Principal	

	Date
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	Date
Board of Education	



Type of Trip: Academic

Proposed Departure Date: February 21st, 2025

Return Date: February 23rd, 2025

Proposer: Abigail Osborn

Position: Key Club Advisor at CHS

Date by which response is needed: January 27th, 2025

Proposal Date: January 13th, 2025

### A. Purpose:

1. Are you planning on staying overnight, or will this be a same-day trip?

We will be staying overnight at the Crowne Plaza Lansing West

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2. What is the major place to be visited or event to be attended?

We will be attending the Service Leadership Conference for Michigan Key Clubs

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3. How is the trip related to the educational program of the District?

This conference will allow our Key Club members to collaborate with other Key Clubs from around the state. They will also be able to attend leadership sessions to boost skills.

4. In what ways will the students benefit?

Key Club members will be provided a safe and healthy environment for a weekend full of networking and fun. They will be able to attend many different session to get new ideas to bring back and benefit the school district as a whole.

5. In what ways will the District benefit?

The members will be able to meet with other groups and gain ideas that can benefit the district as a whole.

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6. How will the trip be evaluated to determine the extent to which these benefits were realized?

After the conference, the student will bring back a report to the club and pick different events that they want to implement at CHS.

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B. Students and Staff:

1. Which students, (grade, class, or organization), will be going?

Key Club Member grades 9-12 will be attending.

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2. How many total students will be on the trip?

9 students

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3. How many students are currently experiencing academic problems?

None

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4. Which staff member will be in charge?

Advisor Abby Osborn

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5. What previous experience has the staff member had in conducting overnight or extended field trips?

I have taken teams to out-of-state field trips successfully and over nights.

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6. What other staff members will be going?

None

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7. How many chaperones, in addition to staff members, will be going?

None

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8. What are their names and affiliations with the students?

None

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9. How many school days will be missed?

0 school days will be missed. The Friday is over Mid-winter break

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10. How will teachers be advised in advance that the students will be out of school?

N/A

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#### C. School Work

1. How will missed work be made up?

N/A

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2. What special assistance will be provided to students with academic problems?

N/A

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#### D. Itinerary

1. What is the destination?

Crowne Plaza Lansing West Address: 925 S Creyts Rd, Lansing, MI 48917

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2. What will be the mode of transportation? What liability insurance does the carrier have?

A school van

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3. Where will the group be housed and fed?

The group will be staying at the Crowne Plaza Lansing West in a block of hotel rooms set up by the Michigan Key Club Group

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4. What en route or supplementary activities are planned?

None

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5. What arrangements have been made for dealing with emergencies?

I will have an emergency folder with all of the students' contact information, permission slips signed, and a medical form completed

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6. If tour guides are involved, what liability insurance do they carry?

N/A

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#### E. Finances

1. What is the estimated total cost and cost per student?

The total cost is estimated to be \$175 for registration and \$149 per hotel room. It will be around \$2,250 in total

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2. What is the source of funds?

Key Club budget and donations

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3. How will the funds be collected and safeguarded?

Funded are stored in the Key Club account and only myself and our Kiwanis Advisor Darryl Rauoff have access

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4. How will any shortfall be made up or excess funds used?

N/A as all expenses are made ahead of time.

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5. What provision has been made for students who are financially unable to pay any necessary costs?

The club is covering the majority of the cost for the students.

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F. Communications

1. How will you communicate with parents before, during, and after the trip?

Once the trip is approved, permission slips will be sent home and an itinerary will be create so parents know exactly when and where students will be.

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2. List telephone numbers at the destination and where the group will be housed.

Abigail - 2693121642  
Crowne Plaza - (517) 323-7100

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3. What information will be provided to the media and the community?

I will create a Comstock Celebrations in addition to a report to the board of education.

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Signature of the Requestor

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Date

**Approved:**

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Principal/Administrator

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Date

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Superintendent

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Date

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Board of Education

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Date

**PROPOSAL FOR OVERNIGHT/EXTENDED STUDENT TRIPS**

Type of Trip	<u>Sports</u>		
Proposed Departure Date	<u>March 30</u>	Return Date	<u>April 4</u>
Proposer	<u>Abigail Osborn</u>	Position	<u>Coach</u>
Date by which response is needed	<u>ASAP</u>	Proposal Date	<u>January 13</u>

**A. Purpose****1. What is the major place to be visited or event to be attended?**

The team would travel to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for spring training practices and team bonding.

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**2. How is the trip related to the education program of the district?**

Sports Related

**3. In what ways will the students benefit?**

We will work on softball skills and have team bonding experiences.

**4. In what ways will the District benefit?**

We will become a better softball team and show our students more of the country.

**5. How will the trip be evaluated to determine the extent to which these benefits were realized?**

More time together will make us better.

**B. Students and Staff****1. Which students (grade, class, or organization) will be going?**

Current Members of the CHS Softball team

**2. How many students in total?**

15

**3. How many students are currently experiencing academic problems?**

Unknown at this moment, but I will work with students who need extra help. The trip will also be on

**4. Which staff member will be in charge?**

Abigail Osborn

**5. What previous experience has the staff member had in conducting overnight or extended field trips?**

Many trips and a lot of traveling experience

**6. What other staff members will be going?**

Amada Frisbee (Athletic Trainer)

**7. How many chaperones, in addition to staff members, will be going?**

Three

**8. What are their names and affiliations with the students?**

Matt Schreiner                      School Board Member

Becky Schreiner                      Local Doctor

**9. How many school days will be missed?**

Zero

**10. How will teachers be advised in advance that the students will be out of school?**

N/A

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**C. School Work**

**1. How will missed work be made up?**

N/A

**2. What special assistance will be provided students with academic problems?**

N/A

**D. Itinerary**

**1. What is the destination?**

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

**2. What will be the mode of transportation? What liability insurance does the carrier have?**

School Vans

**3. Where will the group be housed and fed?**

VRBO that accommodates 20 people. Adults will cook and students will provide funds for some meals

**4. What enroute or supplementary activities are planned?**

Softball Practice

Escape Room

**5. What arrangements have been made for dealing with emergency situations?**

Each player will have to supply an emergency form and permission slip to me before leaving.  
I will also have a doctor with me.

**6. If tour guides are involved, what liability insurance do they carry?**

N/A

**E. Finances**

**1. What is the estimated total cost and cost per student?**

Total Cost - \$6,000

Cost per student will be \$250 and the softball program will pick up the rest.

We also ask for a grant from the Josh Whitefield Athletic Fund

**2. What is the source of funds?**

Girls softball internal account.

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**3. How will funds be collected and safeguarded?**

They will be given to me and deposited in the softball account.

**4. How will any shortfall be made up or excess funds be used?**

There won't be any of either.

**5. What provision has been made for students who are financially unable to pay any of the necessary costs?**

Scholarships available through the JWMAF

**F. Communications**

**1. How will you communicate to parents prior to, during, and after the trip?**

Pre trip meeting, email and texts

**2. List telephone numbers at destination and where group will be housed.**

Not confirmed yet

**3. What information will be provided to the media and the community?**

None

  
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Signatures of the Requestor

  
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Date

Approved:

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Athletic Director

Board of Education

  
Date

Date

# Comstock Early Learning Academy

## Academic Update

Meadow Nuyen  
Principal

January 13, 2025



# MISSION, VISION, PHILOSOPHY

## Comstock Public Schools Mission and Vision

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## CELA Philosophy

*Play is the work of the child. Facilitating learning is the work of the teachers.<sup>17</sup>*



# GROWTH AT CELA

- 2019-2020 - 4 GSRP Classes
- 2020-2021 - 4 GSRP Classes, 1 ECSE
- 2021-2022 - 4 GSRP Classes, 1 ECSE
- 2022-2023 - 5 GSRP Classes, 1 Speech Sprouts
- 2023-2024 - 6 GSRP Classes, 1 Speech Sprouts, 1 ECSE
- 2024-2025 - 7 GSRP Classes, 2 Young Fives, 1 Speech Sprouts, 1 ECSE

Between 2019 and 2022, GSRP's slot allocation was 64.

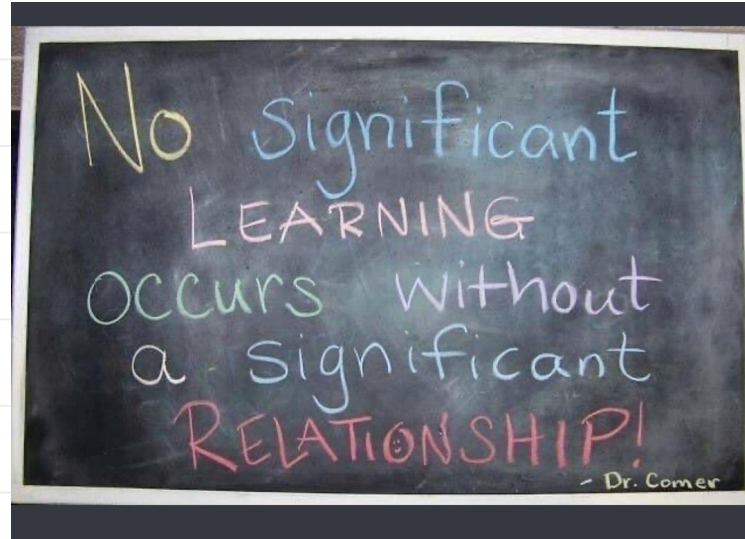
During 2022-2023, CELA was allotted 80 GSRP slots.

During 2023-2024, CELA had 96 GSRP slots.

In 2024-2025, CELA currently has 112 GSRP slots.



# RELATIONSHIPS MEAN LEARNING CAN OCCUR



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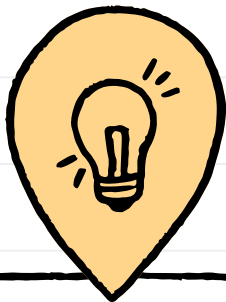
**The relationship must come first, and the learning will follow. ~ Dr. James Comer, child psychiatrist**

**Focus on the education of the whole child**

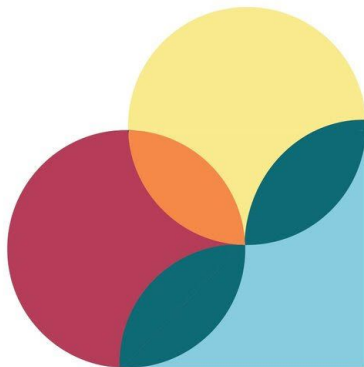
**Focus on relationships with the families as the first teachers of our students and empowering them**

**Focus on partnerships with community agencies to enhance relationships for students and families**

# CARE COLLECTIVE PARTNERSHIP



2024-25 partnership with the Care Collective to distribute potty training items for families of our students who need them. CELA receives donations of diapers, pull-ups, and wipes on the first and third Fridays of each month.



CARE  
COLLECTIVE



# GUEST READER FROM COMSTOCK TOWNSHIP LIBRARY



Traci Scarbrough  
guest reads each  
Wednesday at  
CELA in a different  
classroom!





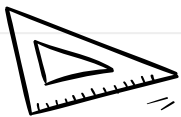
# FIRE SAFETY MONTH



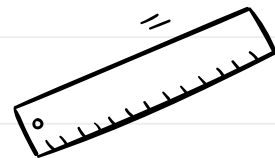
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Comstock Township Fire Department Staff visited CELA on October 21, 2024.





# SMARG VISITS CELA



Denise Garten from Southwest Michigan Amputee Resource Group, her son Justin, and her friend Julie Althen, who is also an amputee, gave group presentations to CELA classes celebrating diversity on November 14, 2024. Denise is an amputee who comes to CELA each fall to tell her story and show off different prosthetics.



# YOUNG FIVES



Students in Young Fives are those children who turn five years old after the September 1 kindergarten cutoff date.

Staff teach and assess using the World of Wonders Curriculum.





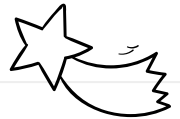
# EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION

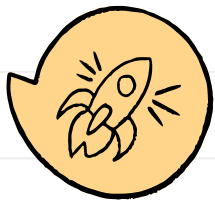
ECSE is going well! There's a big need in the community for supporting Pre-K students who have developmental delays.

Children ages birth-3 are evaluated all the time, year round by the preprimary evaluation team (PET) at KRESA.

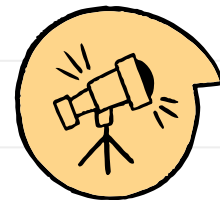
If found to be eligible, they could enroll in ECSE at CELA on/after their 3rd birthday.

The inclusion staff push into GSRP classes with students who have 1755 inclusion IEPs.





# GREAT START READINESS PROGRAM



Students are assessed three times a year utilizing the Teaching Strategies Gold (TS GOLD) grading system. TS GOLD focuses on the whole child and students are assessed on 38 different objectives ranging from the Arts to Math & Literacy to Physical to Social Emotional.

“Every element in the Teaching Strategies ecosystem connects to our research-based objectives for development and learning, enabling a truly individualized path to success for each child.”

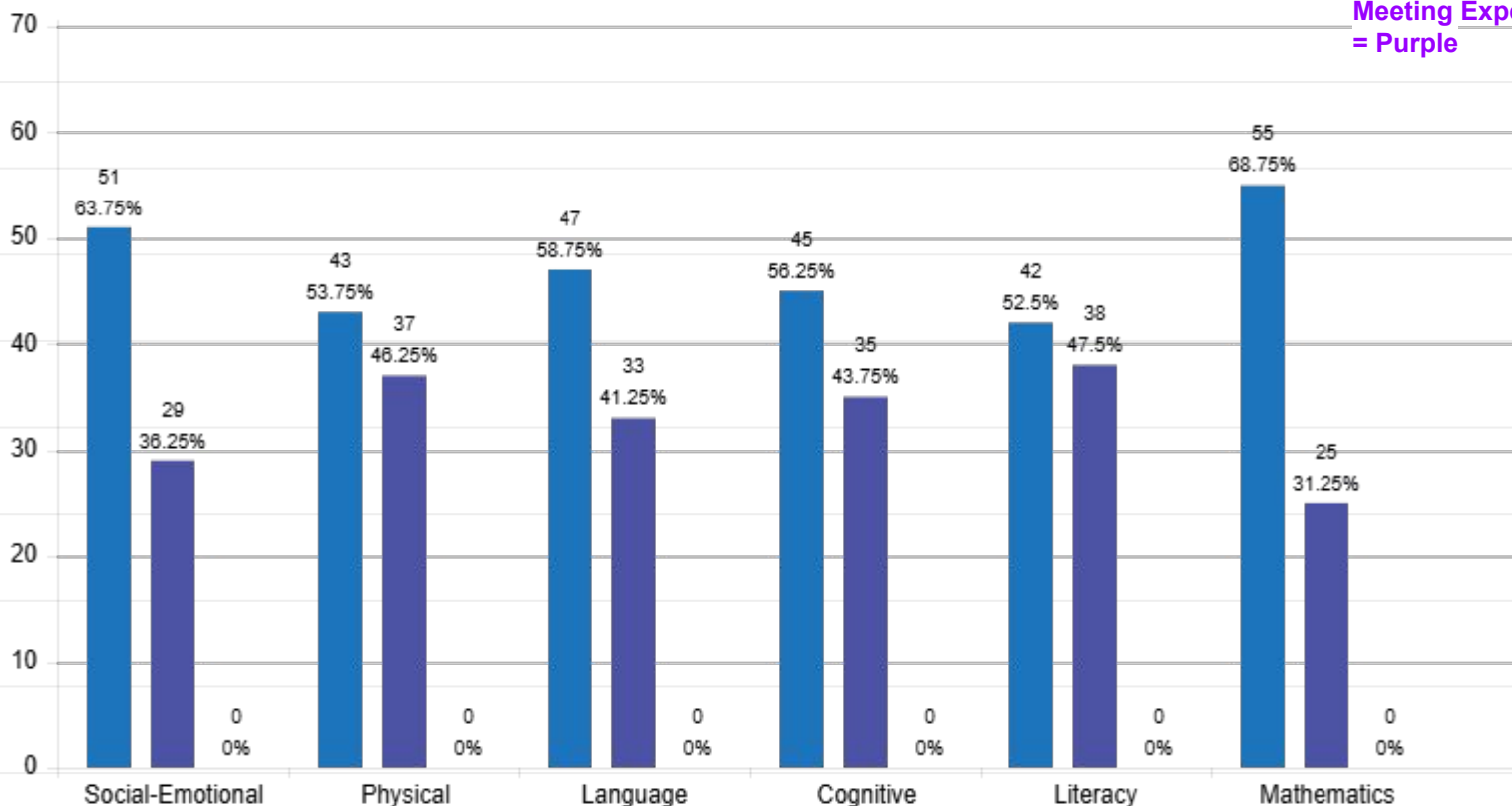


# FALL TS GOLD RESULTS

Fall 2024-2025

Below Expectations  
= Blue

Meeting Expectations  
= Purple



## PERCENTAGE OF CELA STUDENTS WHO ATTEND CES OR STEM AFTER PRE-K

2019-2020 Comstock Early Learning Academy (CELA) Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) students who went to Comstock Elementary (CES)/Comstock STEM Academy (STEM) during **2020-2021 totaled 69%**. Of the remaining 31%, 12% moved & 19% attended their home district.  
\*COVID IMPACTED\*

2020-2021 CELA GSRP students who went to CES/STEM during **2021-2022 totaled 57%**. Of the remaining 43%, 19% moved & 24% attended their home district. \*COVID IMPACTED\*

2021-2022 CELA GSRP students who went to CES/STEM during **2022-2023 totaled 82%**. Of the remaining 18%, 5% moved & 13% attended their home district.

2022-2023 CELA GSRP students who went to CES/STEM during **2023-2024 totals 91%**. Of the remaining 9%, 3% have indicated that they moved & 6% may attended their home district.

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2023-24 CELA GSRP students who went to CES/STEM during **2024-25 totals 78%**. Of the remaining 22%, 3% have indicated that they moved & 19% attended their home district.

# REFERENCES

Comstock Public Schools: <https://www.comstockps.org/>

Teaching Strategies Gold:  
<https://teachingstrategies.com/the-objectives-for-development-and-learning/#social-emotional>

Dr. James Comer:  
<https://www.pedagogy4change.org/james-p-comer-significant-learning/>







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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 PM

#### 2. PLEDGE / MOMENT OF SILENCE

#### 3. MISSION, VISION, VALUES - Karen Howes, Trustee

#### 4. ROLL CALL - Megan Amsbury, Recording Secretary – **Pamela Dickinson and Saralyn Brown Absent. All other members present**

#### 5. AGENDA CHANGES - **None**

#### 6. AGENDA APPROVAL (Action) - – **Hathaway/Lamphear – Motion to approve the Agenda as presented – Approved 5-0**

#### 7. STUDENT & STAFF OF THE MONTH - Dr. Jeff Thoenes, Superintendent

The student of the month award celebrates and recognizes individual achievement and showcases accomplishments in academics, athletics, and exemplary character traits. The students who receive this award demonstrate excellent behavior in and out of the classroom, which includes being respectful and helpful to both teachers and peers.

The staff of the month award recognizes an employee for exemplary service in their field and their efforts toward helping CPS achieve its goals of delivering excellence to our students and families.

#### STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

- Jackson Vandenberg (CELA, Pre-K)
- Ayden Whitfield (CES, 3rd Grade)
- Vivienne Ludtke (STEM, 5th Grade)
- Alexis Richardson (CMS, 7th Grade)
- Kody Gillen (CHS, 11th Grade)
- Marsavious Tzeschlock (CVA, 5th Grade)

- Sydney Odom (Compass, 5th Grade)

#### STAFF OF THE MONTH:

- Kayleigh Schneider, Science Teacher, STEM

### **8. RECESS & RECONVENE (Action) – Schreiner/Hathaway – Motion to Recess until 6:31 PM**

### **9. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE**

Per District Policy 2504 the Board has a **three (3) minute limit** per registered speaker.

### **10. CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **A. Meeting Minutes**

- Monday, November 25th, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

#### **B. Financials**

- October 2024

**C. Consent Agenda Approval (Action) - Pamela Dickinson, President – Howes/Brown – Motion to approve consent agenda as presented – Approved 7-0**

### **11. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion: 5 Minute limit/item)**

### **12. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion: 5 Minute limit/item)**

### **13. ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION**

- Dec 10 - STEM Family Culture Night  
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM, STEM Academy
- Dec 11 - 8th Grade Parent Information Night  
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM, Comstock Colt Center
- Dec 11 - Special Board Meeting (Mid-Year Eval w/Dr. Rod Green)  
6:00 PM, Comstock Administration Building
- Dec 17 - STEM Academy Modern Band Concert  
6:00 PM, Comstock Community Auditorium
- Dec 18 - Holiday Choir Concert  
7:00 PM, Comstock Community Auditorium
- Dec 23 - Start of Winter Recess
- Jan 6 - Return from Winter Recess
- Jan 13 - Organizational Meeting  
6:00 PM, Comstock Administration Building

### **14. ADJOURNMENT – 6:43 PM**

The mission of Comstock Public Schools is to serve our community by empowering, inspiring, and challenging every person within the school district to reach their full potential, and to ensure all students learn and thrive in a safe and healthy environment. The vision of Comstock Public Schools is to be an inclusive, high performing learning community where we foster dreams, explore possibilities, and create futures. If you are an individual with a disability who needs a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the meeting or hearing, please contact Megan Amsbury, Executive Assistant/Board Secretary at 269.250.8907 at least 72 hours

prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.





Comstock Board of Education  
December 11, 2024  
6:00 PM

## Special Meeting MINUTES

Comstock Administration Building  
6138 King Hwy  
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Welcome to the meeting of the Comstock Board of Education. This public meeting of the Board of Education is for conducting the School District's business. In the spirit and intent of Michigan's Open Meetings Act, this meeting will be conducted in person. Anyone who would like to participate in the "Call to the Audience Public Comment" will have to be in person and complete the form available at the entrance of the in-person meeting. You are asked to adhere to the following guidelines when addressing the Board: 1) State your name and group affiliation, if appropriate 2) Keep comments to three (3) minutes 3) No participant may speak more than once on the same topic 4) Participants shall direct all comments to the Board and not to staff or other participants 5) The presiding officer may terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant. The posted notice of this meeting, meeting agenda, and information on how to access the live stream are posted on the District's homepage, [www.comstockps.org](http://www.comstockps.org).

### 1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 PM

### 2. PLEDGE

**3. ROLL CALL** - Megan Amsbury, Recording Secretary – **Pamela Dickinson & Saralyn Brown**  
**Absent – All other board members present.**

**4. AGENDA APPROVAL (Action) – Hathaway/Lamphear – Motion to approve the agenda as presented – Approved 5-0**

### 5. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE - None

Per District Policy 2504 the Board has a **three (3) minute limit** per registered speaker.

**6. CLOSED SESSION – Howes/Lamphear – Motion to move into closed session for the purpose of conducting the superintendent's mid-year evaluation – Approved 5-0**

The board will move into closed session for the purpose of conducting the superintendent's mid-year evaluation.

### 7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Mid-year Progress Report Review **(Action) – Howes/Hathaway – Motion to approve the superintendent's mid-year progress report review as presented – Approved – 5-0**

B. Condo Purchase and Sale Contract Agreement Approval **(Action) – Howes/Cook – Motion to approve the condo purchase and sale contract agreement for the purchase of property at 6138 King Hwy for \$250,000 – Approved 5-0**

### 8. ADJOURNMENT - 8:15 pm

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6th January, 2025

**Dr. Mark Wilke**

Principal, Comstock Middle School  
3100 N 26th St.  
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Dear Dr. Wilke,

It is with regret that I hand in my retirement from Comstock Public Schools. I value the 34 ½ years that I have shared with Comstock Schools. The students, their families, and the Comstock staff have become part of my family. I will forever be grateful for the community of Comstock.

My time at Comstock prepared me for my next venture whatever that may be.

My final day with Comstock Public Schools will be Friday January 17, 2025

Go Colts!

Sincerely,



Cynthia Bloom