



Carbondale Attendance Center and Santa Fe Trail Junior High

Board of Education Report

April 2019

To: Dr. Steve Pegram, Superintendent and Board of Education

From: Mrs. Kristy Hamit, Principal and Mr. TJ Meyer, Assistant Principal/Activities Director

Date: April 4, 2019

Re: April BOE Report

State testing and track season are now in full swing at Carbondale Attendance Center and we are making plans for transition day and eighth-grade promotion.

Behaviors: During the month of March, 27 detentions were issued for reasons including misuse of technology, disrespectful behavior toward staff and students, and fighting. Two students served in school suspension for bus behavior and continuing to be dishonest with staff regarding actions, and two students were issued two-day out of school suspensions for inappropriate behavior in the school elevator.

Sports: We host the first three junior high track meets of the season and hope the weather will not put a kink in the schedule. There are 99 seventh and eighth-grade students participating this year. The first meet on April 2nd was a success however, they did not get to complete the meet because we ran out of daylight and the lights around the track were not working.

Music Department: The Junior High League Band clinic and concert on Monday, March 4th at SFTHS was a success. The Band Boosters were a great help in providing the meals as well as setting up and tearing down the needed equipment.

4th-grade had their spring music concert at the high school auditorium on March 26th with a Super Hero theme. Many students stepped up and had speaking parts.

The 6th-grade band and choir concert will be held at CAC on April 24th and the JH theater class will wrap up the month of April with a theater showcase at the high school on the 30th.

FBLA: CAC JH students participated in the State FBLA Conference on April 2nd in Topeka. 20 students placed in the top ten of nine different events. The students positively represented Trail.

KAY: Several KAY students attended the Unit Conference in January where they had the opportunity to meet with peers and share ideas. Members created "busy bags" for the pre-school screening day. At the next meeting they will be discussing a couple of ways to spruce up the building for spring. Weekly, KAY members collect the recycling items from around the building. Officer elections for next year will be taking place soon. At this time we have two students who are planning to attend KAY camp this summer.

Wright Flight: There were so many 7th-grade students that qualified to participate in Wright Flight Fly Day that the group had to be divided into three sections. We will now have students flying on April 6th, 13th and 27th at Billard Airport in Topeka. Mr. Dewey has also made arrangements for a guest speaker to visit with the 7th-grade students, whose interest in becoming a pilot was sparked by Wright Flight.

Kansas State Assessments: Sixth-graders have completed their State Assessments. All other grade-levels will have their ELA, math, and science assessments taken no later than the week of April 15th. We have encountered a few technical issues but Sarah Dehn has been a great resource in getting the student devices back up and running.

State Fire Marshal Visit: The State Fire Marshal was in District on Wednesday, April 4th. During his time at CAC he made note that we are in code violation in the band room. According to the area of the room, legal capacity is 49 people. The current enrollment in band ranges from 41-67 students, depending upon the grade. This does not include the band directors or para support staff.

This situation is another example of the need for additional space at CAC. In addition to a gym, storage and office areas, a band room has now been added to our list of needs.

Additional Upcoming Activities:

Due to a “no-school day” because of the weather, the Mobile Energy Education Truck visit was rescheduled for April 1st. Executive Director, Warren Martin, visited and facilitated activities with the 4th, 5th, and 6th-grade students. This was a great experience and we are making arrangements for Mr. Martin to come each year to facilitate lessons or a truck visit with the CAC elementary students.

We have five first-semester financial literacy students that have earned the privilege of competing in the Personal Finance Challenge in Wichita on April 9th. Mrs. Michaelis will be accompanying these competitors.

The CAC 5th-grade students are attending STARBASE weekly and the 2.0 program will be wrapping up in the next few weeks. As it has been a great after school opportunity for our 6th-grade students, we hope to have a good group interested in participating in the 2.0 program next year.