



Carbondale Attendance Center and Santa Fe Trail Junior High

Board of Education Report

September 2019

To: Mr. John Denk, Superintendent and Board of Education

From: Mrs. Kristy Hamit, Principal and Mr. Zach Harwood, Assistant Principal/Activities Director

Date: September 6, 2019

Re: September BOE Report

The Carbondale Attendance Center students and staff have hit the ground running. The janitorial staff worked super hard this summer to get the building in tip-top shape. Carpet in the main hall will be installed during Winter Break due to a timing issue. We can't wait!

Enrollment: The building enrollment is down about 5 students from last school year with 20 new or returning kids on our roster. Our student count is as follows: 4th-grade-77, 5th-grade-79, 6th-grade-75, 7th-grade-61, and 8th-grade-95 for a total of 387. One 8th-grade student is attending Project Plus at Forbes Field with hopes of transitioning to Frameworks mid-year. Four students currently attend the Three Lakes Frameworks program, two 7th-graders, and two 8th-graders.

SPED Staff: CAC is still short one Three Lakes para. Three new paras have started in the past two weeks one will start on the 16th of September and we are still hoping to hire one more to sufficiently cover our caseload.

Charger Time/Bolt Buddies: The teachers are using Charger Time to review the 7-Habits, begin compiling the student leadership notebooks, and monitor grades. September's focus is on Habit 1-Be Proactive.

We started off the year with our first Friday Bolt Buddy picnic. This introductory activity provides an opportunity for Bolt Buddy classes to meet one another and visit in a relaxed environment. This year we have a Bolt Buddy meeting date scheduled for each month. This does not limit the times Bolt Buddies can meet for activities but assures that they do interact on a regular basis.

Curriculum/Assessment: The Fastbridge beginning of the year benchmarking assessments are now under way. Fourth through sixth grades have completed their testing and we are hoping to get the junior high finished this week. Looking at the current results, sixth grade has the largest number of students in tier one for both math and reading.

Fifth-grade is beginning their pilot of the Comprehensive Literacy Program. Mrs. Hawks is creating a book room, shelves filled with book sets, for all grade levels to use. The books have been labeled with a Guided Reading Level and the usage will be tracked to determine if

additional book sets need to be added. The Fountas and Pinnell kits have just arrived and Mrs. Hawks and her crew are beginning to put them together for the teachers to use.

The fourth-grade reading tier is in full implementation for the year. It was decided to participate in a 60-day free trial of the Read Naturally Live program for the fluency group since we no longer have a license for Reading Plus.

Following the grade-level and cross grade-level collaboration meetings, it was determined that the CUBES strategy would be used for problem solving in math grades four through six and Powerful Writing (power tree) would be used for organized writing projects.

Sports: The fall junior high sports athletes are off to a great start. We have 46 students out for football, 36 girls playing volleyball, and four runners out for cross country. Our Red – Blue scrimmages on Friday, August 30th were a success. The volleyball teams' first match was played September 3rd against Jeff West. All teams, including cross country, will compete on Thursday, September 5th.

STAR BASE 2.0: The afterschool STEM mentoring program, STAR BASE 2.0, kicked off Wednesday, September 4th with 14 fully enrolled participants and the potential of a few more. Mrs. Dobbs already has scheduled speakers from Kansas Corn and Aeronautical Education to share with the students throughout the year.

Student Organizations: The junior high KAY is including sixth-grade this year and quite a few students have expressed interest in being a part of this organization. The group has already begun the weekly recycling pick-up that they do each Friday.

SFTJH Future Business Leaders of America have also begun to meet and get their officers organized and the group up and running for this year.

The Student Lighthouse Team class representatives were chosen and they have met once and are on the schedule to meet the first Friday of each month.

LIM Coaching Day: On Wednesday, September 4th Jenna Tate, the district LIM Coach, spent the day at CAC meeting with the teacher Action Teams and the Building Lighthouse Team. There was great discussion and Ms. Tate helped guide the Teams as they discussed the goals for CAC this year.