

Board meeting summary

Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow

Elementary report: : Teachers are currently reading and completing Thoughtful Ed activities with Rick Stiggins' book, Classroom Assessment for Student Learning. At this point, we are primarily focusing on the Stiggins' model of formative assessment and matching learning targets to assessment methods. Lorelei Walters and Johnna Martin, members of the District Leadership Team, are attending Regional Standards meetings in math and language arts, respectively. They are meeting with grade level teams to present the new standards to the classroom teachers and assist them in integrating the new standards with our current math and language arts curriculum.

The Elementary Academic Team will be participating in the Quick Recall Invitational at Concord Elementary on February 12, 2011. Lynn Hambrick, Math Intervention Teacher, recently trained retired teachers, Eva Lou Petrie and Patsy Burgess in math structuring. Mrs. Petrie and Mrs. Burgess will work as volunteers with intermediate students to improve their math structuring skills, which are fundamental to math achievement. We are gearing up for the October 15, 2011 Washington D.C. Trip. So far, we have 135 students/staff/parents planning on attending.

Middle school report: The focus at Carlisle County Middle School continues to be in the areas of math and reading. Students continue to receive rigorous instruction in both areas and are receiving progress monitoring bimonthly. Teachers are receiving the data from these formative assessments and are adjusting their instruction according to student results. In addition to this data, students are being benchmarked three times a year using the Scantron Performance Series test. These reports are being disaggregated and shared with teachers by Mrs. Cates. Teachers are utilizing this information to further differentiate their instruction for students. The bimonthly progress monitoring data (utilized from Aimsweb) have shown improvement in both reading and math. Students are improving in the specific areas of reading comprehension and math computation. CCMS will continue to progress monitor students until the month of May.

High school: During monthly faculty meetings, teachers are completing Thoughtful Ed activities relating to our book study of Rick Stiggins', Classroom Assessment for Learning. Instructionally, we are continuing to focus on improving students' written responses and recently had a learning walk to determine what strategies are being used to increase student performance on written responses. Teachers are analyzing open response questions and student work on open response questions in learning club meetings held twice monthly. Disaggregated data from our practice ACT test will be used to determine the focus of the KAPLAN ACT review with juniors. Juniors will take the ACT on March 15th.

The following students recently participated in the First District Governor's Cup Competition held on January 25 and January 29: Shawn Piet, Katie Handley, Melanie Thomas, Alex Toon,

Randi Vickers, Starla Hicks, Sawyer Rambo, Chaney Brown, and Eric Baldwin. Katie Handley took home first place honors in math; Melanie Thomas placed fifth in Composition; Alex Toon placed fifth in Arts & Humanities; and Sawyer Rambo placed fourth in social studies. These students will go on to compete at the regional competition.

The First District Basketball Tournament will be held at home this year. The 1st rounds of the tournament have been tentatively scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, February 21st & 22nd with the girls' final on Thursday, February 24th and the boys' final on Friday, February 25th.

Food service report: The total number of breakfast served to students in January was 6224 district wide, which is about 389 breakfasts a day. The total number of lunches served to students in January was 10229, which are about 640 lunches a day. We also do afterschool snack for CSI and we served 173 snacks for the month. The total reimbursement for January was \$25835.00 and the total food cost was \$17935.13. As of January 31, 2011 we have 447 free students and 57 reduced students and 403 paid students. In October of 2010 the Foodservice went thru a coordinated review effort by the state and had a very good review. The reviewer told my staff that it was one of the best reviews he had done this year. We will be participating in the Summer Feeding Program again this summer which will start up in June. This will be the third year for this program. This is a very good program and we are trying to get it built up in the community to reach the kids in the summer and make sure that they are getting at least one nutritious meal a day. The past two years we have had sites at Carlisle County Middle School, Arlington First Baptist, and Bardwell Baptist. We also do Vacation bible schools for local churches and it is free to feed the children.

New proposed rule for the Food and Nutrition services. This rule proposes to revise the meal patterns and nutrition requirements for National School Lunch program and the schools Breakfast program to align with the 2005 dietary guidelines. This rule would increase the availability of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and fat free and low fat fluid milk and also reduce the sodium and saturated fats in meals. School meals are projected to increase by 6.8 billion over the next five years due to the cost of foods required by the rule and increased labor costs due to more on-site food preparation and training for food service personnel. This is a very big concern for Food Service Directors across the state.

Construction planning continues, the schematics of phase 1 were reviewed. The KY Department of Education has given initial approval to the project. One big change the project will bring is loading/unloading of students. Buses will use the back parking lot and parents will use the front parking lot.

The school calendar was amended to include Feb. 18, 21, March 17, May 20, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 as student attendance days for the 9 days missed to date. Tentative last day for students is May 27 at noon. Additional days will be scheduled for any future missed days. The Request for Qualifications is to allow energy management firms to propose energy savings proposals to the board. Trips were approved for the Carlisle County Mock Trial Team Competition involving fifteen students March 17-19 to Louisville, KY with sponsors Miranda Wilson, the GT teacher, Mrs. Mahan, and our attorney coach, Bryan Wilson and

FFA ski trip on Feb. 26 to St. Louis. The pledge for the Commonwealth Commitment in Improving College and Career Readiness is a 5 year pledge to improve college and career readiness of students by 50%.

A look back at the February 4, 1960 meeting of the Carlisle County School Board. Warren C. Holt was selected board member from the Milburn district. The board approved borrowing \$10,000 to meet March expenses.