

Board meeting summary

Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow

Important dates: Dec. 17 School dismissed at noon for Christmas break
Jan. 3 School resumes

Elementary school: While our instructional focus continues to include Thoughtful Ed Strategies and Open Response Questions (ORQ's), we will be expanding it to include both formative and summative assessment and analysis of student work. Teachers are currently reading and completing activities with Rick Stiggins' book, Classroom Assessment for Student Learning. In addition, Learning Club Core Team members participated in student work analysis training conducted by Joyce Jackson for the M.S. staff. These Core Team members will in turn be training the rest of the elementary faculty on December 14th. Therefore, during upcoming Learning Club Meetings, teachers will be engaged in analyzing student work to improve both instruction and student achievement.

The Carlisle County Elementary Academic team has won 5 out of the 8 meets they have participated in thus far.

Middle school: The instructional focus at the middle school is shifting slightly. We are still maintaining the expectation that Thoughtful Education strategies will be implemented throughout all content areas, however, we have begun considering the impact of assessment on our instruction. Teachers at CCMS, like all Carlisle County teachers, have begun reading Classroom Assessment for Student Learning by Rick Stiggins and company. Teachers are beginning to see the importance of (and difference in) formative assessments and summative assessments, especially in the areas of how it relates to instruction and student achievement. We will be considering how this CASL work and Thoughtful Ed will support our efforts in implementing the new Common Core Standards as they are rolled out to schools.

We continue to focus on reading and math. We are beginning to see some progress in both areas using our AimsWeb data. Students were benchmarked at the beginning of the year in reading (comprehension) and math (computation). Through progress monitoring, teachers will be able to see student growth or failure to grow in either area.

The CCMS basketball teams have played very well throughout the season. Although they have lost some games, their efforts have been admirable and they have done a fantastic job representing the school and the county. We are very proud of each player.

Mrs. Erin Provow will be hosting a guest speaker on December 15th. Mr. Alex Rosenburg is a Holocaust survivor, and will be here to speak to both middle and high school students that

morning. Mrs. Provow recently completed a unit on the Holocaust and the book The Diary of Anne Frank.

High school: Our instructional focus continues to be on implementing Thoughtful Education as well as improving students' answers on open response questions. Teachers recently taught students how to analyze the demands of open response questions and how to build their body of evidence in their responses. Students have also looked at samples of proficient and distinguished open response answers. Next students will be taught several planning tools to help them outline their answers. Teachers will then begin working on one open response per week with their classes. Teachers will be analyzing student work on open responses during upcoming learning club meetings. By analyzing student work, teachers will be able to select Thoughtful Education strategies to incorporate into their lessons that will impact students' performance on open response questions.

Gifted and talented students, Derek Hayden and Trevor Gourley placed 2nd in the state Stock Market Game. They will each receive a check for \$50 as well as a t-shirt

Homecoming has been scheduled for December 17, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the junior varsity and varsity boys' games with Mayfield. No freshmen game will be played

Student contracts for next year were approved. The KETS Offer of Assistance was approved for technology. The board and administrators met with the architect, Keith Sharp, in a planning session for the elementary renovation and cafeteria/kitchen project. William Stermon and Ruth Dietsch were recognized for their service to the Board of Education.

A look back at the December 1, 1959 meeting of the Carlisle County School Board. Three members were in attendance – Herschel Mix, Mel Harris, and Carl Graves. Approval was given to the Cunningham Civic Club to hold its quarterly meetings at the Cunningham School. Teacher salaries paid ranged from about \$193 to \$553.