

District Site Council Minutes
September 5, 2019

Kelly G. welcomed members to a new school year.

Members Present- Kelly Gentry, Aron Dody, Christa Kraus, Marty White, Valerie Woodall, Robin Frye, Amanda Vroman, Tracie Shroeder, Kelly McDiffett, Jill Day, Angela Harris, Anita Mahanay, Jean Johnson, Dene Kaster, Heather Honas and Valerie Gehrler

2019-20 meeting schedule: November 20, January 15, March 25 (OVT), and April 15

Council members reviewed the April 10, 2019 Minutes and the April OVT Summary. Members present were divided into groups and were responsible for reporting out different parts of the report. A good review and discussion was held about the report.

Proposed changes were presented to the Long Range Plan. Changes that were noted were –

1. ELA SAC needs another summer so the Summer of 2020 and 2021 have been updated
2. The Resource[®] selection for ELA has been pushed back a year, therefore all other core subjects (Math, Science, and Social Studies) all had to be moved back a year.
3. Technology has been changed to “Computer Science”
4. Due to new standards for Computer Science we now added a Curriculum pieces to the plan for that area.

The Long Range Plan was approved with changes. This will now go to the Board of Education.

Course updates at CGJSHS were presented – see handout. Discussed the changes the needed to take place and the reason behind them.

ELA SAC K-12 and AIMSwebPlus are new initiatives this year. DSC reviewed the document shared with teachers about the expectations for this year and timeline for moving forward. AIMSwebPlus system was discussed.

Social Studies received new resources for grades 5-12 this fall. They match the new standards and have lots of awesome digital components. Getting online accounts has been a bit of a struggle with the company but this will be finished soon.

Science STEMscopes (K-5) had a big update to their program from last year. We finally got the documents that explained the update. After not having Biology in our schedule for two years, due to changing our science course sequence, we have begun Integrated Biology with Junior class. We are very excited to have Mrs. Coover teaching this course and to have our full HS science schedule back in place.

The high school continues to work to expand course sequences for students in “Pathways.” In addition to our current six Pathways, we are working on the application for Education in Training. This will involve beginning a new course, “Teaching as a Career.” Mrs. Coover is also very interested in starting some health science pathways.

Building Communication:

CGES: 2nd grade Grandparent’s day is coming up. Transition Day for completing the ASQ screener went really well. Possibly being able to do this in the evening would be beneficial. They also completed this at the Pre-K level. 6th grade is having a literacy week. (Similar to Spirit Week but focused on literacy). Having a lot of success with the Student Support Room (sensory room, de-escalation room). Starbase has started for 5th grade and students are really enjoying it.

PHES: Morning meeting has started and it is going really well. Students recite the daily pledge, pledge of allegiance, lunch menu, good kid awards, and birthday celebrations. Love getting to know the new students and families.

CGJSHS: Ms. House would like us to know about the library website and twitter feed. Ms. Gronquist is super excited about the new Restaurant & Event Management pathway classes and they are full! Mr. Horvat is excited about the new color guard that will debut on Friday. Mrs. Barchura is excited about her new class. Ms. Vroman is VERY excited about her new sink. Activities are getting in full swing. Lots of new teachers and students in the building. No empty space in the building! ☺ Club Fair was this last week, so lots of students are getting involved. Bunny and Carol are both leaving in less than 5 days. :(The new JH schedule is an adjustment but people are getting used to it. They like the longer class period but hate not seeing students every day. Seeing lots of kindness towards new students. Seeing a big improvement with 7th graders and lockers since Anita has sent locks to the 6th graders. Fall musical auditions were this past week. Big testing month coming up. Oct. 1st ACT testing date. Oct 2nd- FAFSA night- kids need to bring their computer. PSAT- Oct 16th Pre-Act is Oct. 21st. Nov. 11th – 7th grade ACT Aspire. Mr. McDiffett shared about how proud he is of his amazing staff. Transition and addition of staff has been an adjustment but things are going really well. Some changes have been made on how meetings are being held and who needs to be present. This flow (cycle) should help with the frequency of meetings and being more purposeful during those meetings. Seminar changes have been positive. New intercom system is working well. Open House was very crowded and was a little chaotic. A special celebration is planned for Bunny and Carol.

Special Education: Great to have the same three teachers for another year. Indicator 11 Review- Morris County will meet the data requirement. Staff is continuing to adjust and learn about the new caseloads.

Title/MTSS, ESL: 17 on ESL caseload right now. Heidi has tested all the new students and is working with teachers of all the 17 on their Individual Learning Plans.

Superintendent: Roofing replacement rotation is still in process. Safe and Secure/COPS grant- we applied for \$360,000 and we should find out from COPS grant this month. Got \$15k from Safe and Secure grant. Reviewed some updates to buildings and technology infrastructure. Possible Pre-K collaboration with Building Blocks is exciting. Huge buy-in from staff after the August training on Trauma Informed care of students. We are looking forward to collaborating with the community as we continue this journey. Tailgate tomorrow- donations by local business for drinks. Review of enrollment numbers. Our Post-Secondary Effectiveness rate is up. KRR Update. Discussion about Pre-K funding and how Pre-K will be our focus especially if/when KRR goes away.

Information to/from Non-School Members:

Alta Vista – Old Settler’s Day (Sept 28th)

Dwight- Still planning on the Hayrack Ride and Hot dog roast in October.

Council Grove- Valerie had booklets to pass out with lots of community information.

Board of Education Report:

Marty- the BOE election cycle changed to be the same time as state and federal. We have two positions that will be new in January. Due to no one running against them, Adam Dirks and Mary Kay Myers will most likely be the new BOE members.

Next Meeting Agenda, November 20