

CTE SAC Meeting April 17, 2018

- Spring testing (Robin Hunt)
 - It's finished and best and smoothest testing season we've had in 10 years. Only 5 excusals. In the past we have had upwards of 32 excusals. Finished with makes ups by Friday of the second week. Teachers did a great job getting their kids prepared. Timeline for results is to get back before the end of the school year. And standardized test goes under the umbrella of CMAS from now on so next year could be a test from a different company but it will still be called CMAS.
- Staff update (Ms. Zavadil)
 - Kindergarten doing their big STEAM project with culture.
 - First grade working on habitat unit
 - Second grade has a huge focus on math and understanding the steps in computation
 - Third grade is finishing up animal unit. Bar graphed and mapped thinking. Mrs. Briese's class is problem solving finding a place for kids to be able to calm down on the playground.
 - Fourth grade has done tons of work with designed thinking.
 - Fifth grade is using designed thinking to make math board games. Starting more on empathy and working on a unit with people with disabilities
 - Sixth grade is working on pathways. Health and wellness and humanities and environmental. Done a lot of empathy work.
 - There feels like there is a shift from having to do STEAM day to impress to really working on their STEAM projects and trying to learn and make a change. Next year we may be more creative in how we do STEAM day and maybe do more days that are not as big
 - Teachers are not stressed yet but it's the calm before the storm. Admin has done a good job staggering when things are due.
 - Teacher appreciation week is a week later in May which is better for the teachers.
- PSP Update (Lacey Whittaker)
 - Games night April 27th.
 - Restaurant night May 1st
 - Mornings with Mom May 4th
 - Teacher appreciation the weekend of May 7th
 - Sonshine Soiree May 11th
 - Yearbook
 - School supply list
 - Grants approved: Trainer for new writing program. Extra tickets for family of Apple award winners. And grants to different grades
- DAC update (Lacey Whittaker)
 - No update
- Elected position for next year
 - Kristin Marsh's position is up for election. She is not coming back

Budget update

- We are currently down about 40 kids which is normal for this time of year so we are waiting on spending until we get the kids. We generally do get the kids during the summer
- For the past 15 years we have gotten a lot of kids in June or July
- If we do not get the kids we will have to drop down the amount of EAs
- 2 staff members are leaving. Positions have not been posted yet. We will have 3 classes per grade level next year
- We are right in the middle of evaluations of teachers
- Still doing our designed thinking building wise.
- Next week meeting with each grade level team about next year
- Purchased thinking maps for writing. We have seen the kids writing much more which will hopefully help our writing scores
- We have some innovation money from the district. \$28,000 we have to spend before July 4th. We are in midst of getting Raptor system which PSP is providing
- We are finishing buying the writing program material
- We are paying staff members who have done extra work a small stipend
- We are purchasing discovery video license to help give educational videos to classrooms. The district used to provide this and are not longer doing so
- We have been working on behavior pieces. We have done 2 design challenges with our 3 “teams”. Last big project will be a service day. Each student will paint a rock with a positive message. They are also going to walk around the building and find a project to make the building/ grounds better. We will continue 3 teams next year. They will be all from people based in technology.
- DCSD Mill/Bond Presentation: We watched it and discussed

Quarterly Update

- Next year we are going to do student council and a safety group/club.
- We are also looking at doing a back to school day.
- Discussion about safety and traffic during drop off and pick up.
- Concern: Write from the beginning program. Did it start in the middle of the year? (Yes it did) There was an issue with some kids being frustrated. Hoping that it will get better in the future. It has gotten better. The program is a 3-5 year process.