

Principal's Report January 21, 2021

Charter Goals

Goal #1 Show an annual increase in the percentage of graduates that are college and career ready as defined by the state.

Goal #2 Show an annual increase in student participation in additional rigorous coursework through positive relationships, community building activities, family engagement, and student support.

Goal #3 Show an annual decrease in the achievement gap for historically underachieving populations (SPED, ELL, socio-economically disadvantaged, and minority students).

Academics/School Update of Events

AFROTC

After nearly two years of hard work, Col. Remington and Sgt. Britt have finally started a marksmanship program at JICHS. They worked with another high school to get the rifles. They then obtained the other necessary equipment themselves. The first live-fire occurred Thursday 1-14-21. Congratulations to Col. Remington and Sgt. Britt for what you continue to do for our cadets.



Professional Development

The focus of PD during the first semester was on teaching in remote and hybrid models. Typically, certified staff must serve on a committee or action research group that meets once a month (Equity and Access, Technology, etc.), but that was voluntary for the first semester. Our goal was to support teachers as much as possible at the time by removing whatever we could from their plate. At this time, we feel we are ready to resume our PD plan from last year, which was a focus on Culturally Responsive Teaching and to resume committee work. We are using the AVID CRT model as our basic framework for the PD. The second and fourth Wednesdays are now dedicated to Staff Meetings/PD.

Plexiglass Project

Plexiglass has been installed in all classrooms. There are issues with fogging and glare, but the students and teachers appear to be managing the situation well. We hope to increase class size once the Covid numbers stabilize.

Covid Vaccinations

- Charter schools are included in CCSD's vaccination plan.
- Phase 1B will include the following individuals and perhaps others:
 - Teachers who are working directly with students
 - Other school staff who interface with students
- MUSC is working with CCSD on logistics for providing vaccinations for all eligible staff

- Four sites are under consideration: Stall, Burke, West Ashley High and Wando. Scheduling arrangements will be announced when finalized; may require e-Learning day(s)
- Vaccinations will be free of charge and voluntary
- CCSD will be ready whenever the vaccine is available (cannot predict time frame yet)

CARES Act and Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)

We will receive \$381,756.88 funding through the CARES Act and \$160,699.92 from the CRF. As stated before, these funds must be spent on additional costs related to the Coronavirus. Ms. Chisholm, David King, and I are working with CCSD on documenting these expenses.

School Choice

See below the important dates related to the CCSD Magnet/Charter online application cycle for the 2021-2022 school year. Due to COVID-19 regulations, paper applications will be mailed upon request (More information coming soon)

January 26, 2021 - Online and paper application window opens at 12:00 p.m. (Noon)

January 30, 2021 - Virtual Choice Fair 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

February 4 - 18, 2021 - Application Assistance Nights

February 26, 2021 - Online and paper application window closes at 6:00 pm.

April 2, 2021 - Families notified of acceptance.

April 22, 2021 - Offered seat must be accepted by 11:59 p.m

2nd Semester Virtual/In-person Request (Drake Report)

S2 Model	# of Students			
Hybrid	1094			
Virtual Academy	432		No Team Change	1294
Unconfirmed - Submitted VA Application	0		Move to Virtual Academy	114
Graduating	9		Move to Hybrid	153
Program School	36		Pending	10
Withdrawing for S2	1		#N/A	1
Total	1572			

Enrollment Update

Enrollment by Team - Updated 1.22.2021					
Grade	A_Orange	B_Blue	E_Green	Total	%E_Green
9th	156	153	130	439	29.61%
10th	123	124	126	373	33.78%
11th	129	131	127	387	32.82%
12th	123	126	98	347	28.24%

Total	531	534	481	1546	31.11%
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Grade	9th	10th	11th	12th	9-12
6/5/2020	377	395	368	345	1485
8/17/2020	468	388	409	365	1630
9/18/2020	456	385	403	355	1599
10/16/2020	452	382	405	352	1591
11/16/2020	450	383	399	350	1582
12/14/2020	449	384	396	349	1579
1/22/2021	444	382	391	348	1565

Human Resources

For next school year, we need to consider adding two teaching positions. Last year, the board approved a Spanish position, but due to the late timing and oddity of starting remotely, we chose not to fill that position. We attempted to fill this position midyear, but we could not find a viable candidate.

Next year will be the third year for AVID and we will be adding another cohort (grade-level class). These sections primarily come from the English Department or will. In addition, I plan to allocate one section per semester to an Equity and Access Instructional Coach (duty period). This duty supports all three of our charter goals. If we truly value equity and access for all students, we need to provide support through money, training, and staffing. Based on the loss of FTE's, we may need to add an English teacher.

We will analyze enrollment numbers and student requests this spring to determine the need for these positions. If the data continues to support the additional positions, we will make a recommendation to the board.

Technology Update

JCHS IT has been working with the CCSD building project managers to better define which entity is responsible for what expenses in regard to the new gym and new wing. eRate funding is one of the more complicated aspects of the project. As we move forward, the existing campus needs to be able to support and stay on par with new technologies that come along with building programs and network expanse.

In-house our focus has been on the maintenance of existing Chromebooks and technology used to make learning more accessible during COVID.

Safety Update

- On January 12, 2021, we conducted our second required lockdown drill. The drill was different than normal. The students watched a seven-minute training video followed by questions and answers with their teacher.
- Mr. Edwards has repaired many of the outside student partitions, which continue to work well.

Construction Update

The CTE project was about a month behind due to some issues below ground, but it is still scheduled to be completed by December of 2021. The new Gym has always been phase 2 of the project. It is expected to be completed by March of 2022.

We are still waiting on the Office of School Facility (OSF) to approve the plans for the outdoor science classroom. However, the project is still moving forward at this time. The project is expected to take four months to complete.

Backyard Inspection

The stadium inspection discovered structural issues with the press box. The left side of the press box now has a 2-inch or more gap from the grandstands. CCSD is working with structural engineers on the issue. We hope to have this issue resolved in time for spring sports.

Board Training

The PCSA of SC virtual board training dates (<https://www.sccharterschools.org/>).

- February 2 - 6-9pm
- February 18 - 6-9pm

JICHS Board of Directors Meeting Dates

2020-21 Board of Directors- 5:30 pm on the third Monday of the month.

8/17/2020, 9/21/2020, 10/19/2020, 11/16/2020, 12/14/2020, 1/25/2021, 2/22/2021, 3/15/2021, 4/19/2021, 5/17/2021, 6/14/2021.

2019-20 Finance Committee- 4:00 pm on the second Monday of the month.

8/10/2020, 9/14/2020, 10/12/2020, **11/10/2020**, 12/7/2020, 1/11/2021, 2/8/2021, 3/8/2021, 4/12/2021, 5/10/2021, 6/7/2021.

Calendar of Events

1/27 Staff Cookout 11 am-12:30 pm (Board welcome) 1/30 School Choice Virtual Fair 2/4 End of First Semester 2/5 PD Day for Staff 2/8 Finance Committee Meeting 2/11 CCSD Lead Meeting 2/15 President's Day- No school 2/17 JICHS Branding Committee 2/22 Board Meeting 5:30 pm 2/23 ACT w/Writing Test- 11th grade 3/8 Finance Committee Meeting 4 pm 3/10 WIN Testing-11th grade 3/11 CCSD Lead Meeting 3/15 Board Meeting 5:30 pm	3/17 WIN Testing- 11th grade 4/5-4/9 Spring Break 4/11 Finance Committee Meeting 4 pm 4/19 Board Meeting 5:30 pm 5/10 Finance Committee Meeting 4 pm 5/13 CCSD Lead Meeting 5/17 Board Meeting 5:30 pm 5/31 Memorial Day 6/7 Finance Committee Meeting 4 pm 6/10 CCSD Lead Meeting 6/14 Board Meeting 5:30 pm 6/18 JICHS 2021 Graduation at 9:00 am in the Backyard
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Executive Session (Personnel matters, Contract matters, Privacy of a student, and Legal Counsel)

**CCSD Charter Contract
Meeting Notes**

Topic	Notes	Vote
Executive Session- CCSD Charter Contract Update, HR		
2nd Semester Instructional Plan-		