

Principal's Report January 17, 2023

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

2022-23 Teacher of the Year (TOY) and Classified Professional of the Year (CPOY)

The votes are in, and I am thrilled to announce that Coach Randy Hilyer and Ms. Yolanda Chisolm were selected as the TOY and CPOY, respectively. Both recipients get a \$1,250 stipend. I cannot think of two more deserving staff members. What a tremendous honor to be selected by your colleagues.

Coach Hilyer is in year 32, I think all at JCHS or JIHS, and was just selected as teacher of the year. He is like a fine wine. His greatest attribute is how he connects with his students, especially the most challenging ones. He is firm and demanding while creating positive, respectful relationships with his students. Randy has coached throughout his career, is active in his church and community, and is a devoted family man. He is a true role model for his students and colleagues. I hope you spend a few dollars on yourself.

Yolanda Chisolm has worked at JCHS for 20 years. She has been the one constant in our Finance Department. Financial management is the biggest reason why charter schools get in trouble or even close down. She is one of the best bookkeepers in the district. In recent years, she has taken on the responsibility of providing documentation for \$8 million in a government portal, which is daunting. Whenever I meet with CCSD to review financial issues, they often cite Yolanda's exemplary job in the requested reporting and documentation. We have received an "unmodified opinion" on our annual audit, which is the highest rating you can get on an audit because of Ms. Chisolm. Leave to auditors to choose unmodified as their version of high praise.

Congratulations again to Coach Hilyer and Yolanda Chisolm for this most-deserved award.



February Professional Development (Sheli Ballard Instructional Coach and Leslie McLaughlin Testing Coordinator/Instructional Coach)

Feb. 3- Intro to Title IX and Gender Equity @1:30 PM (Johnson)

Feb. 8 -- Data-Informed v. Data-Driven Instruction (McLaughlin)

Feb. 14 -- IB Extended Essay Supervisor Training (Ballard)

Feb. 16- Intro to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 Q&A w/Attorney (Johnson)

Feb 22 -- AVID: Embracing Inquiry-Based Learning (Ballard)

Feb. 28 - Coaching/Debrief Session for those Enrolled in COC EDPD 826 Course (Johnson)

Tuition Assistance Program

So far ten staff members have applied for tuition reimbursement. The requested amount is \$12,310.83. The board approved up to \$1,500 annually per person with a total budget of \$25,000. This is a great start. In general, staff members take more courses in the spring and summer, so hopefully, we will use the full amount or even ask for more.

School Choice

On January 28th School Choice Virtual School Fair. The admin and instructional will team to do presentations at 10:00 am, 11:00 am, and 12:00 pm. The virtual fair has been more effective for our school. We typically get 8-10 parents per session. At the in-person fairs, we would speak to very few parents. The majority of parents were interested in elementary or middle school options.

All applications are considered equal if they are entered within the application period listed below.

This tentative timeline provides the dates, deadlines, and events related to the application process for the 2023-2024 school year:

- *January 24, 2023 - Online and paper application window opens.*
- ***January 28, 2023 - Choice Virtual Fair from 10 am to 1:00 pm***
- *February 24, 2023 - Online application submission and paper application drop-off window close at 5:00 pm.*
- *April 3, 2023 - Families will be notified by email of School Choice acceptance/decisions.*
- ***April 20, 2023 - Offered seats must be accepted by 11:59 pm.***

Please visit the [Pre-K/Child Development](#) web page for information on these programs. Please visit the [Student Transfer](#) web page for information on this application process.

[CCSD School Choice Page](#)

Enrollment Update

Grade	9th	10th	11th	12th	9-12
6/11/2021	438	383	380	348	1549
6/3/2022	451	405	343	361	1560

8/8/2022	421	421	418	352	1612
9/16/2022	430	412	416	335	1593
10/17/2022	427	411	415	337	1590
11/14/2022	427	410	411	335	1583
12/13/2022	425	412	408	333	1578
1/13/2023					

TOTAL	1578
CLARK	2
DANIEL JENKINS	0
EARLY COLLEGE	19
PROJECT SEARCH	0
JICHS IN HOUSE TOTAL:	1557

Human Resources

Unfortunately for us, Mr. Andrew Drake, assistant principal, recently resigned his position with us. He accepted a job at the Citadel. We wish him the best of luck in his new position.

The position was posted before the holiday break. We began interviewing candidates last week.

Current Openings

- American Sign Language Teacher-Starting the 2022-23 school year.
- Assistant Principal - Secondary, open until filled
- Sports Medicine Teacher- 2023-2024 School Year

Capital Improvements Projects

The outdoor classroom is complete, besides a few punch list items. The furniture for the space has arrived and will be installed in the next couple of weeks.

Turf Project

DCG reported that SprintTurf is waiting for results from the site survey. Once they get the results, they secure the permits and begin the project. Currently, the project is two weeks behind schedule, which places the completion date in mid-March.

[22-23 JICHS Board Meeting Dates](#)

Upcoming Events

1/18 First Day of Second Semester

1/9 Finance Committee Meeting 4:00 pm
1/17 Board Meeting 5:30 pm
6/3 JCHS Graduation 11:30 am North Charleston Coliseum

Executive Session (Personnel matters, Contract matters, Privacy of a student, and Legal Counsel)
Meeting Notes

Topic	Notes	Vote
Executive Session- Personnel update from SCDE, Personnel Salary considerations		