

Principal's Report 9/17/2018

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).

Objectives:

2018-2019 Communication Goal: To maintain an effective communication plan with all relevant stakeholders for the 2018-19 school year using a variety of media tools.

2018-2019 School Safety Goal: Improve school safety by implementing recommendations from the CCSD Department of Safety and Security and SLED during the 18-19 school year.

Hurricane Florence

There were no issues with our building or campus from Hurricane Florence. The scheduled make-up days are November 19-20, 2018, and February 18, 2019. We have not received any information from CCSD about making up the 4th day of school that was missed.

Academics/School Update of Events

The new school safety and climate protocols have been a tremendous success. We no longer issue temporary IDs and the students may not enter through the back vestibules unless they are wearing an ID. Hat and hood infringements are being handled through the referral process. Thus far this has not been an issue.

9/25 Open House 5:30-7:00 pm

9/27 JIReads Author visit- Corrie Wang

Corrie Wang is passionate about libraries, road trips, and eating all the food, everywhere. Corrie grew up in Buffalo but spent her formative years in Brooklyn, where one of her last paying gigs was managing a three-story nightclub on the Lower East Side.

She currently lives in Charleston, where she and her husband Shuai Wang own and operate Short Grain food truck— named one of Bon Appetit magazine's Top 50 Best New Restaurants 2016 and a 2017 semi-finalist for a James Beard Award. *The Takedown* is Corrie's debut novel and was a 2018 YALSA selection for Best Fiction for Young Adults.

And Wang rhymes with 'song' y'all.

October 1-6 Homecoming. The football team plays Cane Bay. Student Government is planning daily activities such as dress days, a bonfire, the senior picnic, pep rally, and a Homecoming Dance.

Board Elections

The South Carolina Public Charter School Alliance is once again running our board elections. There are two community seats and one parent seat open for the Board of Directors. The timeline is below:

September 17th, 2018: Call for Candidates will be distributed to the public. Each candidate must complete an online filing form. PCSASC will have these available online for submission/distribution. If a candidate is not able to complete the online candidate filing form, it is the school's responsibility to assist the candidate with data entry. Links will be created from the school's website.

September 27th, 2018: Close the filing period. Candidate filing will be closed at 3 PM EST.

September 28th, 2018: Candidate information and application answers posted online.

October 3rd-4th, 2018: Election. Voting opens with e-ballot links emailed to each parent/guardian and employee of the school. Voting will open at 7:30 AM on October 3rd, 2018 and close at 4 PM on October 4th, 2018. There is one vote per child enrolled in the school and one vote per employee. Voting will be available via e-ballot allowing parents and employees to vote via the internet. Each ballot will have a unique pin number to ensure confidentiality and integrity of the process. Computers and paper ballots will be available at the school during normal school hours for families with no internet access or with limited computer knowledge.

October 5th, 2018: Election results will be certified and announced publicly.

October 15th, 2018: Board of Directors Meeting. New board members will be sworn in at the regularly scheduled Annual Meeting. This completes the election process.

Meeting and Training Requirements:

Board Members are required to attend all board meetings.

Mandated Board Training – All board members are required to attend board training within 1 year of being elected. Free training will be offered across the state and online with the Public Charter School Alliance of South Carolina.

10/10 Fall Testing Date

10th and 11th-grade students will be taking PSAT

9th-grade students will be taking the PSAT 8/9

11th- option of intensive test prep

12th grades student can register to take the SAT or possibly take the Accuplacer, otherwise, seniors are encouraged to do a college visit.

Student Achievement Data

2017-18 EOCEP student data is embargoed through 9/17/18. Once the results are officially released they will be shared with the board via email and Google folder.

Strategic Plan

Departments are working the student achievement action plans in the PLCs. The goal is to have a working draft of the strategic plan by the end of the first quarter.

Staff Professional Development

The staff has been trained on the new SCTS 4.O teacher evaluation system and the new SLO process.

The September PD is for teachers to select a topic of their choice the channels on ASCD PD in Focus. Teachers will then choose one PD Resource to read and answer questions. Teachers will share their insights with colleagues by September 14.

Capturing Kids Hearts

A cohort of teachers is piloting CKH in the classroom. The feedback has been extremely positive. The cohort will share their reflections periodically with the staff. Mrs. Holland and Mrs. Jessup will be attending CKH on November 26-27.

Technology- Matt Gilbert

The beginning of the school term is well underway. The technology team wishes to express thanks to the Board of Trustees for approving the purchase of an additional 250 Chromebooks. We also appreciate your support in making the JICHS campus a safe campus. Door Fobs are programmed and working properly. Gated-campus is functioning properly. There are several other programs with technology needs that we are exploring at this time (fine arts, non-EOC core courses).

Technology is working with individual teachers to provide specialized training on SmartBoards, Promethean Boards, and iBoards in an attempt to deliver instruction in a way that generates a higher level of interest and involvement in learning.

Copy/printing services have been having a much higher uptime since we've purchased PaperCut.

Enrollment Update

Grade	9th	10th	11th	12th	9-12
9/17/18	441	415	399	338	1593
8/20/18	436	422	406	337	1601
6/1/2018	430	412	342	370	1554

School Safety Update

Metal detector screening is occurring multiple times per week. Mr. Edwards has trained the assigned staff on the screening process and continues to refine the process. One major change he made is having a bag search on both sides of the tower. This allows us to double the number of students screened. Staff and students continue to become more efficient the more we do the screenings. Cell phones and metal three-ring binders tend to be the items that trigger the detectors.

Random car and classroom searches are scheduled to occur multiple times per week.

The canine units have an open invitation to conduct a search. We will once again have multiple canine searches throughout the year.

Mr. Edwards and Mrs. Holland continue to work with ERIP (Emergency Response Information Portal) to update our school safety plans.

Calendar of Events

9/25 Open House	10/15 Board of Directors Meeting
9/17- 9/27 Election Application Window	10/23 End of First Quarter
10/3-10/4 Board Election Window	10/26 Family Data Conferences
10/1 through 10/6 Homecoming Week	11/12 Finance Committee Meeting
10/8 Finance Committee Meeting	11/12 Board of Directors Meeting
10/8 Finance Committee Meeting	6/8/19 Graduation
10/10 Testing Day- PSAT	
10/11 Countywide Principal Meeting	

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

Legal Issue, Personnel,

Meeting Notes

	Notes	Vote
Legal Issue- K. M.		
Personnel Issue- SF, RH		