

Principal's Report 2/25/2019

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.

Academics/School Update of Events

2/2/19 CCSD Teacher Recruitment Fair- Thorn, Holland, and Drake.

We were briefly uninvited to the CCSD Teacher Recruitment because we are a charter school. The CCSD HR representatives questioned if the recruitment fairs were in our MOA, which they are not. I pointed out that the MOA only generically covers all the services we are now annually paying \$80,000. We attended the fall recruitment fair and unlike ALL other charter schools, we have an assigned attendance zone in CCSD. We are the assigned high school for District 3. Mr. Briggman called me that evening to extend the invitation back to us. We met many excellent teacher candidates at the recruitment fair. We may end up hiring a math teacher and Cyber Security teacher that we met at the recruitment fair.

2/20 ACT and PreACT

Juniors have the option to take the ACT, SAT or opt out. Approximately 200 juniors took the ACT. All freshman and sophomores took the PreACT, which was approximately 800 tests. Juniors and seniors not testing were encourage to job shadow or go on a college visit.

2/24 Districts 3 and 9 CCSD School Showcase

February 23, 2109 form 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at St. Johns HS. JICHHS participated in this event (Jen Smillie, Thorn).

February-Black History Month- Dr. Shannelle Fields (see handout at end of Principal Report)

Week 2/25/19 Love is Respect Week- Erin Brandon, Guidance Counselor

-Monday: Morning Candy Hand out with labels to spread our message for the week of awareness

-Tuesday: Everyone wears Orange to show support for Teen Domestic Violence awareness month...we stand together for Healthy relationships for all. **The staff that wears orange may wear jeans.**

-Wednesday: Sidewalk Chalk messages encouraging respectful, healthy relationships, everyone deserves to be loved and respected

-Thursday: Movie Night in the Senior Courtyard field space where we will show The Blind Side and will host the Kickin Chicken Food Truck at the event that night..all proceeds will go to My Sister's House

-Friday: High Fives for Healthy Relationships. Candy hand out and high fives for the finale of the week to keep the good energy going.

2019 Student Engagement Survey

The survey window is from February 19 through March 15. The survey is administered to all students. Low participation rates can negatively impact ratings. Last year, because Ms. Spann, we exceeded this expectation. This past year we scored “below average” with 1/5 points on this section of the state report card.

WIDA Testing (ESOL)- Mrs. Morillo

The WIDA test was conducted during February. Students and parents were informed of the incentives, which were \$10 gift cards for showing growth in each section of the test and pizza party for participating. This past year we scored below average with 3.51/10 on the state report card. We are hoping that training the staff on ESOL accommodations and providing an incentive to the students that we can significantly increase our score in this area.

Dinner and Discussion Series

The next Dinner and Discussion event is tomorrow at 5:30 pm in the cafeteria. The topic is Teen Dating Violence. We will be serving pizza and beverages.

Technology- Matt Gilbert

The technology team is working on upgrading iBoard presentation boards and preparing the first Mac lab on the technology hallway.

Enrollment Update

Grade	9th	10th	11th	12th	9-12
2/25/19	408	405	370	335	1518
1/28/19	430	406	385	334	1555
12/17/18	433	408	386	333	1560
11/12/18	435	410	391	333	1569
10/15/18	437	411	393	334	1575
9/17/18	441	415	399	338	1593
8/20/18	436	422	406	337	1601

6/1/2018	430	412	342	370	1554
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JICHS Enrollment Report- A. Drake, D. Farrell, and E. Rivera

At the end of the 1st quarter, enrollment at James Island Charter High School was 1,589 students. This includes students receiving services through WE CARE, Twilight, and other alternative programs. As of February 21, 2019, enrollment at James Island Charter High School is 1,518 students - a net loss of 71 students.

Since October 25, 2019, seventy-three students have moved on from James Island Charter High School. This number includes 10 early graduates, 3 of which were receiving instruction through the WE CARE program. Summary information regarding the other 62 students is included below.

School	Qty
Charleston Acceleration Academy (Opened on JI Sept. 2018)	17
CCSD Traditional High Schools	11
Alternative Schools / Military Schools	3
Private Schools	2
Virtual High Schools	9
Ten Day Drops (pending)	8
Expelled from JICHS without R/R	2
Out of District High Schools	3
Out of State High Schools	8
Total	63

During a similar time period for the 2017-2018 school year, James Island Charter High School had approximately 45 students withdraw prior to graduation, along with 2 mid-year graduates.

School Choice Application- Important Dates

Here are some important timelines. The school choice office has June 28 as the deadline for residency verification are we going to go by that date?

- February 11 to March 11 - Application period
- February 19 to March 5 - Application Assistance Evenings
- February 23 - School Choice Fairs
- March 18 - Seat counts due to Choice Office
- April 16 to 17 - Lotteries/Placements

- April 18 - Application Decisions Released
- May 6 - Deadline to accept a seat
- June 28 - Deadline for Residency Verification

School Safety Update/ Safety Bulletin

- Classroom search 2/1
- Vehicle search 2/22
- Planning meeting with SRO for the spring lockdown drill.
- Met with a parent who is having behavior problems at home with their student and provided them with resources to help address possible drug and alcohol use.
- Assisted the nurses with the placement of the bleeding control kits.
- Updated classroom emergency maps to include locations of the AED and bleeding control kits.
- Met with students involved in a possible bullying incident.
- Conducted an assessment of the perimeter fences.
- Addressed gate procedures with all coaches of spring sports.
- Conducted a mid-year review of Officer Brown's performance objectives.
- Added Spring 2019 Backup Schedules to ERIP.
- Assisted Officer Brown in the placement of a new camera in the student parking lot and repositioning a camera by the science wing.
- Met with a parent who was concerned about an encounter she had off campus with someone who lived near the school.
- New teachers doing the morning tower screenings are doing a good job and are learning fast.
- Security towers screenings: 1/28, 1/31, 2/5, 2/8, 2/11, 2/12, 2/18, 2/22

Staff Professional Development

2/15 Professional Development Day- Mrs. Sheli Ballard (see Leadership Report)

Construction Update

On 2/7/19 there was a construction meeting with Cumming (construction management company), Quackenbush and Clancy (architects), CCSD, and JICHs. The minutes are in your Google folder. Prior to the meeting, I made a request to CCSD for an additional 5,000 sq ft and an alternative plan for the Culinary and Cyber Security programs. Our unified message was clearly received by Mr. Olson, Executive Director Charter School Liason, and Mr. McNeil, Executive Director of Capital Projects for CCSD. When we left the meeting the architects were going to generate two alternatives, one for 25,000 sq ft and another for 30,000 sq ft. We received the alternatives. I advocated for the 30,000 sq ft facility, which includes Mechatronics. Mr. McNeil called me on 2/19/19 to ask me if our board would provide the monetary support for the additional program and square footage. I told him that the administration, the Leadership Team, and the Board of Directors are all in support of this. He stated that, at some point, he will need in writing that JICHs is willing to fund between 1-1.5 million dollars towards this alternative project. CCSD is willing to submit for the original 25,000 sq ft and add an alternative plan for the additional program.

Board Meeting Dates

2018-19 Board of Directors- 5:30 pm on the third Monday of the month.

8/20, 9/17, 10/15, 11/12, 12/17, 1/28, 2/25, 3/18, 4/15, 5/20, 6/24

2018-19 Finance Committee - 4:30 pm on the second Monday of the month.

8/13, 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, 12/10, 1/14, 2/11, 3/11, 4/8, 5/13, 6/10

Calendar of Events

2/26 Dinner and Discussion- Teen Dating Violence 2/28 CCSD Principal Meeting 3/6 SAT Testing- no PLC's 3/7 DUI Rodeo 3/9 Prom at the Gaillard Center 6:30-10:30 pm 3/11 Finance Committee Meeting 4:30 pm 3/12 Pre-Festival Concert w/CRMS 3/14 CCSD Principal Meeting 3/18-19 Midterms	3/18 Board of Directors Meeting 5:30 pm 3/19 Dinner and Discussion- Drug Awareness 3/22 Early Release Day 3/25-3/29 Spring Break 4/3 WIN Testing- 11th-grade students 6/8/19 Graduation
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Executive Session (Personnel matters, Contract matters, Privacy of a student, and Legal Counsel)

Meeting Notes

Topic	Notes	Vote
Legal Issue update		
Personnel Issue		
Contracts- CCSD and Prestige		

Black History Month 2019 Activities-

Activities occurring during the entire month

Voter Registration Drive

Black History Month Bingo in library

Friday, February 1, 2019- “Many Rivers to Cross” by Henry Louis Gates

Week of February 4-8, 2019

Monday, February 4, 2019- Dr. Kiandra Scott (Plastic Surgeon at MUSC)- 8:20 am

Friday, February 8, 2019- Senator Margie Bright Matthews and Jessica Matthews Bright (Speaker on voting)- 8:20 am

Week of February 11-15, 2019

Wednesday, February 13, 2019- Joseph McGill of the Slave Dwelling Project- 9:15 am

Week of February 18-22, 2019

Tuesday, February 19, 2019- Command Sgt. Blake -1:40 pm

Friday, February 22, 2019- Dr. Scott (Plastic Surgeon at 8:20 am)

Thurgood Marshall movie- 1:40 pm

Week of February 25-March 2, 2019

Tuesday, February 26, 2019-“Slavery By Another Name” (Documentary)- 1:40 pm

Thursday, February 28, 2019- I Am Ali (Documentary)- 1:40 pm

Friday, March 1, 2019- Darrin Goss – Former JICHHS athlete and President/CEO of the Coastal Community Foundation- 1:45 pm