

# Principal's Report 8/26/19

## 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

### **8/14-8/20 Schedule**

8/14 Staff Meeting and teacher workday. We provided pizza and salad for the staff. The Marines donated coffee, donuts and bagels.

8/15 Professional Development day- We provided the staff with Callie's Hot Little Biscuits for breakfast which is always a big hit. The PD topics were as follows:

- SPED/Inclusion
- Technology
- Custom SLO's (Student Learning Objective, a state requirement for all teachers)
- Easy Data Analysis for Common Planning
- Google Classroom & SLO Data
- Culturally Responsive Teaching

8/16 Faculty and staff were treated to Kona Ice by Board members! Thank you!!

8/19 Half-day professional development, Anti-Defamation League (ADL), half-day teacher workday

8/20 Teacher workday

**Freshmen Orientation Night** was on 8/19/19 from 5:30-7:00 pm. We had a brief presentation for students and parents. Students and parents were able to walk around the building to find their classes and meet with freshmen teachers.

## **The First Three Days of School**

On Wednesday morning, we had eight late buses. All the buses did arrive within 20 minutes of the start of the day. Busing got better each day. On Friday, we only had two late buses during the run. They arrived just after the tardy bell. The afternoon run has been similar. Currently, Durham is short one bus driver for the afternoon run so one bus is having to come back to do that route. Those students are waiting about an hour for the bus to return.

## Independent Learning Time (ILT)

ILT went very well all week with one exception. We had one student incident. The new Food Service Staff were very complimentary about our students' behavior. They said the students were very polite and patient. The Food Service Department was short 4 staff members this week. As a result, we were not able to run the second kiosk. CCSD expects to have us fully staffed in a week or so. We did a staggered release for ILT. We also extended ILT to the normal 50 minutes to give the Food Service Department more time. On Friday the lines were half empty with 20 minutes to go. We had Tropical Smoothie Cafe here on Friday, which helped. The smoothies are not a meal, but it definitely helped. We are learning to crawl, walk, and run with ILT. The students have been great. They have been well behaved and have kept the school pretty clean. I suspect in a few weeks ILT will be running smoothly.

**9/5/19 Fall Open House from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. The Board is all welcome.**

## Enrollment Update

Grade	9th	10th	11th	12th	9-12
8/26/19	393	402	393	351	1539
6/10/19	401	397	366	332	1496
1/28/19	430	406	385	334	1555
8/20/18	436	422	406	337	1601
6/1/2018	430	412	342	370	1554

Enrollment As Of 8/23/2019	9th	10th	11th	12th
JCHS	386	388	387	349
Clark	1	5	2	2
Daniel Jenkins	0	0	2	0
Early College	6	9	2	0
TOTAL:	393	402	393	351

TOTAL:	1539
Clark	-10
Daniel Jenkins	-2
Early College	-17
JICHHS IN HOUSE TOTAL:	1510

### **Leadership Team**

We streamlined our field trip procedure by using Google Classroom to discuss and approve the majority of field trips. We would routinely spend 30-40 minutes approving field trips, which took up the majority of meetings. Streamlining the process will allow the Leadership Team to focus on our charter goals, curriculum and instruction, and school initiatives.

### JICHHS Strategic Plan

The Leadership Team is working on completing our Strategic Plan (SP). The areas of the SP are as follows:

- Athletics
- Communication
- Facilities
- Safety & Security
- School Climate
- Student Achievement
- Technology

The Student Achievement section will include action plans for each charter goal. We are creating subcommittees for each charter goal. Each subcommittee will have at least one administrator, another member of the LT, and ideally one or two board members (note: must be in the first year of their term). Board member(s) may collaborate electronically if necessary. The goal is to coordinate the efforts of our committees, action research groups, and other staff initiatives through the subcommittees, then to the LT, and ultimately to the BoD. My goal is to have the charter goal action plans approved by the LT and BoD by the end of the first quarter (10/24/19).

### **Technology Update (Gilbert)**

The Technology Department has been working on getting the building and teachers' classroom ready for the school year.

The Technology Department will be meeting with the administration to prioritize the new purchases for this school year. Due to budget concerns, the Technology budget may be adjusted.

### **School Safety Update**

Mr. Edwards has created a duty schedule for the AM tower screenings. Teachers will be assigned a total of 10 security duties throughout the school year. In the past, teachers would have a duty once a week or 36 times a year. Mr. Edwards is currently planning all our safety drills for the 19-20 school year.

Students are trained in "Active Threat Lockdown" and "Heightened Security" in Advisory. This is also covered in the grade-level assemblies and prior to the first lockdown drill. We continue to coach our students and staff to follow "See Something, Say Something." Communication between staff and students has the biggest impact on keeping our school safe. We are once again using the StopIt App so that students can anonymously report school safety issues, which includes bullying. CCSD is now using our lockdown terminology and the StopIt app.

Our new SRO is Officer Craig Hamilton. He has been with the Charleston Police Department for 12 years and has achieved the rank of senior police officer. He's a member of the department's civil disturbance unit and is in the Air Force Reserves.

### **Construction Update**

#### **CTE and Competition Gym**

We have not formally met since last spring. We did meet with Cumming once during the summer. In order to save on costs, they stated that the project will most likely be done in one phase versus two. This means we may have to relocate several trailers (wind rating of 115 mph). The project is scheduled to be completed for the 2021-22 school year.

## **James Island Bus Lot**

The James Island Bus Lot project is expected to place and be completed by next summer. The sooner we are able to get our buses in a state-approved bus lot the sooner we can save money on our transportation costs.

## **Practice Field Project**

This is still in the conceptual phase. The current plan is to turf as much of the field as we can to maximize the space for practice. There will be enough space for a regulation football or soccer field and additional space for practice. The CCSD Board of Trustees approved \$750 K for this project. We had SpringTurf give us a quote and that came back in at approximately \$1 million. The remaining costs will be covered by JICHHS.

## **JICHHS Board of Directors Meeting Dates**

**2019-20 Board of Directors-** 5:30 pm on the third Monday of the month.

8/26, 9/16, 10/21, 11/18, 12/16, 1/27, 2/24, 3/16, 4/20, 5/18, 6/22

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

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

## **Calendar of Events**

9/5 Fall Open House 5:30-7:00 pm 9/9 Finance Committee Meeting 4:30 pm 9/12 CCSD Principal Meeting 9/16 Board of Directors Meeting 9/20 Early Release Day 9/26 Secondary Learning Community Meeting 6/6/20 Graduation??
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Executive Session (Personnel matters, Contract matters, Privacy of a student, and Legal Counsel)

Meeting Notes

Topic	Notes	Vote
IRF Legal Update		