August 2021 Board Report

Office of Special Student Populations

Special Education

KDE has released additional IDEA funds to be allocated in GMAP.

All special education staff have been hired with the exception of a full time Speech Language Pathologist.

Assessments have been updated to reflect the most recent editions.

Jen Smith is our new Occupational Therapist and will be helping upgrade our sensory room and student practices.

Early Childhood Services

All certified staff have been hired for preschool. Interviews are being scheduled to finish hiring instructional assistants.

Hear Our ROAR weekly book program will resume when preschool is back in session.

Tigers CUBS monthly book program currently sends 75 books a month home to infants and toddlers in our district.

Preschool screenings have gone extremely well and there’s one additional day coming up to finalize the beginning of the school year rosters.

Preschool assessments have been purchased to update editions as required for current practices.

Trauma Informed Care

District approved plan has been shared with principals and each building will build their own team. Lynne Linkowski will assist us in heading up this work.

Interviews for a full time Mental Health Specialist have been scheduled and we look forward to offering more assistance to our students in the district.

Grants

IAL grant expenditures are continuing to support the upgrading of technology for all of our students. These funds will be used for additional upgrades, especially furniture, for both buildings. Funds must be depleted by September 20, 2021.

SRCL grant is also in its last year and the majority of funds have been depleted. Professional Learning Logs have been finalized. SRCL funds are purchasing library books for GES so that our youngest Tigers have the opportunity to visit the library and check out books and Scholastic resources for staff. Funds must be depleted by September 30, 2021.

FRYSC grants were submitted on time and notice of award was scheduled for July 1, 2021. District was notified on June 30, 2021 that both centers have been awarded their grants: $100,000 each to be used over the next two years.

Preschool Partnership Grant was submitted on time and award notice should come by the end of September.

Kentucky Comprehensive Literacy Grant that we have been waiting on since February is due to announce awards in the coming weeks as well.

FRYSC/YSC

Each building coordinator has shared their Advisory Board meeting calendar and members.

Food pantries in both buildings are up and running and will continue to meet the needs of students.

Meetings are being set up to review grant budgets and make plans for spending.