October 2021 Board Report

Office of Special Student Populations

Special Education

CEC Conference in November is being held in person at the Galt House. As in prior years, all staff have the opportunity to attend, staff from preschool through twelfth grades will attend. New staff have been registered for the New Teacher Training session.

LRP will also be held in Louisville in April. This is the premier special education legal update conference and has been invaluable to delivering high quality, compliant services to students and families.

ERDs have been scheduled on a monthly basis to review achievement data of students as well as discuss compliance, legal, procedural updates.

Early Childhood Services

Hear Our ROAR weekly book program has resumed for all preschool students. Preschool enrollment is 38 students.

Tigers CUBS monthly book program currently sends 70 books a month home to infants and toddlers in our district. Another December mailing for book registration is planned for December.

An additional day of preschool screenings has been scheduled for December 3rd.

Monthly meetings with the new preschool staff have been scheduled to discuss program expectations, ECERS quality, STARS alignment, GOLD assessment and other pertinent topics.

First informational meeting on the new Preschool Partnership Grant is Monday, October 25th. More information to come.

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.

Heather Conley is our new Mental Health Specialist in the district who is placed at Bellevue Middle/High School. Lynne Linkowski is spending time with Heather in an on-boarding process.

Grants

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. The English department at BM/HS will be attending the NCTE conference. Funds must be encumbered by September 30, 2021.

KyCL grant has begun with meetings scheduled with our KDE contact and each provider selected for preschool, GES and BMHS. The budget is in process of revisions to submit for approval and next steps with training, learning logs, grant requirements, etc. will be on-going.

GEERS grants have been reviewed and will support the salary of the Mental Health Specialists in each building as well as family engagement opportunities and training on Mental Health First Aid for teachers and staff.

FRYSC/YSC

Rob Sanders and I are working together to craft a family survey of sorts in an effort to better meet the needs of families, specifically related to preschool and Aunt Kathy’s enrollment and services.

Both buildings have a plan due to the state in February for what their goals look like in relation to the core components for the next two years. We are in the early stages of identifying our strengths and weaknesses in order to improve on current practices and write an actionable plan that will meet the needs of all students.