

Communication Report- October 18, 2022 Board Meeting

1. On September 23rd I met with Mr. Jim Codell in person and Representative Bill Wesley by phone to discuss the Stanton Elementary project. Representative Wesley will be communicating the need for the school and additional funding help to his people in the House and Mr. Codell and I will schedule a meeting with President Stivers of the Senate after Thanksgiving and before the January session. We are on the list of those districts who are seeking additional funding from the state due to rising costs caused by the pandemic and inflation.
2. I am attaching an email from Kenny Davis at Codell Construction that indicates the savings we would have to the building for changing the Barrel Roof to Pitched and deleting the custom built canopies around the building in favor of the canopies that would get children out of the rain from vehicles and buses. This saving is projected at \$975,500. The e-mail also indicates an increase of \$1,348,000 for the added cafeteria and gym space we discussed. It is my understanding there are other things we can do as well for cost savings but I asked Mr. Codell to determine big ticket item savings to help with the expansion. I am working with Codell on the timeframe for getting new plans to bring to the Board after meeting with stakeholders and determining when to get approval to send out bids for the project.
3. I attended the Superintendent Summit in Louisville September 28 and 29. We had a presentation on telling our story and discussed the priorities for the upcoming legislative session. Priorities are going to be centered around funding including codifying full day funding for Kindergarten. All districts shared concerns of how low attendance will affect district funding in the upcoming year as the effects of the pandemic are still prevalent across the state.
4. I plan to post the principal position Thursday. I have provided Ms. Kincaid with some dates to pose to her SBDM for possible meetings to work through the principal hiring process and she will meet with her council tomorrow to see what works for them.
5. We had a safe schools audit from the Kentucky Center for School Safety at both Bowen Elementary and Clay City Elementary on October 11. Both audits went well. We were provided some suggestions for improvement and some positive comments in a closing meeting but will not get official reports for several weeks.
6. The Powell County girls' volleyball team has made it into the district championship round and will play Lee County tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. in Owsley County if anyone would like to attend.
7. I have been asked to be the guest speaker at the Whitaker Bank Board of Directors' meeting Monday, October 24. They asked me to speak about the goals for our district.
8. I will attend the CKEC and KEDC Board meetings tomorrow.