December 2022 Board Report

Office of Special Student Populations

Special Education

KYCEC was held again at the Galt House in November. National CEC is being hosted at the Galt House in March 2023. Six teachers were able to attend this year and one attended the six-hour new teacher training.

The new Record Review Document from the state has been released. After the turn of the year we will begin our department record reviews to refine practices for compliance as well as improve our teaching practices.

December 1 Count has been submitted. There are currently 109 students in the district with IEPs from preschool through twelfth grades.

Early Childhood Services

Tigers CUBS monthly book program currently sends 94 books a month home to infants and toddlers in our district.

Hear our ROAR for weekly book distribution has continued with all preschool students taking home one book each week to build their home libraries. An additional Scholastic order has been placed and is in the process of unpacking, organizing and cataloguing to keep plenty of books on hand to continue both programs.

Total preschool enrollment is 52.

Preschool staff has begun training for ECLetrs, our early childhood partner for the KyCL grant. ECLetrs is based on the brain science of reading and will equip our preschool staff to incorporate intentional, developmentally appropriate pre reading and reading activities for our youngest Tigers.

Trauma Informed Care/Mental Health

Mental Health Specialists have adjusted caseloads and schedules in order to best serve our students and families. They each see students in both buildings and are creating great relationships across grade levels and families.

Direct Service Hours for November 9 – 12/7(which do not include parent calls, emails, notes, meetings, paperwork, etc.): Lynne – 65.5 hours (12% of hours were for crisis support; Heather 64 hours (17% of hours were for crisis support)

Caseload numbers as of 12/7/22:

GES – 42 students actively seen, 16 additional may need services

BHS – 61 students actively seen, 23 additional may need services

Grants

KyCL grant is going strong with teacher training, district literacy team meetings, etc. The TELD 4 data is has been collected and preschool teachers will be engaging in two days of training with ECLetrs. In person training is scheduled for February and April as a follow up/refinement of practices in what they learn with their online learning modules. Teachers in K-12 have been trained on the use of Scholastic materials and are actively engaged with these materials.

GEERS grants are supporting the salary of the Mental Health Specialists in each building as well as family engagement opportunities. Skool Aid will be assisting with some implementation of after school activities.

Preschool Partnership Grant supports a full day preschool option with a focus on the social and emotional health of our youngest Tigers. Aunt Kathy’s is open at GES Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

MAF grant awarded to the district is supporting the work of a GES math coach. The grant requires the coach to be enrolled in courses through the University of Louisville to become an expert in math content and coaching and modeling for teachers on best practices for math instruction. These funds are also supporting classroom manipulative kits and professional literature.

A second MAF grant has been submitted written and submitted by Alison Teegarden. The purpose of these funds will be support professional learning and secure needed math materials for classrooms at GES.

The Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF). The focus of the proposal is to hire personnel and purchase curriculum that will target the prevention of the onset of alcohol, vaping and cannabis use. This grant was awarded on September 22, 2022 and will generate $375,000 per year for the next five years. Athena Hall has been hired as the Project Director. She has written and submitted our Disparity Impact Statement, has created a Project Plan timeline and is scheduling meetings in order to gather data about needs, resources, etc. She will also be researching the DARE program to see how it will fit within the scope of this work to maximize all available resources.

Christine Koeninger and I are working on the Equipment Assistance grants from KDE. With these funds, we are hoping to replace the salad bar at the high school, purchase a stove and replace merchandiser. Applications are due Friday, December 16th.

FRYSC/YSC

We have been working primarily on Holiday Assistance Programming for the past few weeks

Through cooperative efforts between the FRC and the YSC we provided 84 Thanksgiving meals to families in Bellevue and Southgate including families in outlying communities that attend Bellevue Schools

Those meals were provided through help from The Sam Hubbard Foundation, Seven Hills Church, The Bellevue Police Department, Danyelle’s Bellevue Tavern, The River City Ducks Youth Football Program, Kroger, Catherine and Ryan Salzman, and several anonymous donors.

Thanksgiving meal pick-up and delivery day was a rousing success with over 30 volunteers assisting us.

In conjunction with the Grandview PTA the Grandview Santa Shop will wrap up on Friday December 9th

The FRC/YSC Christmas Adoption Program for our kids is in full swing with currently 110 students and their siblings being adopted by various people, groups and agencies.

In addition to the Holiday meals, the District Food Pantry has helped 7 families with sustainable food provisions this past month.

We have negotiated and contracted with Skool Aid to begin providing parent/student together time opportunities beginning when we return from Holiday break