February 2023 Board Report

Office of Special Student Populations

Special Education

Special Education ERDs have been scheduled to allow for meetings two times per month where we will focus on compliance and instruction/student progress. February’s first meeting will discuss student growth and MAP data along with curriculum and resources. The second ERD meeting will begin our annual Record Review process for the district.

Early Childhood Services

Tigers CUBS monthly book program currently sends 104 books a month home to infants and toddlers in our district. This month’s mailer also includes the Greenspan Social Emotional Growth Scale. Parents can fill it out and return to us for scoring if they’d like feedback on their child’s development.

Total preschool enrollment is 50. Hear our ROAR for weekly book distribution has continued with all preschool students taking home one book each week to build their home libraries.

Preschool staff has completed the first half of ECLTRS training, 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.

Quality ratings are due to resume from KDE sometime in the future. They are currently collecting data through GMAP to determine next steps and what quality indicators need the most focus. GMAP is due on March 31.

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.

TF-CBT training the week of 2/13

SEL groups began at GES on 12/13

Direct Service Hours for January 12th to February 8th (which do not include parent calls, emails, notes, meetings, paperwork, etc.):

Lynne – 68.56 hours (16% of hours were for crisis support);

Heather 60.00 hours (5% of hours were for crisis support)

Caseload numbers as of 2/8/22:

GES – 47 students actively seen, 10 additional may need services

BHS – 75 students actively seen, 32 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 have begun ECLETRS training. 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. Award was announced on 2/10 and we are excited to be on the list of recipients.

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 has developed a Project Plan timeline and is holding meetings in order to gather data about needs, resources, etc.

The Equipment Assistance grants were submitted to KDE. If awarded, these funds, will replace the salad bar, purchase a stove and replace merchandiser at Bellevue High School.

FRYSC/YSC

We have negotiated and contracted with Skool Aid to begin providing after school programming and community engagement events. Be on the lookout for more fun announcements about family engagement opportunities.

Families are continuing to benefit from the food pantry. The funds donated to the district to support food insecurity are also provided middle and high school students with snacks during the day, if needed.