April 2023 Board Report

Office of Special Student Populations

Special Education

LRP Conference was held at the New Orleans Convention Center. DoSE and both principals were able to attend and hear from the nation’s most renowned attorneys that represent school districts on a vast array of topics in special education law.

Record Reviews will be complete and reviewed (preschool through 12 grade) by the end of May. Record reviews aid in the planning for future PD, training opportunities, and ERD topics to ensure teachers are equipped with the knowledge they need to provide services to our students.

Early Childhood Services

Tigers CUBS monthly book program currently sends 100 books a month home to infants and toddlers in our district.

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 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. Preschool staff participated in the second full day of training to complete the course.

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 March 8th – April 12th (which do not include parent calls, emails, notes, meetings, paperwork, etc.):

Lynne – 73.2 hours (24% of hours were for crisis support);

Heather 74.00 hours (12% of hours were for crisis support)

Caseload numbers as of 4/12/23:

GES – 46 students actively seen, 9 additional may need services

BHS – 76 students actively seen, 30 additional may need services

In addition to in school access services, Bellevue Independent Schools has launched it’s partnership with Care Solace so that every student and family member can access mental health services with ease.

Grants

KyCL grant is going strong with teacher training, district literacy team meetings, etc. The TELD 4 data is being collected and preschool teachers have completed training with approved providers. Teachers in K-12 have been trained on the use of Scholastic materials and are actively engaged with these materials and continuous learning and site visits with Scholastic.

GEERS grants are supporting the salary of the Mental Health Specialists in each building as well as family engagement opportunities. Skool Aid continues with after school activities for students and families.

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 by Alison Teegarden. Notice of Award was announced and all assurance documents have been returned promptly to KDE. The purpose of these funds is to support professional learning and secure needed math materials for classrooms at GES. Award was announced on 2/10 and funds will be available on or around April 1, 2023.

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. Interviews are currently underway to fill the role of Prevention Specialist.

The Equipment Assistance grants were submitted to KDE. Each grant written was awarded which will provide for additional equipment at the high school.

FRYSC/YSC

Dentist visit was a great success for students and families and is returning on the 15th.

The Spring Fling with conference has been a large focus of work this month. Providing resources to families as they get to come and speak with their child’s teacher will hopefully be a great benefit to all.

The food panty and power packs are continuously accessed by multiple families.

Support for the Girls on the Run programming has come from the FRYSC and is providing a great opportunity for our Grandview Tigers.