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Board Report June 2022

Kansas State Assessment Results

The Kansas State Assessments were given at the end of the spring semester. The results were released at the end of May. A letter was sent to parents regarding accessing their students' scores through our SWIFTK12 system in PowerSchool. The KITE Parent Portal will allow parents to review assessment results for any state assessment that a student has participated in. Additionally, the district has been provided with our district score reports. You can find the District Assessment Reports at [this link](#).

KESA - Kansas Education Systems Accreditation

The last meeting of our KESA year 1 Pilot was held on June 8th. A team of four representatives from our district traveled to Lawrence to give a presentation on our progress in year 1. The focus of year one is the needs assessment and identification of both building and district goals. Our BLT met on May 25th and our buildings began their goal creation. Each building will gather feedback related to their goals during the August in-service. Our presentation on June 8th will take the place of our annual Outside Visitation Team (OVT) visit. You can find that presentation [at this link](#).

Project Lead the Way Gateway

Lisa Suhr along with Elizabeth Badertscher, and I have been working on the curriculum for a new STEM class using the Project Lead the Way Gateway units we received as part of the \$13,500 Carl D. Perkins Reserve Grant. The grant provides training and supplies for both the Computer Science for Innovators and Makers and App Creators units. Teachers that will be teaching these courses are participating in training this summer in preparation for implementation in the fall. This curriculum and training will provide our district with a solid foundation in computer science that we can build upon as we look ahead to the new state requirement offering a computer science course at the high school level in the 2023-2024 school year.

District Summer Professional Learning

As part of our work to become a trauma responsive school community the admin team traveled to Hutchinson for training on Tuesday, June 7th. We have a group of nine teachers that will be working this summer on becoming resilience coaches. These teacher leaders will use the information they learn to work with their building principal to provide professional learning throughout the school year. Seven of the nine teachers attended professional learning in Hutchinson on June 8th and 9th. They will continue their training throughout the summer virtually. Our elementary teachers will also be participating in an activation training on our new Math curriculum in June. This training will take place via zoom. A follow-up implementation training is scheduled for the fall. They will also have the opportunity to participate in Reflex Math training. Reflex is an online Fact Fluency program that will be new to the district this fall.

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English Language Arts (ELA) Textbook Adoption

Our 6-12th grade ELA teachers met via zoom to hear feedback from our teachers that piloted the MyPerspectives resource in May. They determined that this curriculum resource is their recommendation for purchase. With our current resource expiring prior to August 2022 and new teachers this fall we felt it was important to go ahead and get this resource ordered for implementation in the fall. I'll be providing a quote to the BOE for purchasing this resource prior to the BOE meeting Monday evening.

Summer Learning Academies

The middle school Project LEAPES is in full swing with participation in each of our 3 middle school buildings. The feedback I've heard has been positive as students are coding using Scratch during the week of June 6th-9th. They will be learning about drones during week two and AI (artificial intelligence) during week three. The elementary Camp Adventure summer program will kick off on June 13th with around 75 students planning to attend at both Sabetha and Wetmore. Our elementary summer academy teachers and helpers will meet on June 22nd for professional learning and planning. For our STEAM curriculum we will be utilizing Camp Invention.

Admin Boot Camp

Our administrative team will be participating in staff development on June 28th and 29th at the district office. During this professional learning we will be reviewing our walkthrough data, learning more about PowerSchool from the administrative side, revisiting district school improvement initiatives, and planning for next year. We are looking forward to two productive days of professional learning.