

Academic Performance

June Meeting 2018

Enrollment

Enrollment is currently projected at 380 to start the school year.

We received a new report from the State Charter School Commission regarding enrollment projections and teacher count. The Registrar and the HR director are working to get it complete and returned on Friday. We received it last Monday and its due no later than this Monday (7 calendar days.) This report is a result of the House bill 787 which passed several weeks ago. Additional funding will be available to charter schools next year based on enrollment. The standard process for enrollment is to compare and contrast the FTE count in October and March to get an average enrollment for the school year. Funds issued based on FTE usually show up in the QBE on April or May of that school year.

Milestone Testing: Initial test results - As reviewed last month, the test results look very positive. The CCRPI number should be available next month so we can compare to the other schools in Coweta County.

School Improvements for 2018-2019

Teacher related improvements:

Model School Conference: Our new Model Schools Team will be attending the Model Schools Conference in Orlando at the end of the month. This is a group of teachers selected by a consultant from the Model Schools Group, to lead innovation and positive growth for our staff next year.

Kagan Classroom Management Techniques for all new staff members.

Orton-Gillingham Reading process for kinder and 1st grade

House Bill 787 Charter school finance

It was my pleasure to attend the signing of House Bill 787 on Monday, May 7th as a member of the Georgia State Charter School Association. This bill will add additional funding to charter schools in Georgia in the 2018-2019 school year.

Student Outcomes

Summer school program – Challenge Island is a three week summer camp utilizing hands on projects to teach math and science. The camp is run from 8:am to 12:30 Monday - Friday and currently we have 103 Odyssey Scholars enrolled in grades K-8.

State Charter School Commission

We presented our corrective actions taken as a result of the annual inspection and audit by the State Charter School Commission (SCSC). The presentation lasted 5 minutes and the commission asked questions for 20 minutes. The tone of the commission was supportive. Our next meeting will be the charter negotiation in January.

Charter Obligations

During the monthly meeting of the State Charter School Commission (SCSC) the state charter schools were listed on a performance matrix. Our current numbers are within acceptable ranges in our financial measurements:

Current assets divided by current liabilities	6.47	Exceeds Standard
Unrestricted Cash	222.94 days	Exceeds Standard
Efficiency Margin	73%	Exceeds Standard
Debt to asset ratio	28%	Meets Standards

New Charter Application Process

A new and more automated system for charter application has gone live at the SCSC.

Odyssey Charter School will need to reapply for a New Charter. The current contract expires in June of 2019. The data supplied from the SCSC Performance Framework will supply the data critical to the outcome of this meeting. Data from 2018 testing will be reviewed and considered for the renewal. Review and determinations will occur in January of 2019. The SCSC will post their renewal decisions in February of 2019. The board will need to review the current status of the school and the current contract for updates and changes. Establishing a new innovative practice and more current descriptions will be needed prior to the January meeting. Samples of successful charters are available to the board. The process for renewal and the calendar will be available at the start of the 2018-2019 school year. Last year's calendar was shared at a previous board meeting.

Safety in the Schools

I received notice of the Safety in Schools Conference presented by the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Department of Homeland Security. This is a three day event which includes accredited professional development for law enforcement and emergency managers. School administration is invited as well as resource officers. I will be attending from June 26th -28th (Summer Break).

I had a school safety audit with a professional locksmith group from Peachtree city this month. Upgrades to the doors including bullet resistant glass/screens and card access will be quoted as a level 1 upgrade. Level 2 will include additional cameras and dual door entry at each entrance with manual second door control. This will eliminate "tailgating".

I also had a security audit of the video and the cable system. CGS presented a quote on video upgrades. New cameras, multiplexer and additional cameras if needed for the phase 11 building upgrade. See quote.