

Principal's Report
September 28, 2015
6:30 p.m. in 104-Art Room

Attachments:

LSC Meeting Agenda, Principal's Report, and LSC Minutes

Approvals: None

SGSA Budget Transfer: None

School Usage: World Strides Mtg, (Washington DC Trip) Thursday, October 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Membership: Total of 589 Students: 20 Students Above Projected Enrollment

Attendance: Report will be given next month for September

Announcements:

- We would like to that the PTA for a fantastic Family Fun Night. What a great way to start of the year getting to know Sauganash Families-Thank you for hosting!
- The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation invited two of our students to read the names of fallen officers at the *Candlelight Vigil* on September 16, 2015. The students were honored and touched by the event. We hope this will be a tradition to participate in the program.

Calendar:

LSC Meeting: Monday, Sept. 28 and Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Art Room – 104

Safe Route Ambassadors 2nd Grade Assembly: Tuesday, Sept. 29

PTA Sponsored Clothing Drive: Thursday, Oct. 1

School Dance 5th-8th Grade Students: Friday, Oct. 2 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Walk-to-School Day and Move It Mondays: Wednesday, Oct.7 and Move It Mondays are every week

Principal Movie Night: Friday, Oct. 9 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

No School Columbus Day: Monday, Oct. 12

PTA Meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria

Scholastic Book Fair: Monday-Wednesday, Oct 19-21 in the Main Lobby

Family Reading Night: Tuesday Oct. 20 join our staff members for some fun reading activities and visit the book fair

Picture Retake: Tuesday, Oct. 27 - For interested students

PTA Halloween Party: Thursday, Oct. 29 at 5:00 p.m. for Kindergarten-Fifth Grade Students

No School-Veteran's Day: Wednesday, Nov. 11 (Remember those who have served our country)

First Quarter Ends: Thursday, November 12

Teacher Parent Conferences-No School: Wednesday, Nov. 18 from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Instructional Leadership Competency:

- Sauganash Elementary School Foreign Language Education Program: Language Stars has been successfully implemented with over 100 students taking advantage of the tuition-based program. We have five Spanish classes and one Mandarin class.

- NWEA-MAP and Access Testing for All Students:
 - Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Measures of Academic Progress (MAP for grades 2-8 and MPG for K-1) Testing will begin September 21 and run through October 2; students 3-8 are completing the testing on their Chromebooks in their homerooms (new this year). While K-2 are still completing the exam in the computer lab for additional personnel support while administering the test. This new schedule allows technology classes to take place and saves our school money on substitutes.
 - All Access testing has been completed to identify language learners (ELL students). We have a total of 110 students receiving services from our English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher. We have 37 different languages spoken in our students homes with 44.07% of our students speak another language other than English in their homes.

- Sauganash Staff Committees: All staff members participate on a committee, members reflect on a needs analysis and goal setting to improve the school. Administrations' goal is to have LSC and PTA partnership for a common vision.

- Lunchroom Assistant Position: I requested from CPS an Audit to be shared with top CPS lunchroom managers and Aramark senior management. I wanted it stated that we would not pass all points on an audit because we are not staffed according to the amount of positions entitled. I have been working with employee services to get our name on a bid sheet for the position to be filled. The bid sheet does not advertise the position until October. We have only been able to secure a temporary substitute from Aramark to fulfill a vacant position.

- PARCC Assessment 2016 Update
We have received PARCC information from the district and state with news the assessments will be shorter! The PARCC assessment window is in March. PARCCOnline.org is an excellent resource for students, teachers and parents. Sample questions are available, explanation of the assessment for parents is also provided.

Improving Teaching and Learning CIWP Continuous Improvement Work Plan

- Science Teachers will join Network teachers in writing PLC (professional learning community) in integrating writing in science.
- Grade level meetings will be focusing on analyzing and discussing beginning of the (BOY) year data from NWEA-MAP test result findings, Teachers determine strand of focus for the next 2-3 weeks of instruction, use Descartes chart to identify three skills and highlight to see how the continuum develops.
- Teachers will also identify students for MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Support) for additional help in math and reading.
- ILT team focused on aligning all Common Core Standards for our teachers last year. In August, general education met with Special Education and ESL Teachers to discuss and gauge the rigor they were providing our identified students with IEP or ESL support.

- Primary and middle grade teachers are focusing on making sure math facts are mastered in the primary grades K-3 in order to successfully implement number sense to complex or multiple-step math problems in middle grades.

Student-Centered Learning Climate

- The 8th Grade Artist Committee is brainstorming a new mural and planning with Mrs. Kelly for this year's school-wide mural project. The committee members have started designing the mural incorporating the theme "Today's Students Are Tomorrow's Leaders". The students' goal is to incorporate careers with the Chicago city skyline. Once the artists have finished their design, we will look for a location on the first floor corridor of the new building. We are very excited for the students to begin the project.
- Safety Assembly: The Secretary of State provided a free assembly for our second graders about bicycle and pedestrian safety. Two additional assemblies will be given to our students including a walking field trip on pedestrian safety.
- Teambuilding Field Trip: Sixth grade students will be attending a teambuilding field trip with teachers and administration to Iron Oaks in Olympia Fields.
- Check In-Check Out: This program was very successful for many of our students needing a structured, goal setting program to improve study habits. We will continue progress monitoring, give positive feedback and discuss strategies to get back "on-track."

Professional Development and Human Resources Management

Computer Science 4 All, CODE curriculum was provided in addition to the training teachers received on CODE, Michigan State University awarded Mrs. McGowan professional development, resources for her STEM classes. (This was a yearlong certification she completed this summer.) Stories of Hope-social and emotional learning for our junior high students,

Parent Involvement and Community Partnerships

- Sauganash Community Association 5K Memorial Fun Run or Walk: SCA generously donated \$1,700.00 from the Perkus 5K Run last year. These funds were used to purchase a 3D printer for student use. We are very excited and are hopeful for a large turn out for the fun run on Sunday, October 4. Teachers and coaches are encouraging students and their families to participate wearing their Chief Gear or gym shirt to spread Sauganash School pride #GoChiefs
- Room Parent: All room parents have been chosen and will participate in multiple trainings this year. Focus will be on communication, room parties, volunteer student learning opportunities, and field trips.

School Management and Daily Operations

- Safety Evacuation Plan: Addendum to Sauganash Elementary School Evacuation Plan was updated and submitted.
- Trees Trimmed and 1 dead Elm Tree Removed: The Board of Education paid \$3, 259 for our trees to be trimmed after the strong storms that took place late summer and removed a dead Elm tree.
- Turf Field: I have been working with my Network Chief, Area Facilities Manager to request from Facilities to replace our grounds with a turf field.