

Principal's Report

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Approvals: Expenditures over \$1,000.00 - Field Trips

Budget Transfer: None

School Usage: None

Additional information has been sent in our weekly newsletters.

Announcements:

Welcoming Mr. Allore - New 5th Grade Teacher

We are very excited to welcome a new 5th grade teacher to #TeamSauganash. Ms. Foster resigned from CPS before break and we wish her well with her next endeavor! In getting the news about Ms. Foster leaving, Administration and the 5/6th team worked to get a great candidate. Mr. Lundak will be mentoring Mr. Allore to support social studies and writing curriculums. We are super excited to welcome Matthew Allore to the team! A quick bio below:

Hello! My name is Matthew Allore and I am excited to be joining the Sauganash Elementary community to teach 5th Grade Social Science and Writing. I am originally from Michigan and studied Social Studies and English at Grand Valley State University (GVSU), where I am also completing my Master's of Education in Instruction and Curriculum. In addition to teaching middle school ELA in Grand Rapids Public Schools, I have worked in higher education at GVSU, Georgetown University, and most recently Northwestern University. In my spare time I enjoy running, playing tennis, and reading. I am looking forward to meeting everyone and having a fun and productive second half of the school year!

Competency A: Champions Teacher and Staff Excellence through a Focus on Continuous Improvement to Develop and Achieve the Vision of High Expectations for All Students

1. *Standard A1: Develops, implements, and monitors the outcomes of the Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP) and school-wide student achievement data results to improve student achievement.*

- Students in K-1 will be taking the iReady assessment in January and 3-8 will be taking the STAR 360 assessment as well. Once we receive the MOY data the ILT will be meeting to deep dive into comparing data points from MOY (Middle of the Year) and BOY (Beginning of the year) data points to drive updates and changes in our CIWP

2. *Standard A2: Creates a continuous improvement cycle that uses multiple forms of data and student work samples to support individual, team, and school-wide improvement goals, identify and address areas of improvement, and celebrate success.*

- MOY-BOY Deep Dive Data Meetings: Next month we will meet in grade level meetings to take a deeper dive into both iReady and STAR 360 middle of the year results and compare with BOY data to drive instruction.

3. *Standard A3: Collaborates with staff to allocate personnel, time, material, and adult learning resources appropriately to achieve the CIWP target.*

- Instructional Materials: Admin will meet with teachers by February to secure instructional materials needed for next school year
- Network 1 PLC (Professional Learning Communities) are focusing on virtual instructional rounds as a tool to be used to give more teachers the opportunity to observe their colleagues. Network 1 is featuring tasks and assignments aligned with CPS Core Values, third visit set for February 2nd.
- *Standard A4 Creates a safe and orderly environment.*
 1. See Safety Committee report
 2. All CPS mandated safety and re-opening training completed by all staff members
 3. All CPS mandatory drills have been completed for first semester

Competency B: Creates Powerful Professional Learning Systems to Guarantee Learning for All Students.

Standard B1: Works with and engages staff in the development and continuous refinement of a shared vision for effective teaching and learning by implementing a standards-based curriculum relevant to student needs and interest, research-based effective practice, academic rigor, and high expectations for student performance in every classroom.

1. Professional Development: iReady Instructional Suite, Wilson and Orton Gillingham - 3 special education teachers have been trained in both programs, resources and supports have been purchased
2. Battle of the Book: Books purchased for both 5/6 grade and 7/8 grade teams
3. Spelling Bee: Sauganash School Spelling Bee to take place this Thursday, January 12th

Standard B2: Evaluates the effectiveness of teaching and holds individual teachers accountable for meeting their goals by conducting frequent formal and informal observations in order to provide timely written feedback on instruction, preparation, and classroom environment as a part of REACH Students

1. All formal observations for probationary teachers (PAT) will be completed by the end of January. Focus on round 2 of formal observations for all 15 PATs for the beginning of second semester. Some informal and formal observations are being completed for tenured teachers, as well. There is a 2-year window for all tenured teachers to complete 1-formal and 1-informal observations.

Competency C: Builds a Culture Focused on College and Career Readiness

Standard C1: Leads a school culture and environment that successfully develops the full range of students' learning capacities, creative, social-emotional, behavioral, and physical

1. Principal and Assistant Principal are on the Network One Advisory Council: Advising Network and improving school culture, SEL, and learning capacities
2. English As A Second Language: strategies and supports provided in flex day professional development
3. Second Step Refresher: Professional development is being provided in flex days
4. CPS 2-Year Mentor Program: We have 3 Master Mentors that will be supporting new and second year teachers on CPS policies, curriculum deep dives and social emotional learning

Competency D: Empowers and Motivates Families and the Community to Become Engaged

Standard D1: Proactively engages families and communities in supporting their child's learning and the school's learning goals

1. Working with Alderman Nugent and CDOT to receive a report from the pedestrian survey for Peterson avenue. We are still waiting on CDOT at this time for their recommendations.
2. Safety Committee recommended we purchase pedestrian safety flags. "See Me When I Walk" bright orange flags were purchased for families to use while they cross Peterson Ave. Additional flags can be picked-up from our security guard, Ms. Maria at door #1.
3. Each grade level chose a philanthropy project for the 2022-23 school year. Toys for Tots was the kindergarten's project for December. Toys were donated by the kindergarten parents for Lurie's Children's Hospital. Other projects that have or will be completed are the Cradles to Crayons & Sock Donation, Albany Park Food Pantry, Red Cross, Honor Flight Chicago, and Feed My Starving Children

Competency E: Relentlessly Pursues Self-Disciplined Thinking and Action

Standard E1: Creates and supports a climate that values, accepts and understands diversity in culture and point of view.

1. Cultivating Student Survey: Students in grades 5th -8th completed the cultivating student survey to increase student voice. Student LSC representative Isabella Mendez will report details at meeting.

Internal Accounts

Notification of School Expenditures in Excess of \$1,000, but Less than \$4,999.99

At the Approval of school expenditures under \$5,000.00

July 11, 2022 regular meeting, the LSC voted to allow the Principal to make individual expenditures from \$1,000 to \$4,999.99 without LSC approval, such expenditures to be reported when check is made and email will go to our committee members and notification will be made to the entire to the LSC in writing in the next Principal's Report, indicating the amount, nature and purpose of the expenditure and the internal account from which such expenditure was taken.

Examples are: gym uniforms, textbooks and consumables for students, pictures and yearbooks for students, cookie dough fundraisers, etc.

Expenditure Approved by Budget Committee:

Field Trips: All were approved by the Budget Committee

Before all field trip Checks were written there was \$8676.72 in this account.

1. 7th/8th grade bus invoice to Compass Transportation for \$1,083.75. A check was already written to secure the tickets to the Rosemont Hockey Players
2. A check was written to Compass Transportation for the 5th/6th grade Adler Planetarium field trip for \$1,064.00.
3. A notification was sent today to the budget committee members for the 3rd and 4th grade students will be attending a field trip at Great Works Theatre. The amount of the invoice for the play is 1,264.000, we currently have 6,466.97 in the Field Trip account.