

Site Council Report
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March 29, 2024: Facilities Tour

Recognitions/ Announcements:

Principal Recognitions:

Thank you to the professionals who have helped fill our maternity leaves this year– Brending Dreiling, Erin Braun, Shawn Chance and Jonna Dinkel. Our teachers who will work the JH Track meet Thursday! Dan Rogers and Wade Schmidtberger for getting the field ready and students who helped set up.

Superintendent Recognitions:

Thank you to our paraeducators (Cecilia Aguilar, Tiffany Boardman, Megan Bucher, Jess Dockendorf (new hire), Brenda Dreiling, Crystal Duchesneau, Bev Hartsook, Nicole Hunter, Emily Karlin, Tierra Nowak, Marilyn Stoffel, and Kami Weber,) and librarian who help our school be a better place!

Library Aide Appreciation (April 4): Tierra Nowak- Ty Perrigo- Katelyn Schmidt- Bev Hartsook

Asst. Principal Appreciation (April 4): Dan Rogers

Administrative Assistants (April 24): Carla Schmeidler, Michelle Geist, Melissa Schmidt

**USD 432 Vision: Lead. Achieve. Succeed.
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LEAD.

BLTs at each building met this month to continue plans for next year's KESA 2.0. Some of our team were able to attend the peer review with other surrounding districts to review expectations and the KSDE Check In on April 18, 2024. We will know our *(Support and Develop Staff)*

Artificial Intelligence continues to be a topic of staff development and how to incorporate it to be an asset for teacher planning and teaching students to use it properly. *(Responsive Culture- Student Success)*

Caps Program visited last week. Exciting opportunities. Here is a summary of what they provide. *(Support & Develop Staff, Responsive Culture, Student Success)*

- To summarize, CAPS Network is launching a major support initiative that will allow us to award a select number of rural serving communities with professional development and consultation services for CTE teachers. The total value of the award is \$15,500 of our services. I've attached a flyer that outlines the effort.
- The purpose of this work is to help engage local workforce development priorities with career-learning in and out of the traditional classroom.
- One of the most unique elements of CAPS and our philosophy is that we use a 'client project' model that effectively has students serve as consultants to the business and non profit communities. We ask business partners 'What's the 10th thing on your to-do list?' and 'Could students create that or assist with that?'. CAPS Network coaches teachers to step into a project manager role in these client projects, allowing the students to lead and giving them an opportunity to practice professional skills.

ACHIEVE.

KAP (state assessments) started this week at the JH / HS. It has been a busy week with subs and track meets to maneuver for these. The elementary will begin this week, and JH will conclude. *(Student Success)*

Paraprofessional positions with WCKSEC are still not completely filled. Jess Dockendorf was hired to help fill some times on a few days a week. Crystal Duchesneau started and works 5.75 hours with WCKSEC and a remaining 1.0 hour for the district, helping with duties at the JH HS. (*Student Success- Support & Develop Staff*)

Professional development will continue to focus on research based strategies to staff for Tier 1 best instructional practices. The consideration for support from TASN for MTSS is being explored, as well as Structured Literacy. (*Support & Develop Staff- Responsive Culture*)

CPL Schools met last week for the second time to discuss how to move forward with collaboration to help our staff dig into the mandates for KESA 2.0 fundamentals. (Structured Literacy, Standards Alignment, Quality Instruction, and Balanced Assessment Systems) We are so encouraged to partner with them next year for staff development around Curriculum/ Standards Alignment. Teacher Clarity is a possible topic for a book study and PD next year to dovetail with our evaluation system. (*Responsive Culture*)

SUCCEED.

FCCLA Banquet Sunday evening in Wichita, KS was wonderful. I was able to attend as one of eight guests that Benjamin Dome was able to invite for his officer table to celebrate this year's officers and welcome the new State Officers. It was inspiring! Students competed the next day and here are the results:

Leah, Kaylee, Ashtyn: Silver

Ben, Kennidy, Brody : Top Gold

Brinly, Emma, Shelby: Gold

Myah, Abby, Caidyn: Silver

Saige: Silver

Aurora: Silver

Averi, Jillian, Sienna: Top Gold

Not only that, but we have our first national officer candidate- Benjamin Dome!
(*Student Success*)

Miss Kansas assembly displayed how grit and determination can benefit you with post secondary success, scholarships, and giving back with her platform to help the visually challenged. (*Student Success- Opportunities*)

Legislative Update

- With strong bipartisan support, the **House and Senate passed [SB 73](#)**, establishing enrollment funding calculations for the 24-25 school year to be based on the current year or the average of the previous two years for one year only. After 24-25, districts will have the choice to use current or previous year only. SB 73 contains the provisions of SB 386, as amended in the Senate and supported by KASB.
- Work continues in a new conference committee after **[SB 387](#) was defeated in the Senate late Thursday evening**. The defeated version of the bill included a plan to permanently underfund special education and an experiment on at-risk students without parental consent, among other policies KASB opposes.
- Conference Committee Report (CCR) will be voting in three weeks when they reconvene from SB 387 to: add \$75 mil to SpEd, keep Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase for BSAPP (right around \$5300), requires LOB transfers that are already happening, and keeps the excess cost calculation the same for

next year. This passing would mean \$600,00, with a hopeful \$120,000 categorical aid added to the coop, WCKSEC. With this, USD 432's assessment would be increased by 22% adding \$37,7075 (opposed to the prior predicted increase of 55.4%, \$94,000) For FY25 this will be roughly \$207,030 assessed payment for USD 432.

- **The tax cut bill ([SB 300](#)) was defeated on the House floor**, despite agreement from House and Senate conference committees and indication that Gov. Kelly would sign it. Lawmakers continue their work on a plan to reduce taxes.
- Correspondence from Kyle Carlin, WCKSEC Director: