

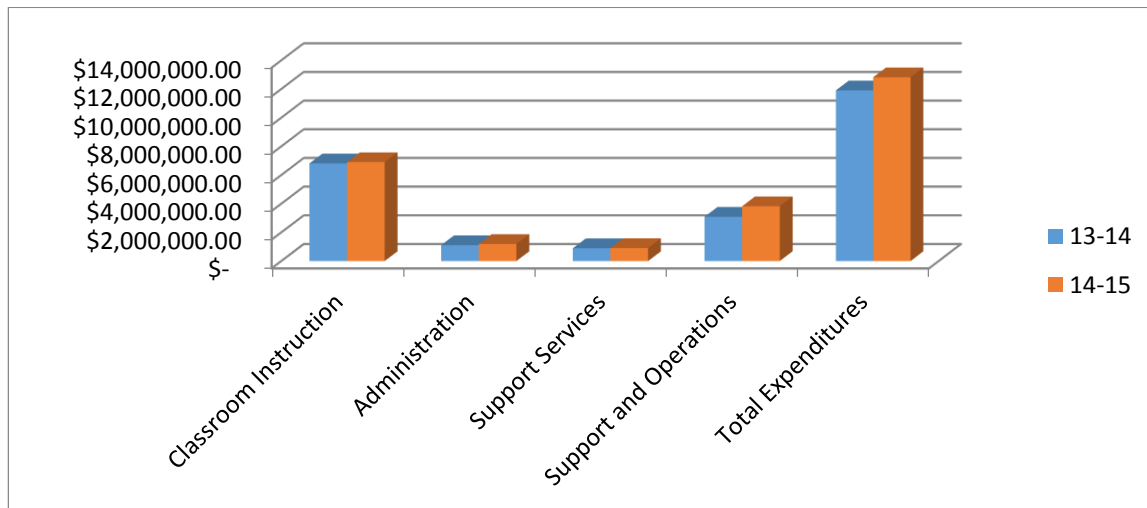
Weekly Board Report 2 October 2015

Our Technology Department has done an outstanding job developing our website including the updated **2015-2016 Staff Directory**. *Please take note that the paper directory will not be published this year.* The full CVUSD and South Verde Staff Directory can be accessed online at campverdeschools.org. Below you will see a screen shot illustrating how to access the directory. Upon navigating to the webpage hover over “Departments”. Once in the department window you can access all schools and departments in the Districts. The Technology Staff has included staff names, grade levels/departments, phone numbers and hyperlinked access to staff email addresses. (The sites will continue to use phone trees for staff home/cell phone access in the event of emergency.) Please check back regularly for website updates. The information on the website will develop as the school year progresses. The goal is that the information stay current and relevant.

I wanted to clarify a bit of information concerning our ADM (Average Daily Membership). In the past we may have concerned ourselves with dates such as the 40th Day or October 1st. These days were significant for our funding with the Department of Education taking a snapshot of that day’s attendance or the 40th day ADM. Although it is helpful to use these days as gauges to predict our future ADM there is no funding tied to these days. Presently the only significant day for funding is the 100th day. That day, February 22nd for the district and January 13th for South Verde, is the cutoff day for the Department of Education to total our Average Daily Membership from the start of school to the 100th day.

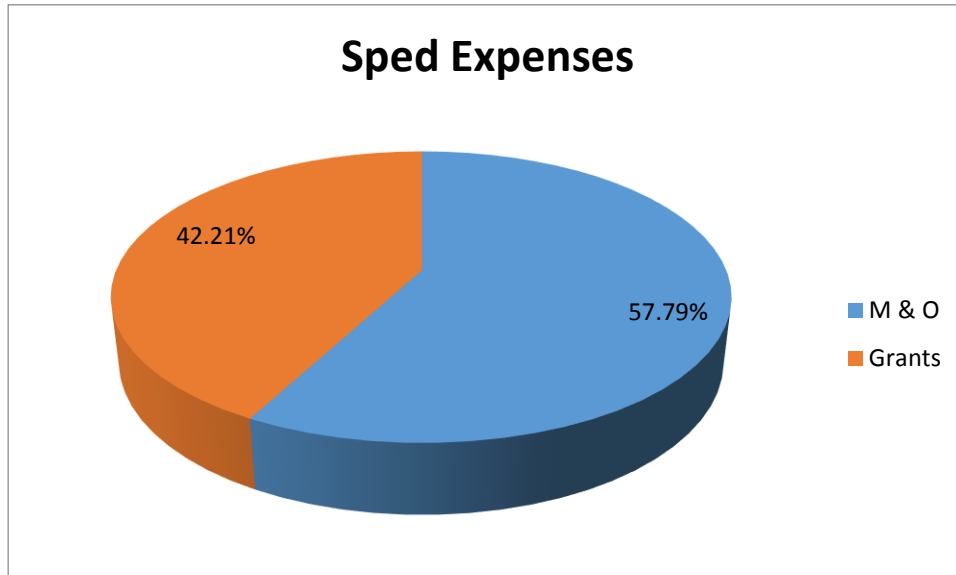
Data for the 14-15 Annual Financial Report has been pulled together and broken down for the various reports required. A few items of interest:

1) Total expenditures increased from the prior year by 7%. Approximately 6% of that increase can be attributed to the new \$780,000.00 roof on the high school. The graph below shows the increases in each area. This graph also shows the proportionate amount of our spending in each category. Classroom Instruction is all costs having to do with teaching in the classroom: teachers, paraprofessionals, etc. Administration is principals, some site secretaries, and district office expenditures. Support services include counselors, nurses, and attendance secretaries. Support and Operations comprise facilities, transportation, and other supporting costs.



2) This year 83.58% of our expenses went towards salaries and benefits.

3) Special Education expenditures totaled \$1,162,006.74. The following graph shows the percentage of M & O and Grant funding in Sped.



In summary: Initial analysis looks like all expenditures are in line with expectations and comparable when compared to other districts. In fact, most areas are much better than other similar districts. With the high percentage of expenses tied up in salaries and special education a large amount of our budget is restricted.

Camp Verde High School is working with Jones Ford in Camp Verde on partnerships in club activities and internship opportunities for our CTE automotive students. Scott Hebbit, the general manager is working with CVHS on a pay it forward campaign for the clubs. It will help our students learn the joy of giving back to our community and to others. More information to come as it is available.

The next home football game is tonight vs Chino Valley. It starts at 7:00 pm. Please look at the schools website for more home game information for CVHS fall sports. This coming week is the final week of the first quarter. Students have been working hard during tutoring and credit recovery. Credit recovery is starting to see students complete their makeup credits. It has been successful.

The Builders club sponsored by Tammy Carter served dinner Tuesday night at the Bread of Life kitchen. Our students received many compliments. Our cross country team did very well at the championships with Sebastian Kresge taking 3rd overall in the 7th & 8th grade boys division. Yesterday the new marquee was installed. It should be communicating by Monday as Brandon has to install the antenna today. I would like to give a big thank you to the district and Steve Hicks for finding the money to replace the old, nonfunctioning one. Thanks to Stacy and his crew for installing it.

The fifth-grade students and teachers visited the Sedona Recycling Center as a part of their recycling program they are implementing at the elementary school this year. They saw first-hand how materials are sorted and conveyed throughout the plant. They even had a mini lesson on repurposing items into art projects (an ironing board chair!) before heading to the park for lunch.

Part of the Professional Development Day for October was spent examining data to help drive instructional planning. Each team met to discuss reading and math data and to identify our Tier 3 students. They spent time sharing instructional and intervention ideas so they may better serve these students. In addition, they identified some of their own needs for future professional development so they will be better prepared to meet the needs of all students.

Our second round of training for Capturing Kids Hearts has been scheduled for December 1st and 2nd. This is the training for our “process champions” in which five teachers from the elementary school will be trained to support their fellow teachers during this first implementation year. Process champions are chosen based on their belief in the program and willingness to embrace the tenets of CKH. They become the “go-to” people within a school for other teachers who may be struggling. This allows all teachers to build a strong support system and have colleagues who can mentor them.

Our first quarter ends on Thursday, October 8th, with report cards going home one week later on Thursday, October 15th. Awards ceremonies for grades 1-3 are in the theater on October 8th at the following times: 1st—8:15-8:35, 2nd—8:40-9:00, 3rd—9:05-9:25

The CVES Honors Choir has begun rehearsing for a performance scheduled for December 8th at 6:00 p.m. Honors Choir is by invitation only and is for students who have shown an extraordinary interest in vocal performance. Student will continue to rehearse on select Fridays leading up to the December show. All board members are cordially invited to attend the show before the 7:00 p.m. board meeting.

You may have heard rumors of bed bugs at the elementary school. We have taken a very aggressive approach to handling what is ultimately an extremely minor issue. Two students have come to school with bed bug bites. We have chemically and heated-treated the classroom where these two students spend most of their day. In addition, we have treated the music room and a few more rooms where siblings of these students are assigned. To be clear, we have never found a bed bug in the school. We are taking every precaution and responding with an overabundance of vigilance in the handling of this situation.

South Verde is pleased to announce that they have graduated two students in the past month. One student was a sixth year senior. The other is a mother of an eighteen-month-old. Both these young women have experienced very difficult childhoods and pitfalls in their young lives, yet found their personal determination to be stronger than any obstacles. We are very proud of them and cannot wait for graduation night to celebrate, along with the other graduates.

Thursday’s volleyball game was forfeited due to too few girls to participate. That is the struggle of a small school. Eligibility was a factor, as well.

The cross country team all improved on their times at the meet Thursday in Prescott. The course was rigorous, involving large rocks and steep terrain, yet the team was happy with their performances.

The band teacher - Jesse Ebel - has been working with South Verde students for over a year and is extremely impressed with the level of ability in his class. The drummer has improved 100%, and one of the guitarists is so talented as to be nearly professional, per Mr. Ebel's assessment. Perhaps we shall hear their names in a few years in a wider sphere than the Verde Valley.

The Special Education Department just finished an Autism training that was presented by the Arizona Department of Education. The training brought to focus techniques and strategies that can be utilized to help our students with Autism be more successful in their classes.

The training was necessary with the increase in the number of students who are being identified with Autism in the school district. The number of students identified with Autism has almost doubled in the past school year. This increase can be attributed to the increase of this diagnosis throughout the country. Current statistics show that 1 in every 54 students has some form of Autism. This number has increased in just a short amount of time. The number used to be 1 in 100 students.

Autism presents some unique situations that many teachers have difficulty dealing with. The training presented gave the Special Education staff new tools, techniques and strategies that can be utilized in their classrooms as well as in the general education classrooms. This was a valuable training and the staff gained valuable knowledge that will be applied with students on the Autism spectrum.