

Weekly Board Report 25 September 2015

As you may know, recent legislative trends towards JTEDs (Joint Technical Education Districts) have not been positive. This has direct effect on the majority of our high school elective CTE courses. The chart below highlights the downward trend in funding at our high school. We believe cutting courses is not the direction we want to go, however these cuts in State funding, along with future projected cuts have started us looking for other alternatives to this valuable program. Bob has been investigating other programs and led us this week to a meeting with a valuable resource. Though no concrete decisions came from the meeting we were made aware of other creative ways we may be able to tackle this concern. We also have another scheduled meeting in October with our local JTED to investigate the situation.

We had a follow up meeting this past Tuesday with a trainer from Go Math! She gave pilot teachers a lesson plan that outlined the typical pacing for a daily lesson since this has been the most difficult area for teachers. In addition, she led a discussion on the various support materials available and techniques for involving parents in the learning process.

We are planning a visit with Strawberry Unified School District so our teachers can observe a lesson in their grade level on October 16th as a part of their on-going training. Strawberry Elementary School has been using Go Math! for a number of years and will provide teachers an opportunity to see the typical structure used for instruction.

Our elementary robotics team, the Cyber Cowboys, will be touring Amphenol Griffith, a local company that engineers airplane parts and semiconductors, whose main client is the Department of Defense. In addition, the Cyber Cowboys will be making their team video for the First Lego League Challenge with the help of a professional acting coach.

The fifth-grade classrooms each have a new Mimio Teach Board in their room. This is a device that uses magnets to attach to a white board and projects images and lessons on the white board. The students have been learning how to “write” with the marker and are quickly becoming experts! Teachers have identified some support programs for Mimio Teach Boards that will be purchased with Title 1 funds that will enrich all subject areas and keep instruction interactive in the classrooms.

We are expanding our use of iPads in the classroom, beginning with Kindergarten and first grade. Using Title 1 funds, we will be providing five iPads per classroom in Kindergarten and four per classroom in first grade. These will be used in reading and math centers as well as helping struggling students with differentiated instruction.

The following elementary staff all received staff appreciation awards this week: Gary M.—30 years, Tressa W.—20 years, Kim V.—10 years, Jenny J.—10 years, Carol N.—10 years, Alvena M.—10years, Denise M.—10 years, Kristen M.—5 years, Felicia P.—5 years, Laurie K.—5 years.

A big Capturing Kids’ Hearts action took place when the CVMS cross country team rallied behind the last place runner and supported him the last quarter mile. They encouraged him enough to stop walking and jog and then run it on in to the finish, last week at Prescott. One of the Prescott coaches turned to our coach at the finish line and said, “That is a beautiful thing.” Photo included in email.

8th grade Social Studies teacher Lena DiBartolomeo played capture the flag with her students last week as they were studying The American Revolution.

The whole Middle School participated in the Native American social dance Thursday, including Yavapai Bird dancers and Gourd singers, with Apache singers and drummers to celebrate Native American week.

Mr. Howe's leadership team, "The Breakfast Club", had a great meeting before school today. The team is made up of Tammey Carter, Sara Boland, Bryan Pelfrey, Brian Tankesley, and Rhonda Koeppe. A couple of items of discussion were the Family Link program on schoolmaster, and looking to start a student mentoring program.

The CVHS Student Council was awarded the Platinum Award from the United Blood Services on Wednesday, Sept 23rd at Chase Field. They were the second highest blood drive participation for the schools our size. The blood drive data was from 14-15 school year and included the August blood drive. We had a 178% participation ranking of students who signed up vs. donating.

Students are starting to finish their credit recovery courses. The after school tutoring and credit recovery has increased over the last three weeks. We are allowing 10th -12th grade students in to credit recovery on Friday. We have about 45 students attending at this time. The nine week report card will be given out on Oct. 14th.

On October 14th, Camp Verde High School will have the seniors take the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery). Sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT (Practice College Entrance Exam) and the freshmen will be working on the Arizona Career Information System and attending a MatForce drug and alcohol assembly. The testing will be from 7:45 am to 11:15 am and the students will attend each of their classes for 30 minutes in the afternoon. This is a great opportunity for our students to gain test taking experience and see where they score compared to other students around the nation. We were able to get 100 PSAT test donated and the other 150 PSAT test will be paid from the English class fees and from CVHS Auxiliary Funds, at a cost \$14 each.

The Camp Verde High School girls soccer is 3 - 1 - 1 and ranked 6th in the state. The volleyball team will be home the 29th at 5:00 pm for JV and 6:00 pm for varsity.

Camp Verde High School had a very successful homecoming and we are so proud of our community, staff, and students for their involvement. We had an amazing Powderpuff game where our Juniors/Freshman smashed the Seniors/Sophomores. We charged \$3 a person or 3 cans of food and we collected over 1000 cans of food for the Bread of Life Mission. On Thursday, we had a successful Bonfire that Mr. Stacey Barker and his crew helped set up. Throughout out the week, we had lunch games that all grade levels competed in. Also, each class painted a homecoming window...we appreciate the businesses allowing the students to decorate their windows. The following business had our students decorate their windows: Camp Verde Realty, Camp Verde Fire Department, Yavapai Title, and Camp Verde Calvary Church. On Friday, the Town of Camp Verde donated their facilities for our school to have our Homecoming Parade and Carnival. The carnival was a free event for our community and the Student Council and other clubs provided some great events. The week of Homecoming came to an amazing ending when our football team defeated the Pinon Eagles 50 to 0. Joel Beauty and Lucy Showers were crowned Homecoming King and Queen. The senior class won the float contest and the overall class spirit competition. The student council did an outstanding job and had a successful carnival, parade and the students danced the night away at their Homecoming Dance. A special thank you to Camp Verde High School Student Council for their organization and hard work, to the CVHS staff and CVUSD grounds and maintenance for their hard work during homecoming week. Thank you to Jones Ford for the donation of six vehicles for the parade and halftime show. Thank you to all the wonderful teachers, staff, community members, and businesses that helped make this event a success.

The new system for the food program began this week at South Verde, with Will and Fonda at the helm of bringing food and being responsible for the system of the Free and Reduced Breakfast/Lunch program. More students have filled out the proper paperwork, understanding how much of a difference in price is

involved. More students are taking advantage of the convenience of this system, rather than spending more money at Circle K for food and drinks. (Although Polar pops are still very popular!)

The volleyball team had a tough loss at Tri-City Prep in Prescott. There was a misconception of the other team's behavior, which may have had an impact on South Verde's performance. Yet, this is another good life lesson: in order to beat your opponent, you must work as a team and rise above any perceived poor behavior from your rival. Mrs. Zawel spoke to the student body about this situation, asking a cross country member to relate how he intends to work harder in the next cross country event. The extra time in practice will lead to a fruitful outcome in the future. Another teachable moment!

Mrs. Rowe has consulted with Jane Mathews at the high school regarding ACT testing and ASVAB testing. The staff is strongly encouraging all the upper class students to participate in one or both of the tests to boost confidence in abilities and highlight strengths for a future career.

October 8, twelve students will be traveling to Yavapai College to take the initial assessment and receive information about dual enrollment. Some of these students have already taken Yavapai College classes and are familiar with the online program.

Mrs. Zawel was given a tour of the elementary school by Mrs. Booth, who graciously allotted time in her busy schedule to familiarize a fellow administrator with her campus. (Mr. Howe and Mr. Weir have also kindly extended time for their campuses at a future date.) Mrs. Zawel was very impressed with the level of professionalism on the part of the staff and the lovely rapport Mrs. Booth has with the students, who, in the halls, approached Mrs. Booth with respect and hugs.

The Special Education Department is getting ready for several trainings utilizing CPI (Crisis Prevention Intervention) techniques for its new staff as well as staff from neighboring districts. Camp Verde Unified School District has continued its agreement with Beaver Creek School District and Sedona Oak Creek School District to provide training for the staff from those districts. Tammey Carter and Dale DeVries are the instructors for this program. The training involves techniques to be used in settings with students who are becoming non-compliant with staff or who are becoming a danger to themselves or others. The techniques focus on de-escalation first and foremost with physical restraint as an absolute last resort and only when two or more staff are available who have been trained in the use of the techniques. This training will make sure Camp Verde Unified School District has all of its Special Education staff trained. The district will offer additional trainings in October. During these trainings in October the Transportation Department will receive training as will Beaver Creek and Sedona.

I had the pleasure of being the auctioneer last night at the FFA Pie auction and Ice Cream Social. I am a huge fan of FFA and see a large group of responsible young people belonging to a group that is an asset to our district. The event raised approximately \$2500 through the sales of cakes, pies, and other treats.