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DATE: October 7, 2024

TO: School Board Members

FROM: Laurie Maughan

SUBJECT: Clatskanie Middle High School’s Principal’s Report to the CSD School Board

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This report covers the period from September 3, 2024 to October 7, 2024. I will outline key achievements, challenges, and initiatives within this timeframe.

1. **Academic Excellence:**
   1. The cell phone policy is going well. Both teachers and students report a huge improvement in student engagement in classes. So far, we have had about 5-10 phones turned in each week. We hope this number starts to decline now that homecoming is over and we are in a regular routine. There are 4 students who have had a 3rd offense and have to turn in their phone in the morning and pick it up at the end of the day. Parents have been really supportive!
   2. In the area of College and Career, Seniors are beginning to fill out scholarship applications and college applications.
   3. We are also starting to define our Personal Finance and our Higher Ed and Career Pathway Skills courses that are required for all students to graduate from an Oregon High school in 2027 or later.
   4. CMHS is currently offering intervention courses for Middle School students in ELA and Math.
   5. This year we have a full 9th Grade Success Team working together to support students. This is a quote straight from the research about Freshman Year:

“Researchers have shown that freshman year is the “make-or-break” year for high school graduation. Students who receive meir freshman year are very unlikely to graduate … even if they posted solid academic records before high school. Students who were “on track” after freshman year … were more than three and a half times as likely as students who were “off track” to graduate.

1. **Staff Development:**
   1. All staff have been working on completing mandatory training on FERPA, dealing with harassment and other such topics.
   2. CMHS staff has completed training in the new curriculum for Social Emotional Learning (Wayfinder), STEMSCOPES (Science), Intro to Literature (English Language Arts), Writable (English Language Arts), Big Ideas Math (Math), TeachTown (modified curriculum for students needing modified curriculum).
   3. Intervention and Special Education teachers will be training on Freckle, which is the new computerized and differentiated curriculum support program.
2. **Infrastructure and Facilities:**
   1. CMHS grounds and building have been looking really great! Huge thank you to Deshaun Combs, Lorenzo Marciano, Will Seals, Jason Krause, and Rob Kingery

**4. Student Engagement and Well-being:**

a. All staff participated in Suicide Awareness and Response training with Leslie Rodgers at the end of August. All CMHS certified teaching staff as well as CES’s two 6th grade teachers participated in training for teaching Adi’s Act lessons to all 6-12th graders at the end of October. Parent notification will be sent out prior to that lesson being taught.

**5. Community Partnerships:**

a. We had our first meeting with NXTClean about supporting at 2025 Science Fair. Science Fair will be held March 12.

**6. Challenges and Mitigation:**

a. A challenge we have right now, with the awesomeness of our Volleyball team, is that we have a lot of people, including elementary age students, in the building for games. We have put up gates to provide barriers to areas of the building that shouldn’t be accessed during competitions. We will monitor these next couple of weeks to make sure they are working.

b. Currently CMHS does not have a time within contract hours to have our whole staff together for meetings. We have students in the building starting at 8 am. There needs to be supervision for them from 8:00-8:30 am every morning. After school on Wednesday, students are dismissed so teachers can have meetings, but we have both Middle and High School students who remain at the building until sports practice starts at 4:00. This requires our classified staff to supervise students from 2:30-3:30 every Wednesday. We have mitigated this by having a separate staff meeting for classified while certified staff supervise.

**7. Extracurricular:**

a. Fall sports for both Middle and High School are in full swing. Homecoming events took place on the week of September 23-28.

b. Auditions were held for the first play for the 24-25 school year. The show, Ranked, will play on December 12, 13, and 14.

**8. Future Initiatives:**

We are currently working on strengthening our Response to Intervention systems. This includes a clearly defined Student Support system prior to a student be assessed for Special Education.

**9. Conclusion:**

Thank you for your continued support of all things happening at CMHS!

Please feel free to reach out if you require additional information or clarification on any aspect of this report. I am more than happy to provide further details as needed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.