

Directors' Meeting
8.2.16 – 10:30 a.m.

Present:

Cartner
 Lassiter
 Sanders
 Cox

Austin
 Cowell
 Davenport
 Godfrey
 Heath

James-Davis
 Parker
 Sawyer
 Thompson
 Whitehurst

Leader	Notes
Cartner	<p>Dr. Cartner opened the meeting by indicating there are 27 days until students come back. He shared that there is still work to be done, but not as much as there was last year at this time. Good indicator that we are on the right road.</p> <p>Dr. Cartner provided an update on the ¼ Cent Sales Tax Referendum. He indicated a group of community leaders is working behind the scenes to get the message out. He shared that district employees have to walk a fine line regarding the referendum. Employees cannot say vote “yes” or vote “no” – they can offer information. School system supplies and materials cannot be used to promote the campaign. Community groups/organizations (PTA/PTO, Education Foundation, Chamber of Commerce, Committee of 100) will be receiving information regarding the campaign and encouraged to support the referendum. The Board of Commissioners is willing to adopt a resolution specifying the funds for a specific purpose (ex. Technology or STEM); however they cannot pass a resolution that would be binding on future boards. He indicated that there is a need to impress upon folks that this is not “replacement” money for the current budget, but is “new” money to fund programs such as technology or STEM. The ¼ cent sales tax would generate just shy of</p>

\$1,000,000 per year. He shared an example of if you are buying a \$4 item, you would pay 1 penny more if the tax was approved.

Dr. Cartner discussed a budget shortfall in the State budget due to pay raises and benefits. He indicated he believes it will be solved through attrition.

Dr. Cartner shared that school allotments should go out tomorrow. He reminded everyone that 80% of budgets should be spent (or encumbered) prior to Christmas Break and that “this year’s money should be spent on this year’s kids.”

Dr. Cartner asked for questions/comments from the group.

Cowell shared that Mentor Training will be held on 8.4.16 – Sonya Rhinehart will conduct the training for 20 teachers.

Cowell shared that Beginning Teacher Orientation will begin on 8.8.16, 8:00 a.m. at River Road Middle School.

Austin reported that Summer Reading Camp ended last week. Approximately 350 students participated and she feels the program was a success. There were lots of positive comments from parents. Teachers provided positive feedback on the 2 hour reading block. Sanders indicated that the I-Stations used for the program will go to the schools for use during the year.

Davenport reported that the Title I Family and Community Center will be housed in a modular unit behind Northeastern High School. The Center should be open for parents by no later than 9.1.16 . She indicated the Strategic Planning Process defined the need for the Parent Center. Susan Buckner and Tina Butts will have office hours and will also visit schools. They are currently meeting with principals to determine

needs.

Sawyer reported that Parent Academies are planned for 2016-17 (Saturdays & Evenings) and will work hand-in-hand with the Parent Center.

Davenport indicated that “student stress kits” (based on Tammy Pawloski’s presentation) will be provided for K-5 classrooms.

Davenport shared that a community member attending the PMCE Roundtable meeting on Monday asked if we really have children that do not eat at night or weekends and the discussion that followed the comment. She indicated that she is considering bringing Tammy Pawloski back to hold a community meeting on poverty.

The group discussed poverty and avenues to make the community more aware of issues related to poverty. Dr. Cartner suggested that future PMCE meetings could devote 10 minutes of each meeting to discuss poverty.

Sanders indicated that Learning Focused poverty training is scheduled for the required workday in September. She also indicated that the Program Services Team has been certified as “train the trainers for Learning Focused” and they could provide information at PMCE meetings.

James-Davis reported that PCHS will be starting a Virtual Enterprise class for 2016-17 and that a Project Lead the Way “Principals of Engineering” class will be offered at NHS in 2016-17.

Parker provided an update on Maintenance Department Summer Projects:

- NHS Painting (should be completed by 8.8.16)
- PES Painting (on schedule to be completed by 8.17.16 – classrooms and hallways should be complete by 8.8.16 – media center & multi-purpose room will be done last) *There was discussion about use of the MP Room and Media Center for PD on 8/18&19/16 – Mr. Parker will make contractor aware of need to have rooms complete.*
- Sheep Window Replacement (should be complete by 8.12.16)
- J. C. Sawyer Carpet Replacement in Media Center (should be complete by 8.5.16)
- J. C. Sawyer Roof (should have substantial completion by 8.15.16)

Thompson indicated that PWM, HLT, PES, JCS and SHES will all be CEP schools for 2016-17 (all students attending these schools will receive free breakfast & lunch). Dr. Cartner asked Mr. Thompson to ensure plans are in place to make parents aware of the need to apply for F/R if they transfer out of these schools).

James-Davis thanked the Maintenance Department for helping move furniture donated by COA.

Heath reported that the Grounds Crew is working on last minute “curb appeal” items. They are currently scheduled to do regular/routine grounds work Monday through Wednesday and Thursdays are devoted to special projects.

Heath reported that Michelle Spence is currently working on establishing bus routes for the 2016-17 school year. He indicated that “cross district” routes (i.e. CTE students, PreK, McKinney Vento, etc.) are taken into consideration in developing routes. Dr. Cartner suggested checking with RRMS about decreased student enrollment that may impact bus routes.

Cox reported that he is scheduled to meet with Ewers to look at ways to reduce transportation costs for homeless students (McKinney-Vento). Heath reported that he has added another carrier (Kids' Taxi) that can assist this year.

Dr. Cartner instructed Heath to investigate utilizing the Inter County Transportation provided through Albemarle Regional Health Services.

Godfrey reported that the Technology Department is working on a distribution plan to get new equipment and iPads to teachers.

Davenport reported that AEDs are being installed in all schools/buildings. She will share the training schedule once it is established. *A question was asked about First Responders for Central Services -- the First Responder for Central Services is Jacy Drew.*

Ewers joined meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Dr. Cartner asked everyone to remember they have less work to do this year than we did last year at this time. He indicated it is a testament to them and that he is grateful for all they do. There are a lot of good things ahead for ECPPS. He appreciates what Central Services staff members are doing for students/staff.

Dr. Cartner indicated he will send out a list of "first day of school" assignments. He asked that directors and program services folks be on hand in the schools to offer an "extra set of hands" on the first day.

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

