Shaping Futures Together

To: Linda Loretz
From: Carole McCombe
Re: February Board Report
Date: January 31, 2018

Field Trips:
• Grades 6-8 will not be attending Energize CT in New Haven on February 9 as reported in the January report. This was going to be fully funded and the funding ran out at the end of the year.
• On February 13, grades 4-8 will be going to the Jorgensen Center for Performing Arts at UConn to see TAO Drummers.

Virtual Field Trips:
• Grade K: February 23, Toledo Zoo, Arctic Animals
• Grades PK and K, March 28, Durham Museum, All Aboard
• Grades K and 1, April 10, Don Harrington Discovery Center of Amarillo, Science Live! - Unseen Forces: Physics at Work
• Grade 2 and 3: Muskingum Valley Educational Center, Celebration of Seuss
• Grade 1: Learn Around the World, Young Abraham Lincoln

Eastford Readiness Program:
The Readiness Program currently has 17 students. There are 12 students in the process of registering for next year. The Eastford Readiness Program planned to host a Winter Wonderland celebration on January 30. This has been moved to February 6 due to weather. It is open to all Eastford children aged birth to 5 years old and their families.

Readiness Council Updates:
The Council will meet again on February 5. They sent out their annual Readiness Survey in January to all families with children aged birth through 4 to give information about the program and encourage registration. They continue to collect responses. Mrs. Jennifer Barlow will be resigning from her role as Readiness Liaison and will be replaced by Ms. Maribeth Stearns.

Principal Goals:
1. Support teachers in developing effective classroom management techniques and assist them in planning for rigorous instruction and active engagement of students.
2. Support staff in developing and communicating school-wide positive behavioral supports to improve students' social-emotional and academic competencies.
Professional Development:
- Ms. Gagnon, music and instrumental teacher, adjudicated the All State music auditions on January 26.
- I continue to visit with mentor principal Michael Larkin in Ellington on a monthly basis.
- Mrs. Crocker-Lincoln, Mrs. Rhynhart and I will participate in a Webinar on NWEA MAP reading fluency for grades K-3.

Middle School Baseball Update:
- Anticipated cost to students if students are transported by school bus: $240.00
  This includes pants, socks, belt, hats and field rental. The plan is to use soccer uniform shirts so no additional cost is involved.
- Anticipated cost to students if parents drive students to games: $67.00
  This includes pants, socks, belt, hats and field rental.
- Mr. Ayer’s plan is to have students purchase their own pants, socks and belt so money would only be collected for hats and field rental: $24.00
- Mr. Ayer has the money for umpires, balls and team equipment.

Special Events:
- Congratulations to Hunter Larson, grade 6, for winning the School Geography Bee, and congratulations to Jack Tyler, grade 7, who was the runner up.
- Mrs. Mead will be sharing some of our trout babies (fry) with Barrows Stem Academy. They lost all their trout in early January during the cold weather.
- Student Council will hold a dance on February 16 and invite Union School students to join them.
- Global School Play Day is on February 7. PK and Kindergarten will participate in this event and other grades will join for shorter time periods as it fits with their schedules.
- We are planning activities to celebrate Read Across America Day on March 2.

Community:
- Mrs. Loretz and I met with Tim Howard, Pastor at Eastford Baptist Church, to discuss ways that we can support each other, in particular, their providing volunteers for afterschool activities. I will follow up with Pastors Moran and Howard at the next LPC meeting to coordinate volunteers and community outreach.
- Both churches together are planning a youth summer camp and would like to use our fields and outdoor basketball hoops from July 23-July 27. I would like to try to provide academic opportunities for our students in the afternoons on those days.
- On February 21, Mr. Roger Wolfe will once again provide materials and support Mrs. Mead and her science students as they log data and rebuild/replace birdhouses around the property.
- I will be judging “Cupcake Wars” on February 10. This is a free event open to all ages.
- Volunteers from Eastford Congregational Church continue to assist with after school activities and support our Homework Club.
Fundraisers:

- Student Council will be selling carnations during lunch at school. Carnations will be delivered on February 14.
- PTO is planning to sell Scentsy products and Butterbraids in March. Products will be delivered prior to Mother’s Day.