



To: Mr. Mahoney and Board of Education  
From: Kip Crandall  
Re: October Board report  
Date: October 12, 2021

**Current Enrollment:**

7<sup>th</sup> Grade – 100  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade – 111

**2021-2022 SIP Plan:**

Highlights to our SIP:

- 1) Staff self-care and wellbeing is a focus in our SIP this year. We have built in time during monthly staff meetings to conduct these activities. Each staff meeting everyone is paired with someone different and twenty minutes is taken to talk about a predetermined wellbeing topic. This past month pairs discuss how they make time to set aside for themselves. People are allowed to go wherever they want to have the discussion. Some walked the track, others found a quiet room while some others took a short walk around the neighborhood.
- 2) Last month I provided an introduction to ThinkCerca, a resource we are using to help address our writing deficits. Another way our ELA/Social Studies team is addressing writing is through consistent use of instructional methods. The team gave a pre-writing assessment to gather baseline data. Teachers are now currently using a “Sum it Up” instructional strategy to help strengthen our students abilities to determine the main idea of a text and provide textual evidence to help support that claim. There will be a post-instructional assessment given to students to measure the growth related to that standard.

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- 3) Our service PLC has uploaded data in the plan related to Eagle Hours and student participation. We just completed our first service day on October 12th, make sure to check out a couple pictures later in this report.

Full SIP plan found here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19Kq3YTM8C3Ijf8HLEZf1XuKLI8ZfYdkojfyRmzdQwrQ/edit?usp=sharing>

**PPAC Meeting:** - Our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was held on September 30, 2021 with the following agenda items discussed:

- 1) Questions regarding anything COVID related
  - a) Such as the Halloween Ball being held outside this year.
- 2) Questions about the consolidation of DLR and OHS
  - a) Where are the students going to be located
  - b) Will there be separate activities for each grade level
    - i) Dances, athletics, etc.
- 3) The parents brought up not knowing much about Schoology and how to interact with it.
  - a) I explained we are working on a rollout to parents that will take place just after Christmas break. I also admitted it was something we should have given more thought to in the planning of the rollout.

#### **Beyond Textbooks Update:**

- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> math and ELA are following the pacing calendar provided by BT, with minor adjustments where appropriate.
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> math and ELA formative assessments are being administered with reference to the pacing calendar.

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- Both grade levels are currently still a little behind pace, but have assured me they will have all standards covered by the state test this spring.

### **The Leader in Me:**

We just completed our Core 2 training this past Friday, October 8th with Robin from The Leader in Me. We reviewed how our current teams are functioning and what focuses each has been working on followed by how we are going to integrate the habits now into our teaching. We also discussed the eventual implementation of data folders for students to track academic progress.

### **Professional Development:**

The next two sessions of the equity training "Just Schools" are scheduled which I will be attending. The second of which will take place on November 9th.

I am scheduled to attend my next Illinois Principals Association (IPA) Building Leadership Network Conference sessions at the IPA conference on October 24th and 25th.

### **Events List:**

1. Oct. 14 – Student Council Mtg. - 7:00 am
2. Oct. 14 - Yearbook Mtg. - 3:00 pm
3. Oct. 15 – End of 1<sup>st</sup> qtr.
4. Oct. 15 - DLR band plays at hawk football game, 7:00 pm
5. Oct. 21 – FCA Mtg. – 7:00 a.m.
6. Oct. 22 - Report Cards available to parents online
7. Oct. 27 – Parent Teacher conferences, 3:30 - 7:30 pm
8. Oct. 28 - Student Council Mtg. - 7:00 am
9. Oct. 29 - 1st qtr. awards assembly - 1:50 pm
10. Oct. 30 - Costume Ball, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

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**Positives:**



Two crews work at separate houses during the DLR 1st. qtr. community service/academic recovery day. This day gave struggling students the opportunity to stay at school and complete work necessary to help improve their grades, while other groups spent the day in the community performing service for our neighbors.

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Pictured above are two more work teams cleaning up around own on October 12th.

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Pictured is the DLR marching band tuning up for the AOP parade. The band did agreta job and was runner up for junior high parade entries.

Respectfully, Kip Crandall



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