

To: Dr. Mahoney  
Board of Education  
From: Heidi Deininger  
Re: Board Report  
Date: August 9, 2022



### **Student Activities**

- Athletics started August 8. Bright spot = Football had 65 student athletes show up on the first night; hoping to increase number to 75 by the end of the week, once all physicals are turned in
- New student night, August 9; 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Back to School night August 11 (6:00 PM) and 9<sup>th</sup> grade Back to School night August 11<sup>th</sup> (7:00 PM).
- Athletics and activities fair August 11<sup>th</sup> during Back to School Night for all 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade students
- Student council and class officers gave tours and were ambassadors on Back to School night. They have also been working to plan Homecoming week which is September 26-30, with the dance on October 1.

### **Academics**

- Summer school was productive for many students. 32 students recovered 42 credits. In addition, we had 12 students come voluntarily and move up a level in math.
- There were 10 junior high students participated in summer school and worked on building skills in preparation for high school.
- We are very appreciative of the hard work of our summer school team; Kristin Lookingland, Dawn Manser, Staci Antoine, Jarrett Reynolds, Angela Reynolds, Broc Kundert, Jim Turffs and Alice Starkey
- OJSHS hosted a curriculum night for families on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Here is the presentation if you would like to see what was discussed  
[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/189\\_zcDEVbv8lYcc08TVvllvvnv2SRLd\\_x/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=114558257094609443347&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/189_zcDEVbv8lYcc08TVvllvvnv2SRLd_x/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=114558257094609443347&rtpof=true&sd=true)

### **School Improvement Plan Highlights**

#### **Oregon Junior/Senior High School SIP 2022-2023**

- [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YWl6p1s-VGpAeiBN2Dkq5H0h1g\\_dkOhLkXq\\_tKf0eFs/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YWl6p1s-VGpAeiBN2Dkq5H0h1g_dkOhLkXq_tKf0eFs/edit?usp=sharing)

#### **Highlights:**

- Continued focus on academic growth (check back next month, individual department goals will be there)
- Focus on increasing student service, involvement and decreasing incidences of bullying and/or aggressive behavior
- Professional growth goals focused on instructional practices and fellowship within our new school to build a strong, family-like culture.



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### **The Leader in Me**

- Major area of focus from MRA data is increasing student sense of belonging
- Students and staff will be setting weekly/quarterly goals using the 4 Disciplines of Execution model
- Leader in Me activities will take place weekly during Hawk Huddle
- All staff are members of one of the six Leader in Me teams. Every team will commit to completion of one action item per quarter.
- Lighthouse team (Dawn Manser, David Boyer, Adam Albrecht, Zach Hall, Olyvia Donahue, Angela Reynolds, Angi Sowl, Lindee Baker) met over the summer to determine plans for the upcoming school year. We are grateful to everyone for their time & commitment
- Leader in Me was discussed with parents/families at OJSHS Curriculum night

### **Professional Development**

- Approximately 40 staff members attended the OJSHS Boot Camp where we discussed our new school and reviewed all information related to the school. If you are interested in the topics discussed here is the presentation:  
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/10RYrxT57N93da08ywLfCb2OkkDymHrEexURlhswM-SU/edit?usp=sharing>
- 35 staff members attended a training on our new writing resource, ThinkCerca

### **New Cell Phone Policy**

- Cell phones will be placed in a cell phone locker when students enter the classroom
- Cell phones will only be removed at teacher discretion/the end of the class period
- This has been communicated to families twice through email and also at the curriculum night. We will also be discussing it at Back to School night and on the first day of school with all students. At the curriculum night, most families were very supportive. In addition, we have had positive feedback when families have come in to register their children. We have had some negative student responses and two emails from parents who do not approve. We also had one parent get a note from a physician requesting their child be allowed to listen to music to help with distractions. We explained that is at teacher discretion.
- There are many reasons that we are changing this policy, relevant to our schools (but also a trend in schools across the country based on the research provided below and others that we have read):
  - Student engagement
  - Student outcomes
  - Safety
  - Social emotional
- Here is some research that was shared with parents regarding the detrimental effects of cell phones:
  - <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2451958821000622>
  - <https://eprints.qut.edu.au/3492/>