

Dear Central Linn Community:

Summer is quickly coming to an end, and soon the youth of the community will be headed back to school, and for a majority that place will be here, Central Linn. We, the board, are happy that things in this District are continuing to move forward, that administration and teachers are always working towards improvement. We have a very hard-working staff.

Academic Update:

Summer school was a huge success this year. There was a teacher present from each of the core subject areas. Students who were behind were required to attend. All of the 24 junior high school students that attended fulfilled all their deficit standards, and 53 of the 56 senior high students who attended earned the credit they needed.

The junior high is getting an instruction redesign. Starting in September there will be built-in intervention classes. Each quarter students will rotate through a series of electives: PE, Health, Explorations, AG, and Art (this is in addition to their yearlong electives of speech and debate, band, choir or AVID). While students are in these quarter electives, if they start to fall behind in any of their core subjects, they will be placed in an intervention class until they are caught up. The goal is that all students are on-track to graduate when they are 9th graders.

There are new faces at the elementary school. Robyn Bailey is hosting "Meet the Principal" again this year on the 29th from 4:00-4:30. Day Care will be provided. Last year this was attended by about 60 parents and is a good time for our principal to talk about what is new this year and to answer any questions you might have.

Facilities Update:

Hopefully everyone has heard about the 2.5 million seismic grant the elementary school received to update the roof at that building. Work will begin next summer. Because of Rep. Marty Wilde's work in the Oregon legislature, we have received funding to put up a middle school building next to the high school campus. The building will have 8 classrooms, an inner hallway, and bathrooms, so that our middle school students can have their own space and create their own identity and community. We are still in conversation on whether that will eventually include 6-8th graders or just be for 7th and 8th graders. The board has a work session scheduled for discussing middle school curriculum, Friday School and if its working, and the preschool program that the District is now sponsoring. Be watching for the date and time of that discussion. It will most likely take place late fall or early in 2020.

The longevity and health of our facilities continue to be a top priority of the current school board. We're devoting our first two work sessions to this topic, September 23rd and October 28th in Mr. Rowton's classroom starting at 6:00 pm located at the high school. All our welcome. As always, all board meetings and work sessions are open to the public. We will be discussing what further updates need to happen at the elementary school and how best to solve the building issues on the high school campus.

A huge shout-out to the PTC for getting a fence put up at the elementary school and to all the community donations that were made to make that possible. It looks beautiful and will provide our students with a safer learning and playing environment.

Central Linn is a great place to live and grow.

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