

Annual Report to the Public

October 11, 2021

7:00 PM

Our 2021 graduating class had 51 members. This year our senior class has 46 members. As we addressed the loss of learning that our students experienced during their periods of quarantine and school closures caused by COVID, we implemented several new programs.

We hired six teachers to help our students who missed instruction during the past year. In the elementary school two of our teachers have received additional training in the *Take Flight* curriculum to help strengthen our reading program, and they will work with students individually or in small groups. We also hired one math interventionist in the elementary school. In the high school we hired interventionists in the literacy, math and science areas of our curriculum. The science interventionists will design additional laboratory classes for our students.

In grades K-12 we have implemented Professional Learning Communities. Our teachers meet each day to review the curriculum frameworks, develop lesson plans, prepare common assessments and disaggregate test data to determine the needs of each child. We hired Solution Tree consulting firm to work with our teachers as they design and implement this process.

We changed the high school from an eight period day to a seven period day to provide additional time for our teachers to meet together. They will meet with other teachers at their grade level and with teachers at other grade levels to design their curriculum.

In grades K-5 we implemented the Benchmark reading program. Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Burson researched a variety of reading programs and determined that this is the best curriculum to meet the components of the science of reading initiative that is required by the Arkansas Department of Education.

In the high school we started the process for the implementation of the science, technology, math and engineering program (STEM). Mrs. Coffman has organized numerous meetings with state officials, cooperative representatives, business leaders, community members, students and representatives from colleges to help

design this program. She is in the process of writing grant applications and has surveyed our students to determine their interests. She has also reorganized the Makerspace program and is working with students to build interest in that program. In addition we are reorganizing the CTE curriculum and are preparing to add a computer coding class next year for grades 9-12.

This year we bought new band instruments for our sixth grade students. Our new band director is working to increase participation in that program.

During the summer we remodeled one of our science classrooms and added lab stations and laboratory equipment to make our science classes more accessible.

We purchased laptops and Microsoft Surface tablets so that we can increase connectivity speed, and with the tablets our teachers are able to move about the classrooms more freely. We also purchased additional Chromebooks for our students.

This year we added an elementary school assistant principal who will work to improve instruction, technology and school safety.

We also reorganized the car lines to help with the traffic on Evans Drive.

We replaced the sidewalks between the cafeteria and the preschool building as well as in front of the gymnasium and the service entrance to the cafeteria.

A curb was built and a culvert was installed to control the storm water and to prevent any further damage to the neighbor's driveway, which has been a constant problem.

We continue to install smart televisions in the classrooms and to replace the drinking fountains with bottle filling stations for our students.

Our school board, faculty and staff strive each day to provide a learning experience that meets the needs of all our students and to provide a school that makes our community proud.

Miscellaneous Funds Revenue & Expenditures

July 2020 - June 2021

Beginning Balance	\$14,713.08
Revenue	<u>+ 3,469.18</u>
Total	18,182.26
Expenditures	<u>- 2,024.47</u>
Balance	\$16,157.79 (\$9,877.76 Brookshire's Award Remaining)

Expenditures:

Academic/AP Awards	\$1,278.46
Valedictorian/Salutatorian Medals	\$ 32.93
Graduate Diploma Covers/Inserts	\$ 713.08