

Talking Points for Friday, January 17th

1. We will be having occasional faculty meetings where we will be releasing information covering the changes for the district as we move forward with the P20 model.
2. Personnel changes:
 - a. Mr. Jance Morris has accepted the position as the Middle School principal. Mr. Morris is currently an assistant principal at Odessa High School. He and his wife Marisa have two children- a four-year old son, Jackson, and a one-year old daughter Lila. Mrs. Morris has accepted a teaching position at the elementary school.
 - b. Coach Strickland will be turning the football program over to Coach Boatmun. Coach Strickland will be retaining the position of Athletic Director and will also be our District Discipline Coordinator- a position that is a legislation designation.
 - c. With HB3 and the changes it has made to early childhood, we will be moving forward with both having a three-year old program housed at the elementary school and we will be opening a daycare for employee's children housed at the high school. Mrs. Kayla DeHerrera will be our Early Childhood Director. A survey for staff will be sent out soon concerning the staff interested in needing the daycare for their personal children. Please complete that survey when it is received in order to help us plan accordingly.
3. As per HB3, TEA has created reading academies that K-3 teachers across the state will be required to go through over the course of the next three years. These details are still be rolled out by TEA, but we are wanting to take the professional development included with the reading academies into consideration when we are developing our district calendar for next year.
4. With that said, the anticipated release of the 2020-2021 district calendar will not be until March.
5. We will also be creating a professional development calendar that will be released in June.
6. We are in the process of releasing videos that will both publicize the district and release information about the P20 model. These videos will serve several purposes. They are part of the overall implementation of P20, they will serve as a method to promote our district, and will enrich our grant opportunities with the United States Department of Education, education foundations within the state of Texas, and the Texas Education Agency.