

**Curriculum and Grant Coordinator
Board Report
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Grants

COPS School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP)

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) is the component of the U.S. Department of Justice responsible for advancing the practice of community policing by the nation's state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies through information and grant resources. The COPS Office offers a number of grants, and we are in the process of applying for the School Violence and Prevention Program grant. The School Violence Prevention Program provides funding to improve security at schools and on school grounds. We will be partnering with the Mt. Carmel Police Department to pursue funding for improvements to our buildings. We will be doing an evaluation of our current buildings and then forming a plan to make improvements. At this time, we anticipate school entry systems being the top priority and then moving our focus to updating cameras in the buildings.

Title 1

Things continue to run smoothly in the Title 1 Grant. I anticipate beginning the application for FY21 sometime next month.

In February we conducted a Needs Assessment Survey of our teachers and feel that we received some valuable feedback from MCES and MCGS staff. I will be following up with these teachers at their team meetings in future weeks to see how we can continue to best support our teachers.

Prevention Initiative 0-3

We anticipate being down an employee in the PI 0-3 grant until sometime in May due to a medical leave. I have been working closely with Sarah Pearson to make sure we are meeting all of the state requirements for the grant and we are keeping up with our families to the best of our ability. Dawn McGee was hired earlier in the year as a part-time employee and she has agreed to work additional hours to help us during this time.

Professional Development

Mrs. Odom reached out to me in December about sending our Kindergarten team to the IL ASCD Pre-k and Kindergarten Conference. We were able to do this with Title 1 funds and I believe it was a very valuable experience for those teachers. I asked Mrs. Amanda Metcalf, our Kindergarten Team Leader to share a little about their experience:

“The Illinois Kindergarten conference was a great experience for all 5 teachers. We discussed some of the highlights during our team meeting this afternoon. The consensus of the team was that the majority of the presenters were top notch educators or former educators with the success of young students as a top priority. Many of the sessions the five of us signed up for were about ways to plan and implement facilitated hands on learning in our classrooms. We also sat in on sessions connecting the standards to facilitated hands on learning. By teaching with this approach, the teacher can reach many different

standards in a single lesson instead of only focusing on one or two standards like our current math and reading curriculums do. The team felt that the conference is just what we needed to focus our Kindergarten classrooms on becoming more grade level appropriate and helping to instill a love for learning with our young students. All five teachers are excited to implement them any ideas for hands on center activities and hands on ways to teach our math, reading and science curriculums. We are excited to see our students having fun while learning, which will create lifetime learners.”