

**Ted Lenart Regional Gifted Center
Local School Council
Principal's Report – September 2014
Meeting: September 18, 2014 6:30 p.m**

Mission: The mission of Lenart School is to provide an engaging, differentiated, and holistic educational environment for all students. Our mission includes preparing students for rigorous, collaborative, innovative instruction to enhance global skills and best practices. Teachers are committed to building character, developing the unique giftedness of each child, and to partner with all stakeholders to produce nurturing diverse life-long learners.

School Leadership

- Utilized data from NWEA and 5-Essentials Survey to engage staff and gather input on how to improve school
- Met with teachers during Grade Level Cluster Meetings (9/2 . 9/9, 9/16) to work towards school goals. (Meeting Agendas and notes available in binders in office)
- PBIS team led staff in professional development and launch of LIONS system. (see matrix attached)
- Case Manager led teachers in training regarding IDEA laws and responsibilities for instruction of Diverse Learners
- Instructional Leadership Team meet bi-monthly on Mondays
- Invited teachers to attend Teacher Orientation Facilitator Training and to facilitate entire Teacher Orientation Training to staff

Instructional Leadership

- Planned and Implemented Professional Development for staff during the week of August 25-29, 2014.
- School-wide Fall NWEA MAP and MPG testing (9/15 -9/26)
- Observed instruction and provided face-to-face and written feedback to teachers
- New iPads and Chromebooks available in all grade bands
 - K, 1, 2, 3 – 10 iPads per classroom
 - 4-5 1 iPad Cart (32 iPads)
 - 6-8 1 iPad Card, 1 Chromebook Cart (35 Chromebooks)
 - additional Chromebook Cart for classroom use
- Updated computer lab with 34 new Dell desktops for classroom use, assessments (NWEA, PARCC)
- Web-based learning platforms to assist teachers in differentiation and blended learning
 - Compass Odyssey Learning (K- 5 reading and math)
 - ALEKS (6 -8 math)

- ThinkCERCA (6-8 ELA, supported in all content areas)
- Met with ProjectSYNCERE to discuss continued STEM partnership (6th grade). Offered \$12,500 grant to supplement program implementation
- 3 teachers participated in summer professional development to implement problem-based STEM curriculum called LAUNCH by Project Lead the Way (PLTW). Curriculum is aligned to Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and integrates Engineering and Technology standards into instruction.
- Continued partnership with University of Chicago's CUIP program to provide support to teachers regarding technology integration in instruction
- Designation of school's English Learner for bilingual program (2 students in program)
- Scheduled EL screeners for incoming PreK and K students identified with additional home language

Student-Centered Learning Climate

- Launch of school-wide PBIS system with assemblies (grades 6-8 on 9/5/14 and K-5 on 9/8/14)
- Implements policies and procedures through implementation of staff handbook
- Distributed Parent/Student Handbook and Student Code of Conduct (SCC)
- Student of the Month program to recognize students exhibiting highlighted traits each month. Counselor to meet weekly with classes to provide support and instruction regarding specific traits
- Boys Soccer, Cross Country teams established
- Beginning Band, Advanced Band, and Jazz Band rehearsals started
- Revised school safety plan. Met with representative from School Safety Support regarding new safety monitor for main office
- Counselor met individually with each new student in grades 1-7 to help facilitate smooth transition to Lenart
- Weekly meetings for National Junior Honors Society have started

Professional Development and Human Resources Management

- Reviewed resumes, interviewed and hired candidates for Middle School ELA/Social Studies, Kindergarten, Special Education Classroom Assistant, Pre-K Teacher Assistant positions.
- Posted K-8 Latin position on CPS HR website, Teachers of Latin and Classics, Société Internationale des Amis de Cicéron and Latin Teachers Listserv to identify potential candidates (2 resumes received, 0 candidates qualified)
- Invited LSC and teachers to teacher interviews
- Attended 6 SUPES Academy principal development sessions over the summer
- Participation in 3-Day principal CCSS Summer Institute
- Enrollment in Gifted Education Seminar to obtain necessary 30 hours toward Gifted Education Endorsement

- Attended Network 11 Principal's Professional Development (August, September)
- Offered 2 summer planning sessions for teachers with Elizabeth McLaughlin from Office of Gifted to support Unit Planning and Instruction
- Continued partnership with Office of Gifted to provide teachers with ongoing instructional and planning support (effective strategies for gifted learning, differentiation)
- Teacher goal-setting during professional development week (August 25-29)

Parent Involvement and Community Partnership

- Established preliminary year-long calendar in collaboration with LPCG
- Distributed school calendar on 9/2/14
- Participation in school partnership to provide students and staff with Tier-2 behavioral supports. Formation of a Behavior Health Team with partnership with clinician to support peace circles and other restorative justice practices.
- Continued partnership with University of Chicago's Winning Words Program for 7th grade students
- Back to School Meet and Greet held on Saturday, August 23 for Lenart Staff and Families
- Back to School Curriculum Night Planned for Thursday, September 25 at 5:30 p.m.
- Expectation for teachers to update websites weekly with homework and announcements
- Weekly email update to parents provided every Friday
- Completion of Library Renovation by parents
- Parent led Garden Club

School Management and Daily Operations

- Met with representative from Aramark regarding custodial staff changes and cuts
- Supervised custodial staff to ensure school was clean and ready for students and teachers return
- Meet regularly with school engineer (shared with Westcott School)
- Completes reports and required emails to Central Office in a timely manner
- Fee Waiver completion rate currently 80%
- Secured \$12,500 grant for partnership with Project SYNCERE
- Participation in CPS TechBridge Program to provide support for maintenance of network and technology.
- Weekly staff updates provided on Sundays
- Copy of all flyers and communication available in Binder in office