

2016-2017 Board of Education Report: Counseling Department

16-17 Progress:

- Unpacked counseling standards for each grade level
- Created grade level maps by quarter
- Created K-12 vertical maps of common themes
- Established consistent Time Task Analysis Categorization menu for consistent reporting & reviewed counselor roles among all buildings
- Revised crisis plan for student threats to others and self
- Written Counseling Manual progress:
 - Established steering committee support
 - Held advisory council meetings in previous years
 - Assessed the program through Time Task Analysis
 - Conducted the Missouri School Improvement checklist
 - Conducted the Internal Improvement and Review
 - *Next step is designing, developing, and writing*

17-18 Goals:

- Continue to work towards the completion of a written counseling program manual (DESE estimates phases take 8 years to complete)
- Establish consistent process of assessing and meeting student needs (Curriculum and Responsive Services as particular focus areas)
- Establish a district counseling advisory board and meeting dates
- Create district Time Task Analysis goal percentages per building
- Observational walk throughs of each building by Dr. Dill once per quarter
- Organize a standing collaboration meeting with representatives from the community
- Bullying practices and training

Goals for Upcoming Years:

- Continue to work towards completion of a written counseling program manual (DESE estimates phases take 8 years to complete)
- Written plan for new counselor training
- Building budget consistencies
- Trauma informed schools professional training
- 504 professional training
- Detailed department crisis plan for deaths

Attachments:

1. District Counseling Score Card

Staff Updates: Jeannie Haupt moving to Middle School from Horizons. Elizabeth Grover moving from Middle School to ORI. Olivia Whitefield departing ORI.

Individual Building Celebrations:

- *Dogwood Elementary:* The 2016-2017 school year at Dogwood Elementary experienced several counseling and social services highlights among the everyday duties and tasks. All three learning communities were serviced by their own counselor/social interventionist which allowed for a stronger connection with each student, teacher and class. All counselors/social interventionist and social worker were members of the Attendance Team which promoted 100% attendance through an outdoor daily attendance board, monthly themed lunches for students who had 100% attendance the previous month, the attendance club, phone calls and letters to parents. This resulted in an increase of overall attendance to above 90%! Several students and families were serviced by the Laker Closet which provides clothes, shoes, back packs, coats, hygiene products to any student in need. Many families were assisted with Holiday food and Christmas gifts for their children. Another new service provided to students was free haircuts through the new Snit It Salon housed in our Social Worker's room. A Careers on Wheels Day was also sponsored by counseling program. To promote students' interests in career possibilities and as an interactive illustration of various careers, nine different careers were represented by their vehicles in the Middle School's parking lot. All Dogwood students (K-2nd) had the opportunity to see the vehicles in person and to hear the presenters share how they use their vehicles for work.
- *Hawthorn Elementary:* We feel one of our greatest strengths this year was providing responsive services to students, in the form of: groups, individual checks ins, parent meetings and calls, and referrals to outside supports. Over half of our day is spent addressing student needs. Throughout the year, we have documented over 1550 contacts with students and their families. In regards to groups specifically, they continue to evidence success in terms of student, teacher, and parent data reports, which are also utilized to analyze student growth and need.
- *Hurricane Deck Elementary:* We expanded our All Decked Out Clothes Closet, and it is well organized and open to parents as a resource! We also recently opened our very own hair salon, Styles and Smiles. A huge accomplishment for our building was hosting our first Leader in Me Leadership Day. Counselor Deanna Martin facilitates the Student Lighthouse Team who had a big part in our Leadership Day with speaking roles, building tours, and a Q&A session with guests.
- *Osage Beach:* Here are a few of the many smiles (accomplishments) we have enjoyed this 2016-2017 school year at Osage Beach Elementary School. We have now completed our first year as a "Lighthouse School" which is very exciting and a huge smile! Many of our smiles revolve around this accomplishment. All of our students have enjoyed choosing and leading a "Leadership Role." Many were able to shine during a "Leadership Rally" and rallies are entirely student led!! All were involved in "LEAD TIME" where they met with a sponsor to decide how they wanted

to lead and what they wanted to accomplish. Our “Student Lighthouse Team” has done amazing things both as a cohesive team and within their individual “Action Teams.” They are the voice of the student body and take suggestions and concerns very seriously. We had a “Family Rally” where all parents were invited so everyone had the rally experience. Recently we presented in Eldon which was a huge success, and Mr. Currier even treated all of us at the famous “Cree Mee.” In addition to the previously mentioned, we smiled in the following areas: Student Intervention Team, Red Ribbon Week, Counseling Classes, Buddy Pack Program, MAP Testing with a Parade and Incentives, and Laker Locker.

- *Middle School:* The counselors had an integral role in helping get the 7 Habits program up and running here in our building.
- *LCTC:* LCTC had our first ever state winner for the Breaking Traditions awards, we had approximately 80 seniors earn their National Career Readiness Certification, and we expanded our Dual Credit offerings by adding classes through the University of Central Missouri and Ozarks Technical Community College.
- *Horizons:* At Horizons, we will be graduating 48 students from Dec. & May graduation. I continue to meet with every student to discuss career goals and how to meet these goals. Technical training and career plans was a main focus when meeting with students individually or in a group.
- *Home to School Liaison, Becky Slater:* My job has put me in the position to help crime victims (students) as they navigate the legal system in search of justice. As their advocate, I was able to assist the Camden Co Prosecutor by informing the PA of witness tampering concerns brought forth by the crime victims. Had they not had a trusted “safe person” within the school walls, their fears may not have been expressed to the proper authority’s timely.

We appreciate your continued support!