

**Schools:**

**Junior/Senior High:**

- Dr. Craig held a Baccalaureate Graduation Committee Planning Meeting.
- The High School celebrated several Student Academic/Athletic Signings.
- Several senior celebration breakfasts were held to recognize students.
- The High School held a Prom Mock Accident Planning meeting.
- Dr. Craig and the District Administrative team held Police Officer interviews.
- Dr. Craig met with the new clerical paraprofessional and completed training.
- Dr. Craig met with the TEALS official who observed our team teaching in AP Computer Science.
- The Administration met with students regarding the CompleteU career awareness survey.
- The State Mandated Civics test was held on April 15<sup>th</sup> through April 16<sup>th</sup>
- NOCTI Online testing held this week at Fort Cherry, Parkway West, and Western Area.
- On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Youth Mental Health First Aid Training
- 3/26-4/5 - IXL Testing (grades 7-8)
- 3/28 - SIA Spring Literacy/STEAM Presentation with FCEC 4th grade students
- 4/11 - CompleteU Survey – seniors
- Thiel College students nominated Mr. Robert Breedlove and Mr. RB Hursch for Mentor awards.
- Prom Mock Accident Planning meeting
- 4/11-Band Assessments held at Upper St. Clair
- 4/11-Chief Science Officers attended the ARMS institute (Evan)

**Elementary Center:**

The Elementary Principal and Interventionist met with administrators from Kansas City to discuss the Helping Hands program.

The administration met with grade level teachers to discuss PBIS and review support services from the Bradley Center.

The Elementary Center students have completed the IXL Diagnostic and reviewed student assessment data meetings.

The Elementary Center will administer the PSSA exams the week of April 18, 2024.

The Elementary Center had 53 students participate in the after school Acceleration program that ended on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Fort Cherry Flight School began on April 8<sup>th</sup>. At this time, 54 students are enrolled. The student participation level is excellent. The program is grant funded.

The Spring Book Fair was held on March 18<sup>th</sup> through March 26<sup>th</sup>.

DARE Graduation was held on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Elementary Center celebrated our state wrestlers with a parade on March 22, 2024

### **Athletics:**

**Track & Field** - Boys are currently 5-0 and Girls are currently 5-0 in the section. One last section tri – meet vs. South Park and Burgettstown on 4/17/24 at South Park. The section title is at stake for both boys and girls. Both the boys and girls team won the Chartiers Houston invitational. Ava Menzies won the mvp award. After the last section meet on 4/17/23, three invitational meets remain before the team playoffs the first week of May and individual WPIAL championship in mid May.

**Baseball** - The baseball team is currently 5-1 overall and ranked 5th in the WPIAL.

**Softball** - The softball team is currently 0 – 6 overall.

**Basketball** – Raney Staub and Derek Errett were both selected to play in the Roundball Classic at Geneva College Memorial day weekend. Both cagers achieved the 1000 point mark on the season. The boys basketball team ended up finishing 3rd in the WPIAL and made the state semifinals. They finished ranked #4 in the state in AA basketball. With their 23-7 overall record they lost to Aliquippa in both the WPIAL semifinals and PIAA semifinals.

**Update:** Derek Errett made 1st team all Wpial and was named Observer Reporter player of the year.

**Tricada / EQT banquet at the Hilton Garden Inn – April 28th** - Tanner Garry is a finalist for tri county football coach of the year. Eugene Briggs is a finalist for boys basketball coach of the year. Clarence Edwards is a finalist for girls basketball coach of the year. Becca Maxin will be awarded the Bill Christy award and a 1000 scholarship for her essay on sportsmanship. Matt Seig and Lou Ryan will be recognized for achieving 1st team all state in Football.

**Wrestling** – Avella dissolved the wrestling co-op in both boys and girls wrestling. They believe over the next few years they will have the numbers and support to sustain their own wrestling program.

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**Elementary Life Skills (currently 5 students):** Consultation with Watson Institute is ongoing. Monthly team meetings are being held with the classroom staff, related service providers, and administration to provide a forum for discussion. There is continued progress with all students.

**Monitoring:** The District received its findings from Cyclical Monitoring for Special Education. As expected, the District has 2 areas for improvement: Least Restrictive Environment and Assessment Participation. PDE is accepting the assessment participation plan previously submitted to PDE as corrective action for that area. Dr. Lauver and PDE will discuss what corrective action will be made for

Least Restrictive Environment. As mentioned in last month's report, we have reached the state average by system changes made this year. PDE and PaTTAN will setup a meeting with Dr. Lauver to follow up.

**Paraprofessionals:** Due to 2 resignations, we are now hiring for 2 vacancies.

**ARC of PA:** Dr. Lauver will be hosting ARC of PA for walkthroughs in April to start our partnership.

**Teaching Position:** The District has one open special education teaching position. We have over 20 qualified applicants, so we hope to have a recommended candidate for April's board meeting.

## **GUIDANCE**

**Scheduling:** Scheduling feedback information for 24-25 distributed to Board members.

## **GIFTED**

**Acceleration:** Dr. Lauver met with both Mrs. Drummond and Mrs. Krajci to go over the new K-BIT testing edition and administration protocols with our Gifted Matrix. Additionally, Mrs. Eiler is leading a new Child Find process for potentially-gifted students in grades 4–6 at FCEC. These protocols form the foundation for a new Gifted Procedures manual that will guide our decision making processes moving forward.

## **FEDERAL PROGRAMS**

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Elementary Life Skills (currently 5 students): Consultation with Watson Institute is ongoing. Monthly team meetings are being held with the classroom staff, related service providers, and administration to provide a forum for discussion. There is continued progress with all students.

**Monitoring:** Dr. Lauver met with PaTTAN and PDE regarding the findings from monitoring. The state has accepted the District's assessment participation plan as part of corrective action. The state is pleased with the progress toward Least Restrictive Environment targets, and it is expected that PDE will close this area out after the Child Count in December 2024. Small file items are being corrected by staff, and they will be submitted well before the 365 day deadline.

**Paraprofessionals:** Due to 2 resignations, we are now hiring for 2 vacancies. Interviews are scheduled for 4/26.

**ARC of PA:** Dr. Lauver hosted walkthroughs with ARC of PA to determine current levels of performance in Co-Teaching. This will form the foundation for training for staff in grades 4–8 during the August in-service.

**Teaching Position:** The District has identified a qualified and experienced candidate for the special education vacancy. Due to her current contractual status, she will not be able to begin until the first day of the 2024–25 school year.

## **State Funding Applications, Mandates and Updates:**

PCCD Awarded Fort Cherry the Meritorious MH/Safety Grant for \$30,000.

The Fort Cherry School District is awaiting to hear if the PCCD grants for MH and the Competitive Safety Grant will be funded.

Met with high school science and Intervention Specialists to discuss the new STEELS Science standards. Mrs. Eiler will present her findings to the building administrators in May.

The Lions Club visited Fort Cherry Horticulture Program on April 16<sup>th</sup>. It was a great visit.

The DCED has changed requirements for the competitive school grant. The administration may change requested amount.

Budget discussions held with both building administrative teams to highlight expenses

Met with PSEA representatives regarding contractual language

Worked with administration on several improvement plans and disciplinary notifications.

The TEALS (Microsoft) Visit held on April 4<sup>th</sup> went well. Dr. Bashir was quite complimentary of our team teaching approach.

Met with several engineering companies to discuss possible ways to reduce budgetary costs.

Met with CompleteU representative and officers from Southwest Training to discuss partnerships for career development at Fort Cherry.

Presented at the Washington County Community Foundation Roundtable discussion.

Met with Bradley Center to discuss future service agreement.

Held interviews for special education teachers and police officer