

CEO UPDATE MEETING

March 13, 2017

Agenda

- I. Welcome – 4:34 p.m.
- II. Chief Executive Officer Report
 - Krish Mohip, CEO delivered a summary of positive happenings
 - ❖ East
 - Roll-out of 1-to-1 at East, bringing Chromebooks to more than 600 students.
 - East's African-American History Month observance featured an East alumnus who is a doctor and provided information about black doctors throughout U.S. history.
 - More than 100 new security cameras are being installed at East. The cameras replace 30 outdated cameras.
 - Destination Imagination team earned first-place at the tournament this past Saturday in the Project Outreach category. The group presented a skit with an anti-bullying message. Tuesday, a California company is going to interview the team members via Skype, calling them "heroes."
 - ❖ Chaney/VPA
 - VPA team earned 2nd place at this weekend's Destination Imagination tournament.
 - Yelisa Cortez qualified for the Ohio High School Speech League State Tournament.
 - Students presented the African-American History Month program.
 - ❖ Chaney/STEM
 - Students competed in MathCounts, Physics Olympics and miniature bridge-building competitions all at YSU.
 - A Chaney team earned first place in the Junior Achievement Titan Business Challenge. Over 31 teams participated from schools across the Mahoning Valley. Each of the three team members earned a \$100 scholarship to YSU.
 - ❖ Williamson
 - School leadership awarded students with a school dance, whose attendance improved and maintain good behavior. From the beginning of school year until last month, 145 of Williamson's 372 students were at risk because of poor attendance. By late February, that number plummeted to seven.
 - ❖ Harding
 - Students presented a Black History Month program with biographies of many African-American people whose talents contributed to this country. The program also included songs and poetry. Storyteller Joyce Dabney also entertained students at both Harding and Discovery at Volney as part of the Black History Month observance.
 - ❖ Martin Luther King, Jr.
 - Students learned about and made Love Rocks. People give Love Rocks to each other to show that they care.
 - Nine English Language Learners (ELL) "graduated" from the ELL classroom to regular classes.
 - ❖ McGuffey
 - A student in the after-school program earned a pizza party for racking up more points than anyone else in McGuffey's afterschool program.
 - The school arranged another Doughnuts for Dads event, drawing more fathers and father-figures to their children's school.
 - The school is planning a parent social this spring. They had one scheduled for January but canceled it because of inclement weather.

- ❖ Taft
 - Taft Promise Neighborhood continues to thrive. There is a monthly food pantry as well as regular programs for children and their adult family members.
- ❖ Choffin
 - For Black History Month, the school brought in two young men who grew up in poverty and both have succeeded. One man, a former NFL football player who attended YSU, whose football career was cut short because of kidney disease. He's now a sports analyst. The other man, served prison time, but he's now a successful entrepreneur.
- ❖ Discovery at Kirkmere
 - Teachers and students launched a fundraiser to help a teacher and her family. The teacher's infant daughter underwent heart surgery March 7 and is doing well.
- ❖ RECMS
 - Both REC and Chaney were recognized by Making Middle Grades Work for being "high-performing schools."

- Mr. Mohip spoke about the First grade Promise, an initiative to ensure students are on-grade level by the middle of kindergarten. For those who are not, systems to help them improve will be implemented.
- Weekly **B**ehavior **A**ttendance **G**rade (B.A.G.) reports will begin within the fourth quarter of the school year for grades 3-12.
- Upcoming outreach meetings will occur next week, that will focus on neighborhood schools and what the community would like to see in their school buildings.
- Mr. Mohip announced plans for a national search for the principal position at both East and Chaney High Schools. Due to Mr. Mohip beginning his leadership role in Youngstown in late June, he could not implement changes earlier. He had not had the opportunity to witness instruction.
- CEO Mohip added that the district is developing a model curriculum for black history. Teachers are meeting to create it.

III. Chief Operations Officer Report

- ❖ Joseph Nohra, COO talked about the new cameras being installed at East. The cameras formerly at East that are still operational, will be moved into other schools within the district.

He is working on resolving heating-ventilation and air conditioning issues at East. Nohra is also considering installing a Raptor system in the city schools. It's a system that requires visitors' driver's licenses or state identification cards to be scanned when they enter a school. Any warrants or indications there may pose a problem with that person being in a school building are displayed. Update on the collaboration with the City of Youngstown with the demolition of former Adams and Princeton school buildings.

IV. Student Services Report

- ❖ Lori Kopp, Chief of Student Services, talked about the district's early childhood fair at Choffin earlier this month. The United Way donated pizza and two bicycles were raffled off. Fliers about kindergarten registration are being sent home with students as a way to encourage families to keep their children in the city schools.

V. Pat Lowry, Director of Strategic Initiatives

- ❖ Reported that he is working on a community program to have raised-bed gardens built at most city school buildings. A community kickoff event is set for April 29, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

VI. Financial Report

- ❖ Greg Slemons, Chief Financial Officer, has taken steps to prevent the issue that caused the payroll problem last month to happen again. The district funds are all being moved to one financial institution rather than two. Slemons is also reviewing the district's investment portfolio. The CFO's, human resources and treasurer's offices are working together to improve communication, he said.

VII. Data & IT Report

- ❖ John Hopkinson, data and IT, reported that the rollout last week of Chromebooks to East High school students and teachers went well. People have reported to him that students are engaged with the new technology. Approximately 600 devices were distributed, with teachers receiving a laptop. It is exciting to see the use of technology within the building. Youngstown Early College High School will be the next school to get Chromebooks as the district moves toward a one-student, one device status. Teachers will also receive professional development.

VIII. Transportation Report

- ❖ Colleen Murphy-Penk, Director of Transportation, reported the six new buses bought by the school district will soon be on the road. The new buses are bigger and can accommodate more students. The department has also changed routing so students aren't on the bus as long.

IX. Joe Meranto, Director of Choffin Career and Technical Center

- ❖ The school's ABLE – Adult Basic Literacy Education is working with the Taft Promise Neighborhood and offering GED classes at Taft. Choffin is also collaborating with Eastern Gateway Community College which has added a welding and machining class in the Choffin building. Choffin high school students will have access to that equipment too. Choffin is getting new digital signage for announcements and a new fountain will be installed outside the building. Choffin is reaching out to other school districts, offering a half-day career-tech option. Both Mahoning's and Trumbull's CTC's are full-day. Choffin is using money from the Perkins Fund to buy Chromebooks for Choffin students. The center is exploring the possibility of opening a daycare center there next year.

X. Human Resources Report

- ❖ Tyrone Olverson, Chief Academic Officer, introduced Cheryl McArthur, who is working as the district's Deputy Chief of Human Resources. A job fair is set for March 29 at Choffin. Olverson also announced that if schools were closed Tuesday, March 14, the school board meeting would be Wednesday, March 15.

XI. Communications Report

- ❖ Denise Dick, District Spokesperson/Communications currently working on a newscast to begin the first week of April.

XII. Chief Academic Officer Report

- ❖ Tyrone Olverson, Chief Academic Officer provided a overview of resolutions and personnel recommendations.

1. Resolutions

- a) Resolution No: 02.27.17-01 – Authorization to purchase from school bus bids received by Ohio Schools Council
- b) Resolution No: 02.27.17-02 – Safe Routes to School Projects

2. Personnel Recommendations

1. Certificated Appointments
2. Certificated Leaves of Absences
3. Certificated Resignations
4. Classified Appointments
5. Classified Leaves of Absences
6. Classified Resignations
7. Classified Retirements

XIII. Next Meeting

- ❖ Monday, April 3, 2017 - The next CEO Update meeting will be at 4:30 p.m. April 3 at Discovery Transitions to Careers, 2400 Schenley Ave. Mr. Mohip said he wants to conduct some of the meetings at schools.

XIV. Adjournment

Approximately 5:30 p.m.

