

Principal's Report

October 20th, 2022



Enrollment:

437 Students.

Staffing:

German teacher, Fabien Witte-Markgräfe, arrived from Germany this week and will begin the process of transitioning into the kindergarten classroom next week. Also, we have a new SPED paraprofessional (TA) joining the staff at the beginning of the second quarter. The English Language Learner Tutor position is still open with no candidates.

Curriculum and Instruction:

The staff has received more training on the Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS) to help with student academic achievement and monitor progress. The German teachers have been working with Principal Strauch as we continue to make improvements and align the German curriculum to meet the needs of our students. Math teachers conducted a training on the new math curriculum, Ready Mathematics. We will continue to focus on these instructional and curricular initiatives throughout the school year to build staff capacity.

On November 11th, Rilke will host the ASD world language professional development in the gym. Roughly 60 teachers will attend from the different immersion programs in the district. At the same time, English teachers will attend math professional development also at Rilke Schule with several other math teachers from charter schools.

Lastly, several teachers have already or will be attending professional conferences in and out of the state during the first semester.

Budget:

Herr Truog, Frau Reimer, and I have been analyzing the budget in order to build a new budget for next school year. Mark and I had the opportunity to meet with Andy Ratliff, Sr. Director of Budgeting, to learn more about the budgeting process. Currently, we are awaiting further information and instruction from ASD to begin the formal process of creating a budget for next school year. With that said, we are scheduled to meet in early November at the district office to work on the budget.

Facility:

Herr Vincent-Lang, Frau Colvin, and I met with our landlords to discuss the facility and our needs as a school, including how reduced enrollment has affected our funding. We will continue this conversation with a request for a reduction in rent until enrollment numbers are back to pre-COVID numbers.

Herr Hotch, Frau Colvin, and I met with ASD maintenance to pursue a resolution to our HVAC issues. ASD is in the process of scheduling a meeting between Train, Siemens, ASD, APC, and any other pertinent stakeholders in order to solve this issue.

Furthermore, we are researching a solution for the sump pump location and how to direct water away from the sidewalk.

Technology:

ASD is collecting expired chrome books in November and we will lose approximately 75 computers, which brings our total down to roughly 300 student computers. Currently, we are developing a plan to share these computers for this school year, but we will need a budget to replace them and more computers in the future as they expire.

Other News and Notes:

- Spirit Week was successful as many students and staff members participated in the fun.
- There are a few school community events coming up in the next few weeks such as Oktoberfest, Awards Ceremony, Parent-Teacher Conferences, a middle school dance, and Sankt Martins Tag. These are great opportunities to build relationships and strengthen our community.

- We are planning a parent information night tentatively on Friday, November 18th, to share the film *Screenagers*. This documentary provides facts and parental guidance around the topics of child screen time, video games, social media, and setting boundaries for growing up in a digital world. Furthermore, there are supporting curriculum materials for teachers and students.