There were several items on tonight’s agenda pertaining to curriculum. A few highlights are below, but for full details, view tonight’s meeting agenda online.

Some highlights include:

- Agreement with Bedford, Freeman, and Worth for high school instructional materials for AP US History AP Gov and AP Psychology, digital access for each student, and workbooks for 6 years

- Agreement with Cengage Learning Inc. for high school instructional materials for AP Euro Online resources and Teacher resources

- Agreement with Clairmont Press for high school instructional materials for Oklahoma History

- Agreement with Houghton, Mifflin, Harcourt for high school instructional Materials for African American History

- Agreement with McGraw Hill for high school instructional materials for Street Law

- Revision of the Gifted Education identification matrix

- Agreement with Savvas Learning Company for instructional middle school materials, Social Studies materials for 8th grade students


- Agreement with Studies Weekly for instructional elementary materials

Congratulations to Kristen Parker who was named Elementary Assistant Principal at tonight’s meeting! Kristen has been with Putnam City Schools for three years now.

Congratulations to our Putnam City 2020 Retirees! A video aired during executive session of tonight’s meeting honoring those who submitted photos and information. Look for that video on social media this week.
Congratulations to Joseph Harroz on being named the President of the University of Oklahoma. We are proud to claim him as a product of Putnam City Schools. Harroz graduated from PC North in 1985. His leadership was obvious, even in middle and high school. He served as Honor Society President at Hefner Middle School. At PC North, he was Vice President of SUN, Junior Class President, and he was named Mr. Panther. He was on National Honor Society for four years, a debater, and on the golf team. We have great pride, we now have the distinction of being able to claim that both the Mayor of OKC, David Holt, and the President of OU, Joseph Harroz are graduates of our school district.

The school year has officially ended, however, our commitment to feeding students has not. In April alone, we served almost 93,000 breakfasts and over 94,000 lunches to students. We are proud to continue to serve breakfast and lunch curbside for our Summer Meal Program. Our Child Nutrition services was recognized in Joy Hofmeister’s “Snapshots of Success.” The State Superintendent thanked Putnam City for being one of the first school districts to begin serving meals to kids after the mandated shut down occurred. KFOR also covered our Summer Meal Program last week. Our cafeteria staff are frontline employees. Even in thunderstorms, they distribute meals outside, behind masks and gloves, and with a glowing positive attitude. We are grateful for their outstanding commitment to feeding our kids and interacting with them in a safe, socially distant way. Hours and locations for the Summer Meal Program can be found on our web site, www.putnamcityschools.org.
We are excited as we anticipate the opening of the new Capps Middle School this August. Everything is right on schedule for completion. There are plans to integrate a few of the historic items from the original building into the new. For example, the “Putnam City Central Wildcat” terrazzo floor has successfully been removed from the original site and will be integrated into the new building.

We appreciate the leadership of Cecil Bowles and his Operations Team for all their work overseeing this major bond project. We appreciate Dr. Melani Mouse and the Academic Team for all their work to successfully prepare for dynamic instructional opportunities for students. We appreciate principal James Burnett and his team as they have been working to implement a multi-year process to be ready for day one of the new Capps. The new Capps Middle School is only possible because of the support of our patrons and the support of our School Board. We thank you! Capps Middle School will be a showplace, a model school that will become known nationally not only for its unique design, but also for its utilization of cutting-edge technology and learning opportunities for students.
Over the past few months there have been many unsung heroes at Putnam City Schools. We are grateful to so many for their time and talent to create a successful Continuous Learning experience. Many of our PC programs have been highlighted in their field for their innovative, inclusive approach to meeting students’ needs. The Oklahoma State Department of Education selected Dr. Jean Laine from Curriculum to speak to other districts about PC’s approach to Continuous Learning with families who do not speak English. Curriculum created all of Putnam City’s online lessons for Continuous Learning. Dr. Laine shared how PC Curriculum collaborated as a team to meet the needs of non-English speaking families. The ESL team also translated all district communications during this time. ESL teachers across the district have worked diligently with families throughout this process to support the lines of communication. We are PC proud that this team’s hard work is being recognized as an innovative program in the state! Thank you to Dr. Keely Frayser for your leadership of this department.

Congratulations to the PCAST Peggy Shirey Scholarship recipients! This is awarded to a senior in a Putnam City high school who plans to continue their education at a post-secondary school and who has a parent who is a member of PCAST.

Recipients are:
Jakob Brandenberger,
son of PC West teacher, Travis Brandenberger
Watson Pollock,
son of Harvest Hills Elementary teacher, Holly Pollock

Congratulations also to the PCAST Barbara Anderson Professional Development Scholarship Recipients. This is awarded to members of the PCAST who are interested in attending a workshop or university for the purpose of Professional Development.

Recipients are:
Alyssa Miller - Wiley Post Elementary
Katheleen Arnott - Western Oaks Middle School
Lauren Brown - Windsor Hills Elementary
Ariesha Wilbert - Capps Middle School
Samantha VanOsdol - Dennis Elementary