Motions Passed Tonight

The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding with C.A.R.E. For Change for counseling services provided at Putnam City North for the 2020-2021 school year.

Superintendent’s Report

BY DR. FRED RHODES

In an effort to meet the mental health needs of our students, Putnam City Schools has assembled the Hope and Resiliency Team (HART). This is a team to support schools in making students feel safe, connected, hopeful, and ready to learn. All PC Schools are pushing out social-emotional learning lessons and curriculum. Counselors are giving resources on food pantry information, suicide, and virtual mental health. All school counselors are sending out counseling and guidance lessons to their students. We are hopeful this will help meet the needs of students who might need these resources. Thank you to all PC employees involved in this program.

Putnam City Schools has released a video answering some of the specific questions from parents about the A/B Transition Plan. Naturally parents are curious about some of the daily procedures, COVID safety protocols, and what school will look like with an A/B schedule. We have read your questions and answered the most asked questions in the A/B Transition Plan Forum video. Since the recording of that video, the Oklahoma State Department of Education has revised the academic portion of their COVID protocols. The new language allows for Putnam City Schools to continue the A/B schedule even in Orange 2. That is an update to note while watching the video. You can view the video on our YouTube page www.youtube.com/putnamcityisd.

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Our Child Nutrition department is now offering a once a week evening pick-up service in addition to feeding children daily Monday through Thursday. Child Nutrition is serving a week’s worth of breakfasts and lunches. You must pre-register for this service on our web site under “free meals.” Thank you to the many Child Nutrition employees who have made this service possible. The first week 500 families signed up for the weekly evening pick-up service. The second week of the service over 10,000 meals were served. In September, 83,000 meals were served to kids. Parents continue to praise the Child Nutrition staff for their hard work and positive attitudes each week.

Jay Sherrill said he appreciates everyone adapting, understanding, and making appropriate decisions. Mr Sherrill thanked everyone for their hard work.

Cindy Gibbs said she appreciates Cristy Gosset for coming to speak. She praised the efforts of PC staff, including Ashley Hogatt and Brenda Davis for helping a PC family in need.