

PIEDMONT FOCUS

MONTHLY NEWS & UPDATES FROM PIEDMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS





PIEDMONT

Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION JANUARY 12, 2023 MEETING UPDATES

ROLL CALL

All board members were present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jason Thomas, a Piedmont Schools parent, addressed the board regarding his student's past suspension. Thomas spoke against Dr. White, discussed his Native American heritage, and closed with a Cherokee song.

BOARD REPORTS

Principals from each school presented on their site results for the Energage survey and internal survey results. Principals discussed strengths, opportunities for growth, and action steps to create a positive difference at their respective sites.

EXECUTIVE SESSION/ACTION ITEMS

Piedmont Public Schools Board of Education convened into executive session. After returning to open session, the board unanimously approved the employment list in Attachment A of the agenda. No action was taken regarding the superintendent's contract upon returning to open session. The board unanimously voted to give the superintendent the evaluation discussed in executive session. In addition, the board unanimously voted to give the document discussed in executive session.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was unanimously approved with no changes.

DISTRICT UPDATES



EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

MEETING WITH EMERGENCY CERTIFIED TEACHERS

Lisa Campbell, Assistant Superintendent, has held individual meetings with all emergency-certified teachers to discuss the next steps for standard certification. Each meeting allowed employees to give feedback on how the district and individual school sites can support alternatively certified individuals.

These employees provided great insight into how school sites have met and exceeded expectations. The vast majority of employees feel properly supported by school site administrators. The newly established Mentor/Mentee Program has also received rave reviews. A few ideas for improvement included a review of technology platforms midway through the first semester and professional development for all emergency-certified teachers second semester.

ENERGAGE SURVEY RESULTS MEETINGS

Every site-based administrative team met with Mrs. Campbell to discuss Energage survey results. These teams worked to identify strengths, weaknesses and opportunities moving forward.

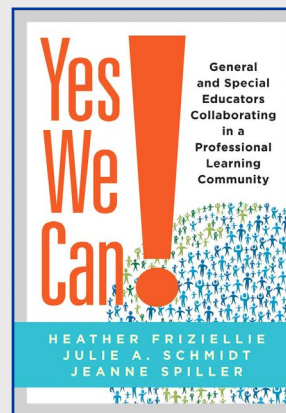


ENROLLMENT CENTER	12-7-2022	1-6-2023	
	PIEDMONT ECC	600	604
	NORTHWOOD ELEM.	473	478
	PIEDMONT ELEM.	460	465
	STONE RIDGE ELEM.	587	591
	PIEDMONT INTERMEDIATE	759	764
	MIDDLE SCHOOL	771	775
	HIGH SCHOOL	1417	1426
TOTAL	5067	5104	

ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM

INTRODUCTION OF READING EGGS

In late December, our elementary schools introduced the Reading Eggs digital program as a supplementary tool for students who need additional support with reading. Reading Eggs makes learning to read interesting and engaging for kids, with online reading games and activities. This does not replace teacher provided instruction and intervention, but supplements and provides another opportunity for students to practice their reading skills.



SPECIAL EDUCATION/ ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM JOINT INITIATIVE

The study team for this initiative is reading and learning! We will hold the first collaborative meeting at the end of January. The team will discuss outlined reading to consider steps to improve teaching and learning for our students. We have been thrilled with the number of employees interested in joining the conversation to best serve our students who receive special services.

STUDENT HEALTH & WELLNESS

When employees returned from winter break, school district nurses met to plan vaccine clinics for second semester and review new student health needs at each school site. This meeting allowed us to ensure adequate coverage for all health needs across the district.

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SECONDARY CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

PIEDMONT VIRTUAL PROGRAM UPDATE

The Piedmont Virtual Program is continuing to experience growth and student success. This year, we implemented new virtual guidelines to increase student accountability and meet NCAA clearinghouse requirements. Students have stepped up to meet these new requirements, including mandatory tutoring sessions when they are failing or off-pace. Students understand the expectation of turning in coursework to meet the due dates set forth by the program.

We have 416 students taking virtual courses with us this semester, almost an 8 percent increase in enrollment from first semester.

Current enrollment:

2 full-time elementary virtual students

3 full-time Intermediate students

16 full-time middle school students

54 full-time high school students

341 blended-learning high school students



AVIATION PROGRAM UPDATE

The inception of the Piedmont Aviation Program has brought great excitement and additional career path opportunities to our students. On December 9th, we had the pleasure of taking the young women in the aviation program to the Women in Aviation Day at Tulsa Tech Riverside. Our students had the opportunity to meet industry leaders from around the state. The students heard from Bessie Coleman's great-niece about the legacy Bessie left behind for Oklahomans, women, people of color, and Native Americans. I believe this event will continue to shape the future of aviation and grow the diversity of the aviation industry as a whole. First semester has created a buzz and increased interest among our high school students to join the program, and we are anticipating growth from 28 current students to more than 100 by the fall of 2023.

PPS CHILDCARE CENTER RECEIVES DHS GRANT

We are excited to share that the PPS Childcare Center was selected for the Oklahoma DHS Childcare Stabilization Grant, valued at \$27,300!



SPECIAL SERVICES AT PPS

PARENT EDUCATION EVENT

OT/PT hosted a Parent Education Event - Helping Little Hands do BIG Things on December 13th. Materials were provided to parents focused on targeting fine and gross motor skills.



CONGRATULATIONS PPS EDUCATORS!

Congrats to our Special Education Boot Camp Graduates - 1st Cohort

PHS - Katie Baker

MSP - Lindsay Wise

PI - Melissa Wise

ECC - Anna Barros

UPCOMING SPECIAL OLYMPICS EVENTS

BOWLING

Jan. 13 - Bronco Bowl in Mustang, OK 9-11 a.m.

Jan. 14 - AMF Windsor Lanes in OKC, OK 9-11 a.m.

BASKETBALL

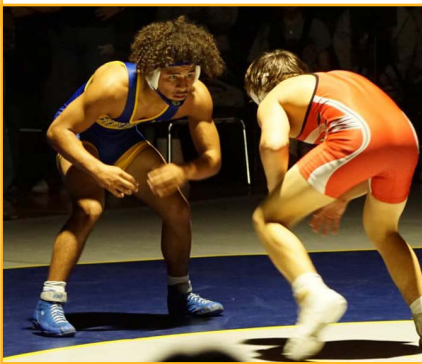
Jan. 14 - OU Sarkey's Fitness Center in Norman, OK - Game 1 at 9 a.m.

JANUARY 2023

DISTRICT UPDATES

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

- PHS Pom competed at state finishing State Runner-Up in high kick routine
- E-Sports "League of Legends" team finished the regular season 7-1 and won the OSSAA PlayVs Fall Championship
- The following students were selected for the Big All-City teams:
 - Karissa Fiegenger - Softball
 - Peyton Schibbelhute - Softball
 - Lily Scheck - Cross Country
 - Reese Fricke - Cross Country
 - Brogan Hardy - Football
- The following students were named to the Football All-District team:
 - Jacob Anglin - DB
 - John Wetter - OL
 - Kolten Luschen - RB
 - Zach Thompson - DL
 - Cale Coffman - DE
- Middle and High School bands hosted their 2022 winter concert at the Wildcat Athletic Center
- Piedmont Intermediate and HS Jazz bands hosted a concert
- Coach Jon Bakewell and Kelly Beck were named NFHS Girls and Boys Track Coach of the Year, respectively
- Our Wildcat Softball field was named NFHS Regional Softball Field of the Year



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL OF PIEDMONT

- Area 1 - Slab on grade
- Area 2 & 3 - Under slab electrical and plumbing are underway
- CMU block walls are being installed around the gym
- Installation of gym roof is underway

WILDCAT ATHLETIC CENTER

- Exterior Signage is complete
- Interior vinyl signage is scheduled for this week
- Continue working through punch list items

