

PIEDMONT FOCUS

MONTHLY NEWS & UPDATES FROM PIEDMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS





PIEDMONT *Public Schools*

BOARD OF EDUCATION APRIL 10, 2023 MEETING UPDATES

ROLL CALL

All board members were present.

BOARD REORGANIZATION

Layne Jones remains President
VP - Greg Duffy
Clerk - Steven Cox
Deputy Clerk - Katie Cornman
Derek Jones remains member

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jacci Cardwell and Ada Hisey addressed the board regarding district growth and planning.

Jose Villareal addressed the board regarding school safety, specifically at Stone Ridge Elementary.

Johnathon Hisey addressed the board regarding district communication, specifically regarding road construction and transportation.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Site Teacher of the Year Honorees were introduced and applauded.

Piedmont Early Childhood Center - Kimberlee Morrison
Northwood Elementary - Tyler Smith
Piedmont Elementary - Tiffany Allen
Stone Ridge Elementary - Jammie Kimmel
Piedmont Intermediate - Shantaya Ross
Middle School of Piedmont - Sydney Silva
Piedmont High School - Bailie Hollingshead

PRESENTATIONS

Shawn Hime & Joe Siano, OSSBA representatives, presented on OSSBA Superintendent Evaluation Tool.

Brenda Davis presented on elementary curriculum;
Michelle Jones presented on secondary curriculum.

EXECUTIVE SESSION/BUSINESS ITEMS

Piedmont Public Schools Board of Education convened into executive session.

ACTION ITEMS

After returning from the executive session, the board approved employment as listed in attachment A with the exception of a specific individual. Employment on this individual will be voted on at a special meeting within 2 weeks.

The spring Energage survey will be sent out to staff as planned.

No action was taken regarding Action Item C, in the absence of the President and/or Clerk, to appoint an acting President and/or Clerk for the School District.

The board voted for the sale of the \$9,460,000 Taxable Combined Purpose Building Bonds of this School District - set for 5/11/2023 at 12:00 p.m.

The board approved the easement agreement with the City of Piedmont.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the consent agenda were unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

DISTRICT UPDATES

HUMAN RESOURCES & EMPLOYEE RELATIONS



MEMBERS OF THE PPS RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION COMMITTEE ATTENDED THE UCO JOB FAIR TO SPEAK TO STUDENTS ABOUT CAREERS AT PIEDMONT SCHOOLS.

CAREER FAIR SUCCESS AT PIEDMONT HIGH SCHOOL

At the last committee meeting, the PPS Recruitment and Retention Committee suggested hosting a career fair to encourage new faces to apply for positions across the district.

On Wednesday, March 29th, Piedmont Public Schools hosted its first career fair since 2019. Each school site, Athletics and Activities, Special Services, substitute recruitment, and district administration hosted tables at the event.

Principals and teachers put their best faces forward to highlight our students, staff, and schools. We are grateful to each member of our staff who took time from their evening to help us welcome 34 potential new employees to the event.

Following the event, we sent emails to thank our guests and shared a confidential survey for their feedback. We will use the insight shared by attendees to improve future hiring events.

Good News AT PIEDMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS



We are proud to announce the selection of Jammie Kimmel, elementary LEAP teacher, and Laura Pope, Northwood Elementary music teacher, for a \$10,000 professional development grant through Fund for Teachers.

This grant will allow Kimmel and Pope to travel to Europe to study classical period music and literature during the summer of 2023. This two-week experience will take them to different cultural landmarks, art museums, and more in Germany, France, Italy, and Austria. Both teachers hope to share their experiences with students through engaging lessons with a personal touch when they return to district classrooms next school year.



DISTRICT UPDATES

ENROLLMENT CENTER

	2-27-2023	4-3-2023
PIEDMONT ECC	600	609
NORTHWOOD ELEM.	475	477
PIEDMONT ELEM.	459	456
STONE RIDGE ELEM.	593	596
PIEDMONT INTERMEDIATE	757	766
MIDDLE SCHOOL	766	769
HIGH SCHOOL	1418	1412
TOTAL	5068	5085



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Many projects are slated to begin on the middle school construction project at the conclusion of this school year. We will have two foremen on-site during the summer to oversee the following projects:

- Relocate two portable classrooms at the middle school south of the east building
- Relocate the construction trailer and staging area
- Remove fencing
- Demo the parking lot (Midwest Wrecking)
- Leveling and grading for the new road that loops around the bus barn area
- Water lines, fire lines, and storm drain lines will be installed
- Install conduit for the new transformer (OG&E)
- Excavate and grade the parking lot demo (GPC)
- Pour concrete curbs and install the first layer of asphalt (Turning Point)
- Steel erection will continue in areas 3 and 4
- CMU block walls will resume



SPECIAL SERVICES



PHS BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

Students in the Work Adjustment Training Program worked together to beautify PHS. Students took a trip to Home Depot for materials and flowers, then planted them together!

SUPPORTING OUR PARAPROFESSIONALS

Site and district administrators hosted a round table discussion for PPS paraprofessionals to address their specific concerns, discuss best practices for student behaviors, and expectations for paraprofessionals in the classroom.



WILDCATS CELEBRATE AS THEY COMPETE IN UNIFIED BOCCE ON MARCH 23RD.

UPCOMING SPECIAL OLYMPICS EVENTS

April 19, 2023 Singles & Unified Cornhole

Location: Stillwater HS

April 22, 2023 SATURDAY Flag Football State

Location: OSU Western Fields

April 27, 2023 Young Athletes

Location: Yukon HS

May 3, 2023 Field Day

Location: PPS Stout Field

May 17-19, 2023 Summer Games

Location: OSU

Thank You to Piedmont Intermediate & Piedmont Elementary School for donating your Kona Ice proceeds to Special Olympics!

APRIL 2023

DISTRICT UPDATES



ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

- Varsity men's soccer won the Chickasha Tournament.
- Mayli Whetter scored a hole-in-one at La Fortune Golf Course in tournament play for women's golf.
- Women's basketball finished the season with a 19-8 record, advancing to the Area consolation championship.
- Women's basketball players Khloe Carr and Jillian Crawford were named to the Suburban Conference 1st Team.
- Men's basketball finished the season with a 16-11 record, advancing to the Area consolation championship.
- Men's basketball coach Brandon Jackson was named 2022-2023 Suburban Coach of the Year.
- Jeremiah Weay, PHS Men's basketball player, was named Suburban Conference Newcomer of the Year, All-Defensive Team, and 1st Team.
- Men's 3200M relay posted a school record time of 7:59.97, ranking them at #22 nationally.
- Our Esports' League of Legends team is ranked #1 in the state.
- March was National Athletic Trainer month. We are thankful for Piedmont AT Bryan Smith!
- Middle school band received superior ratings in stage and sight reading at the OSSAA district contest.
- Varsity Guard finished first place at the Mustang WPGO contest.
- Pride of Piedmont Percussion finished first place at the Mustang contest.
- PHS Junior Varsity and Varsity Guard competed at the State WPGO contest. Varsity finished second place.



GO, WILDCATS!

ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM

MATHEMATICS VERTICAL ALIGNMENT COMPLETE

We are thrilled to share Pre-Kindergarten through 4th grade teachers now have a vertical alignment document for math as a result of the work by elementary teachers on the recent professional development day.

All Pre-K through 4th-grade teachers can now access this document that aims to provide clear mastery targets for mathematics at each level.

ADMINISTRATOR DEVELOPMENT COHORT MARCH MEETING

The Administration Development Cohort focus this month was interview skills. Lisa Campbell and Brenda Davis worked with groups to provide a mock panel interview and mock interview questions and provided feedback to individual respondents. The goal is to develop our leadership capacity in Piedmont to fill future leadership positions from within the district.

DISTRICT UPDATES

SECONDARY CURRICULUM

This school year, we have had more than 350 data meetings to discuss assessments given at the secondary level. Each core class meets three times a quarter with the Instructional Resource Specialist, Curriculum Director, and the administrator assigned to that subject.

During these data meetings, assessment data is evaluated in Mastery Connect and covered with subject-area teachers. We determine the standards students have mastered, the standards that still need attention, and if there was an error or misunderstanding on the test. We discuss how students will be remediated based on the number of missed questions linked to the same standard.

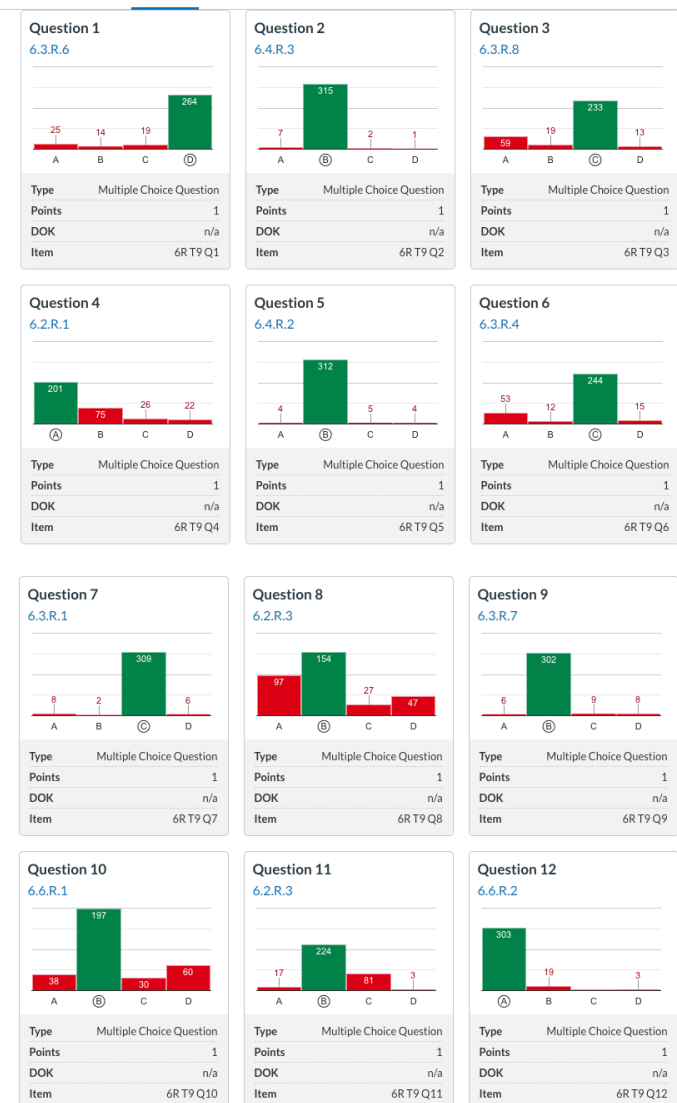
Sometimes reteaching can be done through bellwork or other supplemental materials, while other standards may need another day for reteaching. Individual students may need one-on-one assistance during advisory for supplemental tutoring.

Below is an example of one 6th-grade reading assessment. Based on this data, students struggled with standard 6.2.R.3. This is a standard that teachers felt they needed to cover again as a class for remediation. This standard will be included in upcoming assessments to ensure student mastery. The expectation for class averages for these assessments is 70-75% because rigor and DOK levels are more advanced. We were pleased when our average for this assessment was 73%-83% for 6th grade.

6th Reading Assessment 9 [EA](#)



Info Assessment Reports Print Scores Notes/Date Privacy



PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Elementary FOCUS: SPRING SEMESTER HIGHLIGHTS

STONE RIDGE

Stone Ridge Elementary 4th-grade students designed, created, produced, and promoted items to sell for our annual Entrepreneur Day. This school-wide activity provides a unique perspective on different aspects of the economic process, from developing a product to promoting and selling it.

Stone Ridge hosted a ticket presale where parents purchase tickets for their students to purchase different items during Entrepreneur Day. The fourth-grade team uses the funds to pay for their end-of-year celebration. The goal this year was to raise \$3,000.

Students showcased their creations to their families the day before our school-wide event. Parents loved seeing the hard work our fourth graders put into the day.

Leading up to the event, fourth-grade teachers arranged for community entrepreneurs to present to the fourth-grade classes about their businesses and products. Stone Ridge hosted a beekeeper, dairy farmer, lavender farmer, technology guru, and a sleepover party planner!



PIEDMONT ECC

The Piedmont High School aviation class visited the ECC for an "A is for Airplane" lesson. The goal of this project was to teach the ECC students about airplanes and how they work to inspire a future career in aviation!

Piedmont High School's aviation program aims to address the nationwide shortage of aviation personnel. Boeing estimates the industry will need 2.1 million aviation personnel in the next 20 years, including over 600 thousand pilots, 600 thousand maintenance technicians, and over 800 thousand crew members.



NORTHWOOD

Northwood Drama Club students and sponsors Lindsay Coyle and Tyler Smith are diligently working on our upcoming school play, *The Mystery of the Missing Medallion*. In preparation for the performance, they are utilizing teamwork strategies and creative problem-solving to fine-tune their performance. In the process, students are improving their reading intonation, memorization, and listening skills!

We cannot wait to see the final production on Thursday, April 13th, at 5:30 p.m.



PIEDMONT ELEMENTARY

Every spring at Piedmont Elementary, 3rd-grade students take part in watching the process of chicks hatching and learning how to care for newly-hatched chicks.

Hatching chicks in the classroom effectively increases student engagement, while investigating how organisms change and develop. Students take part in studying life cycles, heredity, and animal needs. Students observe with their classmates and discuss the development of the chick through each stage. They research, collect data, and make predictions.

Students patiently watch as the eggs begin to hatch. Teachers and students continue to learn and care for the chicks through their first week of life outside of the egg. Students from other grade levels love to check on the unhatched eggs and see the chicks once they have hatched.

Although the chicks unit is intended for student learning, our 3rd-grade teachers enjoy this experience just as much as students! Together, teachers and students create lifelong educational memories!

(Science Standards: 3.LS1.1, 3.LS2.1, 3.LS3.1, 3.LS3.2)

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Secondary

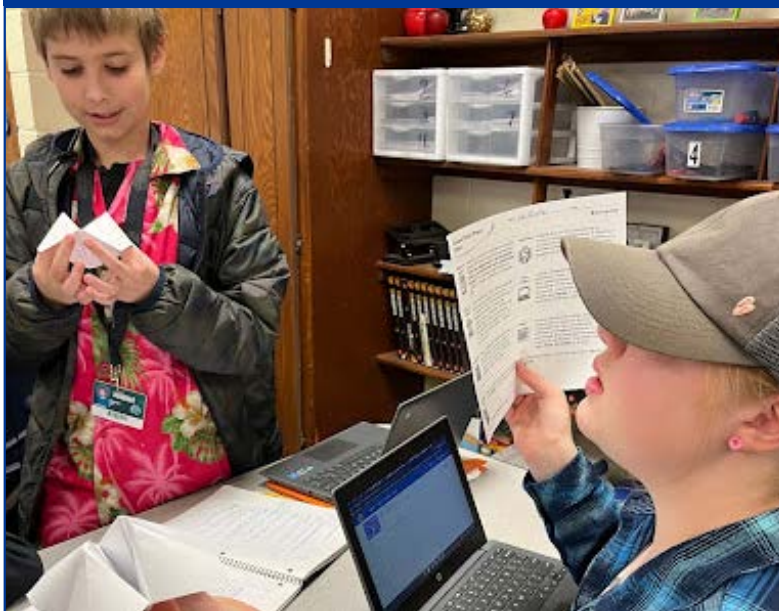
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PIEDMONT HIGH SCHOOL

Piedmont High School welcomed middle school students for our 8th-grade orientation day on March 28th! We were excited to help them navigate the school, answer questions about classes, and tackle enrollment issues with them.

High school counselors worked with students at Wildcat Athletic Center, answering their questions and helping with class schedules while administrators transitioned students to the High School. PHS administrators guided small groups of students through the school, explaining the school layout, bell schedule, lunch schedules, and more. It was a great day to be a Wildcat!

MIDDLE SCHOOL OF PIEDMONT



Our MSP 7th grade science department recently completed their Project Based Learning initiative. For this initiative, students selected their own project options to demonstrate their understanding of biodiversity. Some of the options included:

- Write a research report
- Build a museum exhibit
- A chatterbox
- Conduct an interview
- Create a tech presentation
- Record a video

Students were excited to express their understanding in a manner that fit their interests. Teachers reported students were engaged and enthusiastic about this opportunity. We are examining more opportunities to implement project based learning into future lessons.

PIEDMONT INTERMEDIATE



As part of our second multi-disciplinary, cross-curricular unit, sixth-grade students participated in a PI Career Spotlight before spring break. Piedmont community members, including bankers, realtors, cosmetologists, first responders, and our Teacher of the Year, Shay Ross, presented all aspects of the career field. Our ELA department also invited a former professional basketball player into their classes to further emphasize the importance of setting a goal and “putting in the work” to achieve it.

After these guest speakers presented, students spent time researching their “Passion Profession.” Students shared their ideal career in formal essays using concepts and research from their Financial Literacy class and cited resources from visits with the Library Media Specialist. Early planning is a critical skill, and we hope this glimpse into a few future possibilities laid the groundwork for our students to succeed.