



“All Students Learning Well, Without the Loss of Enthusiasm for Learning”

Week At a Glance

October 22, 2018

Mission

Students, Staff, and Community Dedicated to Excellence

Vision

The Marcola School District promotes academic excellence, ethical and responsible citizenship for all its students in a safe, supportive, and enriched learning environment.

This past month I have spent numerous hours learning the new protocols and procedures for the AdvancEd accreditation process. Last week, both Travis and I had an opportunity to serve on accreditation teams for two very large high schools in the Portland School District. Needless to say, we are returning with valuable information to help guide our district through our accreditation (continuous improvement) planning for the next 5 years. I really liked the mission/purpose statement of the district I visited - “All students matter, All students succeed”. As I reflect back on the last 4.5 years of changes for the MSD to achieve our mission and vision statement, I think it’s important we come back together as a team and discuss what impact these changes have had on our mission and vision statements?

Below is a list of changes and implementations in the last 4.5 years.

1. Community support for a new elementary school - started in 2014 (Achieved)
2. Staff support for a proficiency based education system - started in 2014 (Achieved and Improving)
3. Support for a 1:1 student/computer plan - started in 2014 (Achieved and ongoing)
4. Support to expand our education offerings - from 0 Programs of study in 2014 to 5 complete programs of study in 2018-19 (Achieved and ongoing)
5. Support to expand our extra-curricular/after school clubs and activities - started in 2014 and continuing to expand through 2018-19 (Achieved and ongoing)
6. Support to implement and integrate trauma informed instruction, social justice, and equitable opportunities for all students continuing to expand since 2015 through 2018-19. (Ongoing - Continually improving with additional professional development)
7. Reviewed, Revised and Update all Policies and Procedures, including all handbooks. (Achieved and now a consistent practice)
8. Expand our Agriculture and FFA program to increase students opportunities for real life experiences applied to all academic content areas. Purchased a farm and now moving forward with planning and implementation of a Farm to School program. (Ongoing since 2016)
9. Adopted new math resources and professional development to provide a K-8 math curriculum that meets the needs of both students and staff and can be accessed 24-7.



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10. Continuous implementation (with revisions) of the PBIS program in grades K-5. (Started prior to 2014)
11. Added Advisory classes for all students in grades 6-12 to provide career guidance, social/emotional support and academic support. (Implemented 2014 - continues to be reviewed and revised)
12. Opened a new Charter School (2017-18) and increased enrollment by 320 students. MSD now has 295 students (100 more than we had in 2014) and TNW (Charter School) now has 320 students with a long waiting list. Revenue from TNW is put into an innovative account for MSD to support innovative implementations that connect to our belief that ***“All Students should be Learning Well, Without the Loss of Enthusiasm for Learning”***

I'm sure I've missed several innovative strategies we have put in place over the past 5 years. The tremendous changes that have taken place is due to staff, students and a community that want to move forward and is not afraid of change and innovation. We're not perfect - but we are continuously improving.

Upcoming Events:

Date	Event	Description	Time
10/22/18 Monday	Activities Schedule Admin Meeting Farm to School Mtg	Admin Team Planning for grant	10 am 2:00 pm
10/23/18 Tuesday	Activities Schedule Staff Meeting	Elementary	7:15 am
10/24/2018 Wednesday	Activities Schedule Staff Meeting Farm Design Mtg	Secondary Designers (Matt)	7:15 am 12:30 - 2:00 pm
10/25/2018 Thursday	Activities Schedule	8th grade career expo (field trip)	1:00-3:30
10/26/2018 Friday	Activities Schedule Grades in gradebook? Middle School Dance (Costume)		5-8 pm
10/27/2018 Saturday	Activities Schedule		