

Carbondale Attendance Center / Santa Fe Trail Junior High School
BOE Report –April 2017

The following is a report of the activities and events at the Carbondale Attendance Center / Santa Fe Trail Junior High for March and April 2017.

PTO – The PTO Carnival is coming very soon. This year the event will be held at OAC on Saturday, April 22. It will run from 1:00-4:00. The PTO has worked hard this year, and they have been in touch with the administration consistently throughout the year. I think it's important for you all to know that they have been positive and active for the students in the district this year.

Activities – Track has begun. The first meet of the season was postponed due to the rainy weather earlier this week. That reschedule was for Monday, April 24 beginning at 3:30. By the delivery of this report we will have hosted (again, weather-cooperative) our first meet on Friday. We have seventy-???? students participating in track this season. The coaches are Brit Dewey, Eric Lynch, Makenzie Heberling, and Tom Fenton. We will be hosting three meets, as well as attending meets at Sabetha, Rossville, and Prairie View. The Pioneer League Meet will also be held at Prairie View. Our last home meet is April 13.

FBLA – The SFTJH Chapter of FBLA has been very active this first year. We had 38 paid members, with an additional 15 attending the meetings. 37 students went to ESU for the district competition. (One missed the bus.) 18 of those qualified to go to the state competition which was held last week in Topeka. 16 of the 18 state qualifiers placed in the top 15. After visiting with Gretta Hug, our sponsor, I will be making a request when extra duty assignments are made. At the current time, the FBLA sponsorship is a .5 position here. We will be requesting that we add .5 to that assignment, dividing the sponsorship between two of the staff. More will come when I make that formal request.

Interviewing – Mrs. Hamit and I will be completing interviews for the open positions prior to the BOE meeting next week. We hope to have made an offer for every position, pending BOE approval, by that time. We will present a slate of teachers for contract. Among those will be recommendations for new hires as well as for in-district transfers. We have spent a great deal of time with candidates for all the positions, and there are some really strong teachers on the table for consideration. It will be exciting to add some new staff to this already talented group of teachers at CAC.

State Assessments – We have started the state assessments. We plan to be done in the next three weeks. Mrs. Hamit is taking the reins on assessments throughout the district. I know she spent part of the day at OAC this week helping them with the first sessions. The scheduling is easier with the Chromebooks, and by the fact that they have reduced the number of testing sessions per grade level. Language Arts and math are just two sessions each for our 4-8th graders. Science is also just two sessions this year for grades 5 and 8. Last year the students took a minimum of 9 sessions, if I recall correctly, and some grade levels had as many as 11.

Traffic – We are meeting with the local police chief to discuss changes in our street usage for student drop-off and pick-up. I am thinking the street south of the school, Wells Street, will become similar in use as the lane just south of SAC. During certain hours it will be a one-way street, with gating, for safety in mind. It has continued to be a difficulty for some to understand that dropping students off in the street and having them cross traffic to get onto school grounds is unsafe. While we have been very fortunate to not have any

students hurt at these times, there have been many times where students or traffic has been less than careful. I am not sure of the correct answer, but I am hoping we can continue to improve the safety situations for all of our students on and off school property.

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