

Claysburg Kimmel



Superintendent's Annual Report and State of the District

2017-2018

April 28, 2018



Dear Members of the Board of Education and Community:

I am pleased to present you with a copy of the *2017-2018 Superintendent's Annual Report and State of the District* for your review. I hope you find this information interesting and informative.

The Superintendent's Annual Report and State of the District serves to reflect on the many accomplishments and achievements of our students, administration, staff and our Board over the past school year.

As you review this document, please understand these goals are long-term and wide-ranging in nature and span multiple years as improvement is a never-ending process.

I thank you for your leadership and support.

Sincerely,

Darren J. McLaurin

Darren J. McLaurin, Superintendent

Mission Statement



We inspire and empower individuals to excel each day in the learning choices they must make to be productive and responsible citizens.

A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instill a love of learning. ...

Vision



Students will leave the Claysburg Kimmel School District prepared to become productive, responsible citizens. Interaction between the Claysburg Kimmel School District, parents, and community will be a priority that is ongoing and continuous.

Good teachers know how to bring out the best in students.

Our District



The **Claysburg-Kimmel School District** is a small rural public school district that spans portions of two counties in central Pennsylvania. In Bedford County it covers Kimmel Township. In Blair County it covers Greenfield Township. Claysburg-Kimmel School District encompasses approximately 56 square miles.



Our District



The District has two campuses in Greenfield Township, the High School (7-12) and the Elementary School (K-6).

The Claysburg Kimmel School District is one of 35 school districts and 5 career and technology centers serviced by Appalachia Intermediate Unit 08, that is headquartered in Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Appalachia Intermediate Unit 08 provides special education and professional development services to all associated districts.

The District is a member of the Greater Altoona Career and Technical Center.

"A student is never an interruption of our work ,....., he or she is the purpose of our work!"

9.1 Objective Performance Standard #1: Student Growth and Achievement

- The Superintendent, working in conjunction with building and district administrators and teacher leaders, used multiple data sources to assess student success and growth as appropriate, as well as areas of academic deficiency within the District. Data was used to identify root cause and develop curricular adjustments with the end goal of increased academic growth and/or performance as measured by various standardized assessment measures.
- Met/Did Not Meet Objective #1:





DATA



KNOWLEDGE



ACTION



2017 PSSA ELA SCORES

School Name	Subject	Group	Grade	% Advanced	% Proficient	% PASSED	STATE AVERAGE	% Basic	% Below Basic
CLAYSBURG-KIMMEL EL	ELA	ALL	3	16.9	44.1	61.0	64.6	30.5	8.5
CLAYSBURG-KIMMEL EL	ELA	ALL	4	15.8	43.9	59.7	60.9	33.3	7.0
CLAYSBURG-KIMMEL EL	ELA	ALL	5	14.3	46.9	61.2	59.6	32.7	6.1
CLAYSBURG-KIMMEL EL	ELA	ALL	6	10.3	55.9	66.2	63.6	30.9	2.9
CLAYSBURG-KIMMEL EL	ELA	ALL	Total	14.2	48.1	62.2		31.8	6.0

2017 PSSA ELA SCORES

School Name	Subject	Group	Grade	% Advanced	% Proficient	% PASSED	STATE AVERAGE	% Basic	% Below Basic
CLAYSBURG-KIMMEL HS	ELA	ALL	7	4.4	54.4	58.8	59.5	36.8	4.4
CLAYSBURG-KIMMEL HS	ELA	ALL	8	4.3	40.6	44.9	58.9	40.6	14.5
CLAYSBURG-KIMMEL HS	ELA	ALL	Total	4.4	47.4	51.8		38.7	9.5



2017 PSSA MATH SCORES

School Name	Subject	Group	Grade	% Advanced	% Proficient	% PASSED	STATE AVERAGE	% Basic	% Below Basic
CLAYSBURG-KIMMEL EL	Math	ALL	3	25.4	23.7	49.1	54.5	25.4	25.4
CLAYSBURG-KIMMEL EL	Math	ALL	4	15.5	31.0	46.5	46.6	41.4	12.1
CLAYSBURG-KIMMEL EL	Math	ALL	5	12.2	30.6	42.8	43.8	44.9	12.2
CLAYSBURG-KIMMEL EL	Math	ALL	6	0.0	25.0	25.0	40.3	45.6	29.4
CLAYSBURG-KIMMEL EL	Math	ALL	Total	12.8	27.4	40.2		39.3	20.5

2017 PSSA MATH SCORES

School Name	Subject	Group	Grade	% Advanced	% Proficient	% PASSED	STATE AVERAGE	% Basic	% Below Basic
CLAYSBURG-KIMMEL HS	Math	ALL	7	5.9	25.0	30.9	37.8	33.8	35.3
CLAYSBURG-KIMMEL HS	Math	ALL	8	4.3	13.0	17.3	32.5	24.6	58.0
CLAYSBURG-KIMMEL HS	Math	ALL	Total	5.1	19.0	24.1		29.2	46.7



2017 PSSA SCIENCE SCORES

School Name	Subject	Group	Grade	% Advanced	% Proficient	% PASSED	STATE AVERAGE	% Basic	% Below Basic
CLAYSBURG-KIMMEL EL	Science	ALL	4	46.6	37.9	84.5	74.5	13.8	1.7

2017 PSSA SCIENCE SCORES

School Name	Subject	Group	Grade	% Advanced	% Proficient	% PASSED	STATE AVERAGE	% Basic	% Below Basic
CLAYSBURG-KIMMEL HS	Science	ALL	8	13.0	27.5	40.5	52.7	26.1	33.3

KEYSTONE EXAMS COMPARISON

2016 TO 2017

Algebra 1						
County	District	Subject	2016 Percent Passed	2017 Percent Passed	Increase/ Decrease	2017 State Average
BLAIR	BELLWOOD-ANTIS SD	Algebra I	72.3	57.7	-14.6	65.6
BLAIR	CLAYSBURG-KIMMEL SD	Algebra I	66.1	67.4	1.3	65.6
BLAIR	SPRING COVE SD	Algebra I	48.8	56.2	7.4	65.6
BLAIR	WILLIAMSBURG COMMUNITY SD	Algebra I	73.5	73.1	-0.4	65.6

Biology						
County	District	Subject	2016 Percent Passed	2017 Percent Passed	Increase/ Decrease	2017 State Average
BLAIR	BELLWOOD-ANTIS SD	Biology	72.2	55.1	-17.1	63.4
BLAIR	CLAYSBURG-KIMMEL SD	Biology	61.8	53.0	-8.8	63.4
BLAIR	SPRING COVE SD	Biology	48.1	55.9	7.8	63.4
BLAIR	WILLIAMSBURG COMMUNITY SD	Biology	55.9	57.6	1.7	63.4

Literature						
County	District	Subject	2016 Percent Passed	2017 Percent Passed	Increase/ Decrease	2017 State Average
BLAIR	BELLWOOD-ANTIS SD	Literature	84.2	70.4	-13.8	72.7
BLAIR	CLAYSBURG-KIMMEL SD	Literature	78.5	68.8	-9.7	72.7
BLAIR	SPRING COVE SD	Literature	73.2	65.1	-8.1	72.7
BLAIR	WILLIAMSBURG COMMUNITY SD	Literature	76.5	80.8	4.3	72.7



SAT Scores



District Name	SAT Subjects	2017 SAT Score
Spring Cove SD	All Subjects	1,203
Windber Area SD	All Subjects	1,133
Portage Area SD	All Subjects	1,118
Shanksville-Stonycreek SD	All Subjects	1,116
Claysburg-Kimmel SD	All Subjects	1,105
Richland SD	All Subjects	1,099
Northern Bedford County SD	All Subjects	1,098
Shade-Central City SD	All Subjects	1,088
Ferndale Area SD	All Subjects	1,083
Central Cambria SD	All Subjects	1,081
Holidaysburg Area SD	All Subjects	1,078
Salisbury-Elk Lick SD	All Subjects	1,078
Somerset Area SD	All Subjects	1,070
Bellwood-Antis SD	All Subjects	1,069
Conemaugh Township Area SD	All Subjects	1,068
Rockwood Area SD	All Subjects	1,067
Chestnut Ridge SD	All Subjects	1,066
Bedford Area SD	All Subjects	1,065
Tyrone Area SD	All Subjects	1,061
Altoona Area SD	All Subjects	1,057
Berlin Brothersvalley SD	All Subjects	1,054
North Star SD	All Subjects	1,052
Penn Cambria SD	All Subjects	1,049
Williamsburg Community SD	All Subjects	1,047
Everett Area SD	All Subjects	1,047
Cambria Heights SD	All Subjects	1,028
Blacklick Valley SD	All Subjects	1,019
Meyersdale Area SD	All Subjects	1,019
Tussey Mountain SD	All Subjects	1,014
Turkeyfoot Valley Area SD	All Subjects	1,002
Conemaugh Valley SD	All Subjects	1,000
Northern Cambria SD	All Subjects	996
Greater Johnstown SD	All Subjects	934

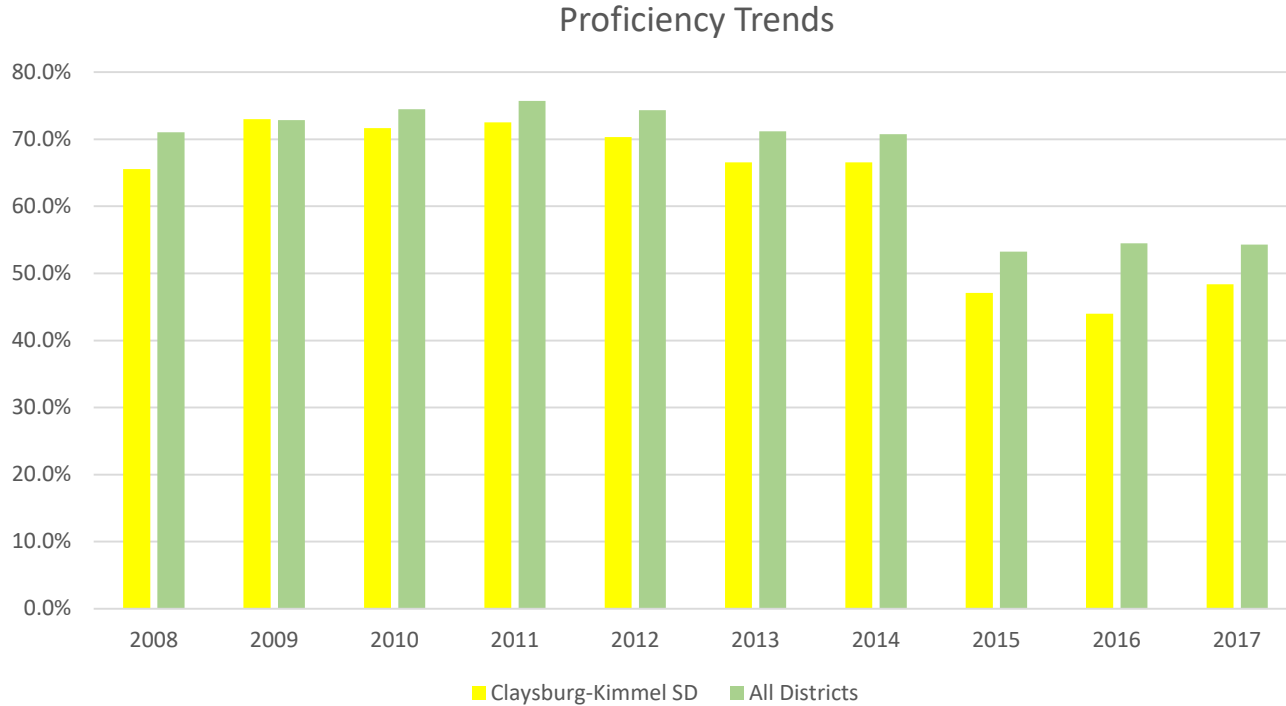


Conference Calls with High Performing School

- ELA Keystones – Cambria Heights
- Biology & Algebra Keystones – Penn Cambria
- PSSAs – Central Cambria (Middle School Math)

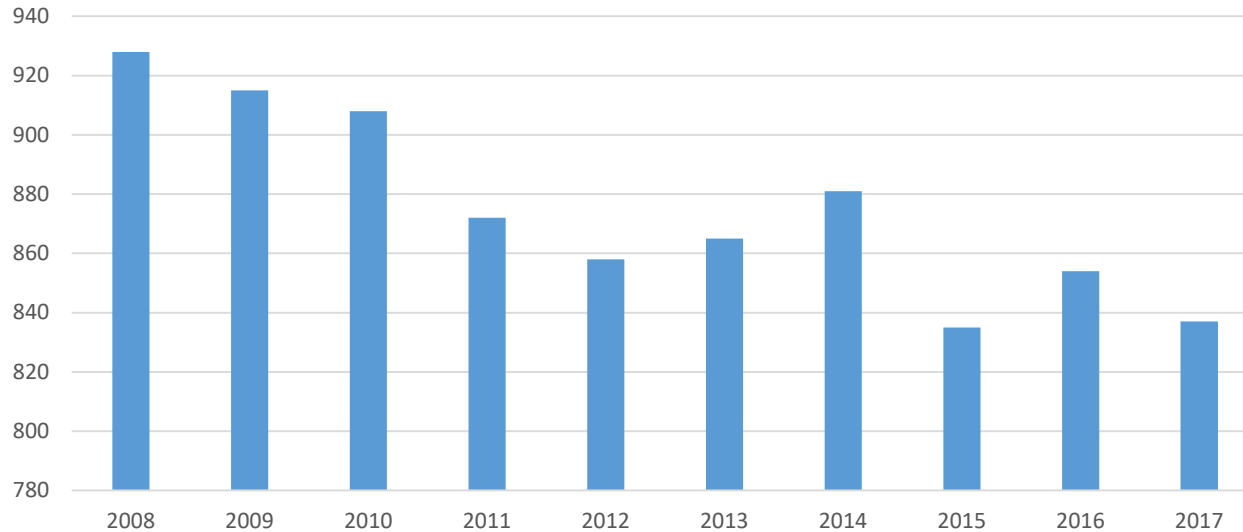


PSSA Proficiency trends



Student enrollment

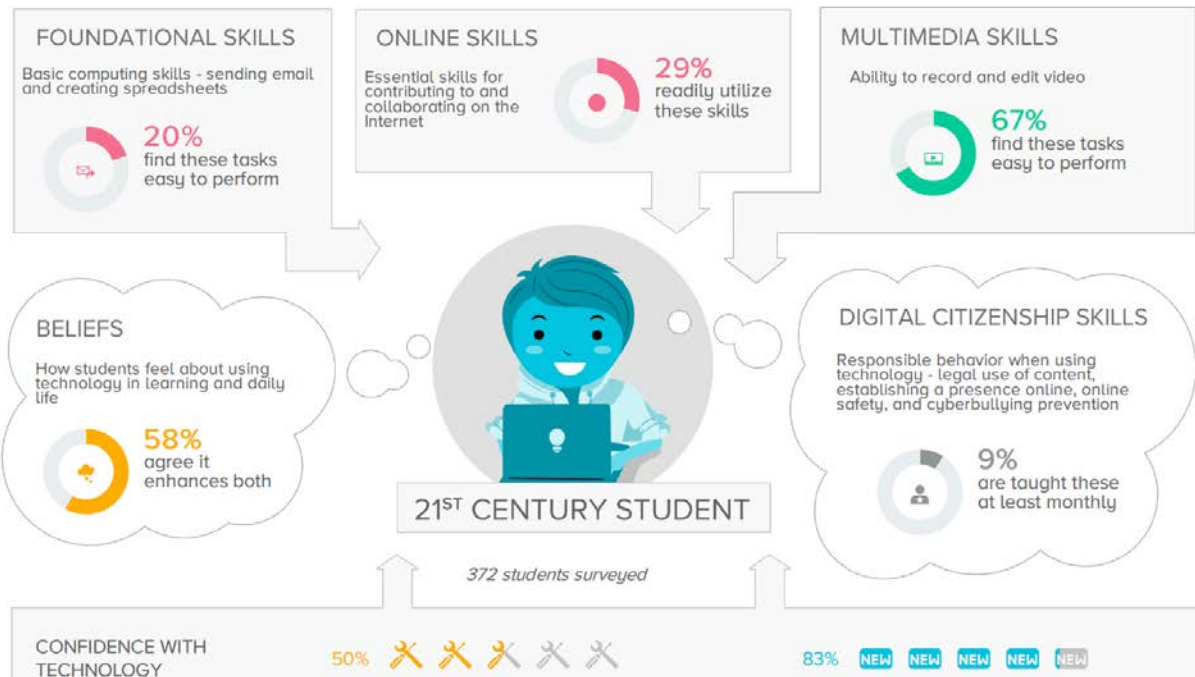
Claysburg-Kimmel SD Enrollment



TECHNOLOGY PLAN

- Bright Bytes Technology Plan
 - **Data Review via Staff & Student Surveys**
 - Goal Setting – Summer 2018





9.2 Objective Performance Standard #2: **Organizational Leadership**

- The Superintendent has worked collaboratively with the Board to develop a vision for the district, displayed an ability to identify and rectify problems adversely affecting the district, worked collaboratively with district administration to ensure best practices for instruction, supervision, curriculum development, and management are being utilized, and worked to positively influence the climate and culture of the district.
- Met/Did Not Meet Objective #2:



2018-2019 District Goals



We inspire and empower individuals to excel each day in the learning choices they must make to be productive and responsible citizens

SAFETY

Review/Update School Safety Plan.

Monitor and adjust PAC and SAC processes as needed to ensure positive school culture.

Implement Safe School Hotline.

RIGOR AND RELEVANCE

Increase Rigor in classrooms by focusing on Level 2 & 3 Depth of Knowledge Questions.

Establish relationship with the college board and higher education to assess strengths and

Develop class schedules that allow for 21st Century Learning to be incorporated.

Professional Development on DOK and College Readiness.

HOW ?

CURRICULUM

Complete a standards based curriculum using the PDE Guidelines. (1 Per teacher)

Do a root cause analysis of to determine cause(s) and possible solutions to low PSSA and Keystone Scores.

Develop a K-12 Career Readiness Plan to provide career exploration. (PDE Act 339).

Professional Development in Curriculum through IU08 and University of Pittsburgh

TECHNOLOGY

Create a K-12 technology plan. Starting with a BrightBytes Technology Survey.

Create a 7-12 STEM Plan using the Carnegie STEM Pathways template.

Create tech "BootCamps" for 12th graders to ensure tech readiness upon graduation.

Hire a tech coach to assist teachers in developing 21st Century Lessons and provide Prof. Development.



PROJECT LEAD THE WAY

Project Lead The Way provides **transformative learning experiences** for K-12 students and teachers across the U.S.

PLTW create an **engaging, hands-on classroom environment** and **empower students** to develop in-demand knowledge and skills they need to thrive.

PLTW also provide teachers with the training, resources, and support they need to engage students in real-world learning.

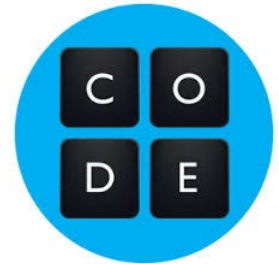


PLTW-SCHOOL 2018-19!

*Special Thanks to the Claysburg Education Foundation!



Claysburg Kimmel School District 3 Year STEM Integration Model *Draft*



Technology Curriculum 2018-19

ES – Grades k-2	ES- Grades 3-6	MS Grades 7-8	HS- Grades 9-12
Current Science Kits	PLTW 2 Modules per Grade Per Year	9 Week Stem Course	STEM Elective
Code.org	Code.org	PLTW Design & Model or App Creator	Local Test for Computer App Skills 12-11-10-9
PLTW 2 Modules per Grade Per Year	Computer Apps	Current Stem Curriculum	CMU STEM Plan Focus –Collaboration and Career Exploration
			KHAN Academy –SAT Option



Technology Focus 2019-20

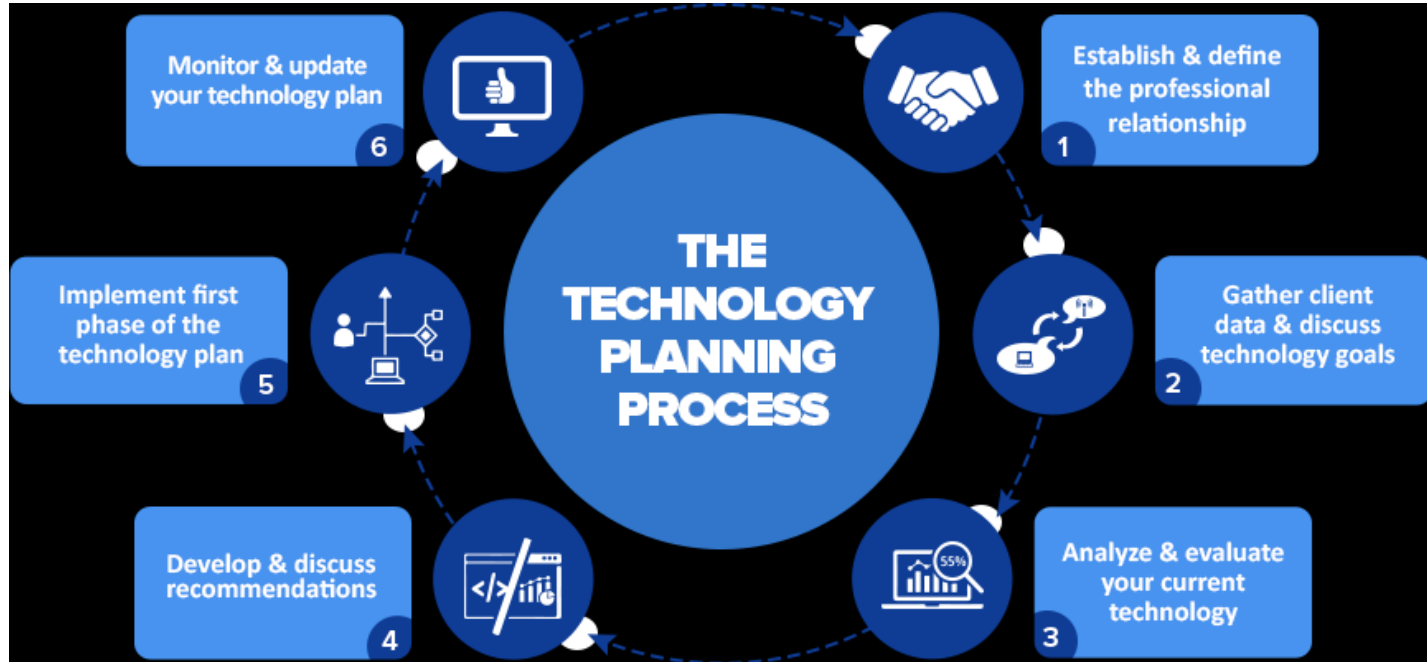
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Code.org	Code.org	PLTW Design & Model or App Creator	PLTW BIO Medical Module \$20K
	Computer Apps	Current Stem Curriculum	CMU STEM Plan Focus –Collaboration and Career Exploration
		PLTW MODULE #2 \$4K	KHAN Academy –SAT Option



Technology Focus 2020-21

ES – Grades k-2	ES- Grades 3-6	MS Grades 7-8	HS- Grades 9-12
Current Science Kits	PLTW 2 Modules per Grade Per Year	9 Week Stem Course	STEM Elective
Code.org	Code.org	PLTW Design & Model or App Creator	PLTW BIO Medical Module
PLTW 2 Modules per Grade Per Year	Computer Apps	Current Stem Curriculum	CMU STEM Plan Focus –Collaboration and Career Exploration
		PLTW MODULE #2	KHAN Academy –SAT Option
			PLTW Module #2? \$6K



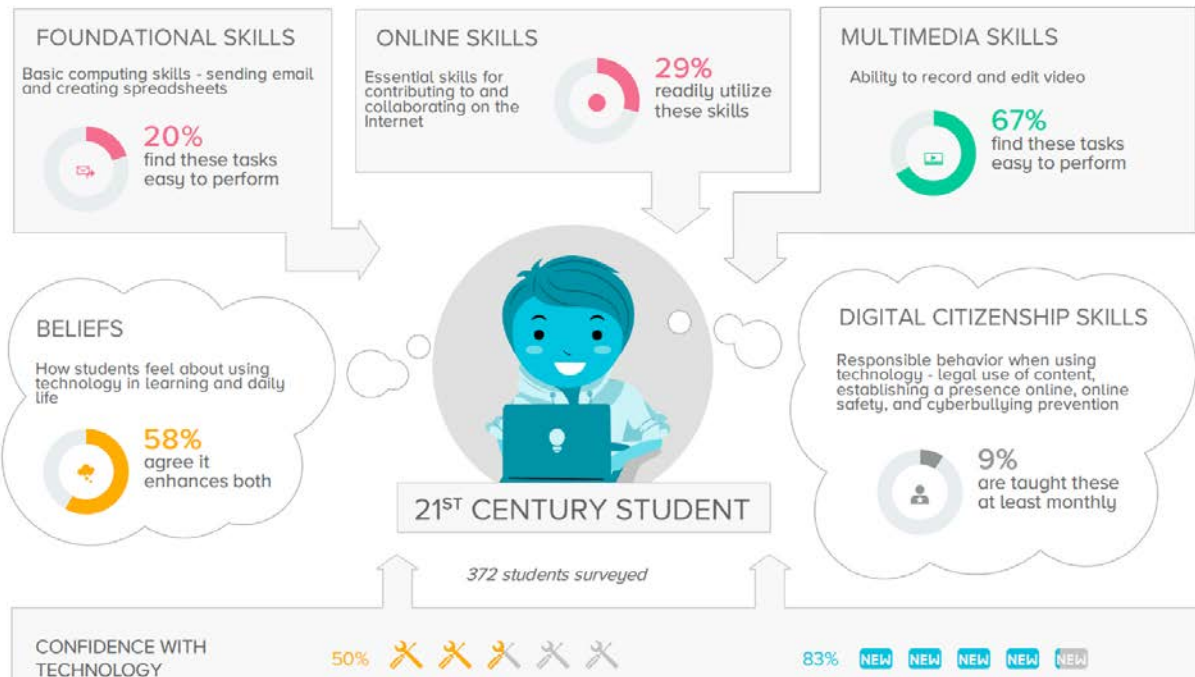


Technology Planning



- The administration, faculty and staff of Claysburg Kimmel School District remain committed to providing our students with the ideal learning experience.
- In an attempt to refine the existing learning experiences, we depend upon verbal and written feedback. In most cases, the feedback is easily secured, analyzed, and formulated into improvement action plans.
- To help us learn more about these two areas, the District has partnered with [BrightBytes](#) to access a survey tool for students in Grades 4-12. The survey is taken online, requires no more than 15 minutes to complete.
- Administrators will use the results to drive future technology planning in the district.







MONTHLY BOARD WORKSHOP REPORTS



SAFETY PLAN



- SafeSchools Helpline Went Live on Monday 3/5/18
- Staff Online Safety Training Thursday 3/29/18 – afternoon
- PA State Police Scheduled for August 21st
- Fire Drills – Monthly and Safety Drills every Marking Period



Principals' and Superintendent's Advisory Council

- Monthly school climate meetings with BUILDING level leaders.
- Monthly school climate meetings with DISTRICT level leaders.
- Minutes from the meetings shared with staff.



CURRICULUM



Guaranteed & Viable Curriculum

Only happens when teachers--who are called on to deliver the curriculum--work collaboratively to:

- Study the intended curriculum and agree on priorities within the curriculum.
- Clarify how the curriculum translates into specific student knowledge and skills.
- Establish pacing guidelines for delivering the curriculum.
- Commit to one another that they will actually teach the curriculum.

(DuFour and Marzano, Leaders of Learning, 2011)



Claysburg Kimmel School District



Standards Aligned Course Description

Course Name: World Cultures

Course Instructor: Dr. Fred Flintstone

Instructor Professional Biography

Dr. Flintstone graduated in 1968 from Rockville State College with a degree in Anthropology and a certification in Secondary Social Studies (7-12). Dr. Flintstone taught for six years at Stone Wheel high School before becoming a teacher at Claysburg-Kimmel High School. Dr. Flintstone has taught a variety of courses and grade levels during his time at Claysburg-Kimmel.. Dr. Flintstone received his master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh and completed his doctorate in 2004. Dr. Flintstone lives with his wife, Betty and has three grown children, BamBam, Babs and Rocky.

Course Description: (What does this course entail) The World Cultures course will provide students with a comparison of cultures found throughout the world. The main emphasis will be on the changes taking place in the world due to the increased use of technology and the impact of industrialization on traditional cultures. We will investigate cultures found in South America, Asia, Africa and the Middle East and compare similarities and differences with western cultures.

Course Resources

World Cultures Alive: Contemporary Studies. New York: TCI Publishing, 2014. Print

End of Course Outcomes

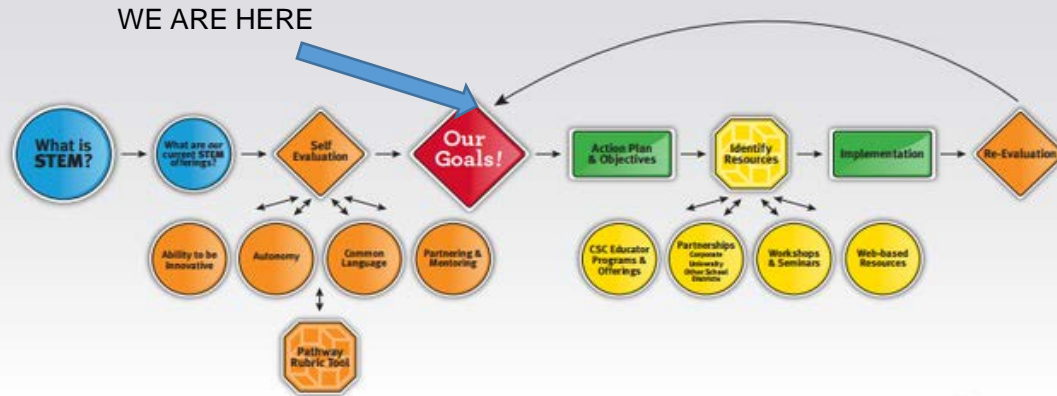
(At the end of this course, a successful student should be able to:)

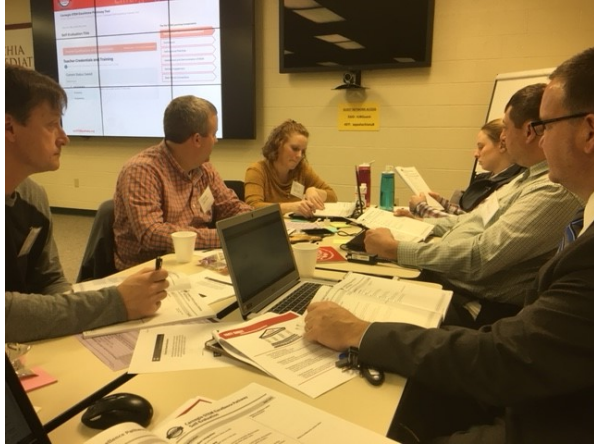
- Describe the selected cultures found in South America, Africa, Asia and the Middle East.
- Locate these cultures on a map of the world and define their locations in comparison to the other cultures studied in the course.
- Compare the history of each of the selected cultures.
- Critique the positive and negative impact of technology and industrialization on the selected cultures.



STEM PLAN DEVELOPMENT

CARNEGIE STEM EXCELLENCE PATHWAY





A team of Claysburg Kimmel teachers and administrators are participating in STEM strategic planning, with the goal of transforming the approach to STEM related education at the high school. On Monday, January 22, the team participated in the first of three workshops sponsored by the Carnegie Science Center of Pittsburgh. The Carnegie STEM Excellence Pathway initiative helps school districts create goals that will strengthen STEM education within schools.



9.3 Objective Performance Standard #3: District Operations and Financial Management

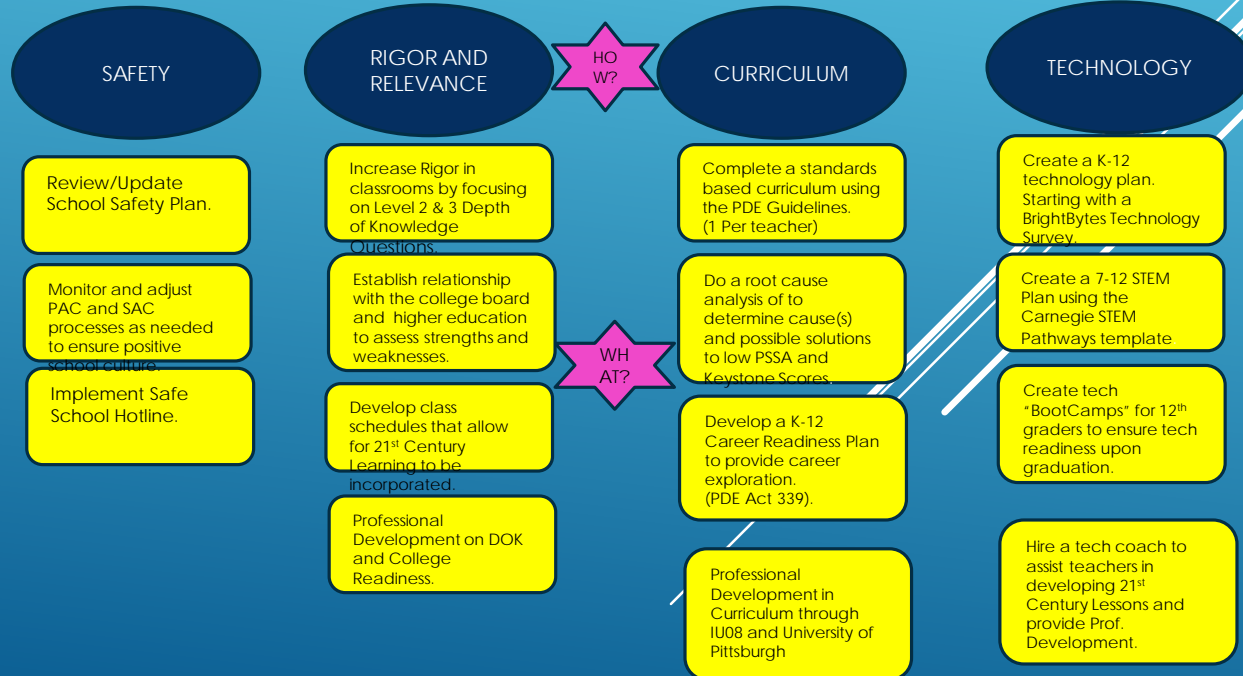
- The Superintendent worked closely with the District Business Manager to develop and present a responsible budget that provided resources needed to maintain a quality educational program while ensuring fiscal responsibility. The Superintendent effectively supervised distribution of resources in support of district priorities and directed overall operational activities within the district.
- Met/Did Not Meet Objective #3:



2018-2019 District Goals



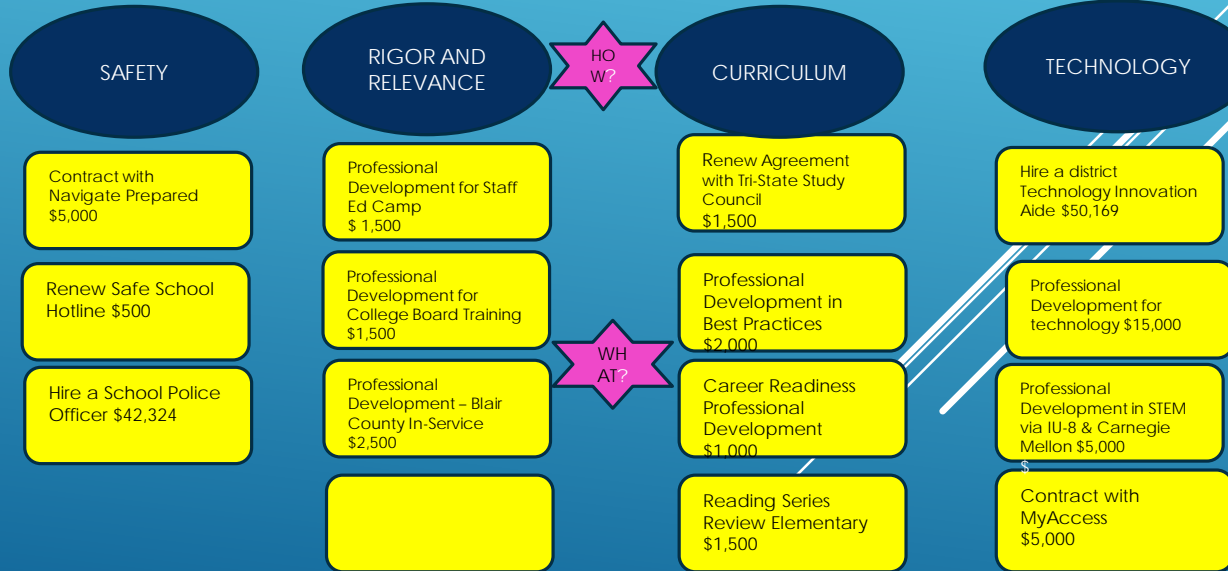
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2018-2019 Funds Budgeted to Meet District Goals



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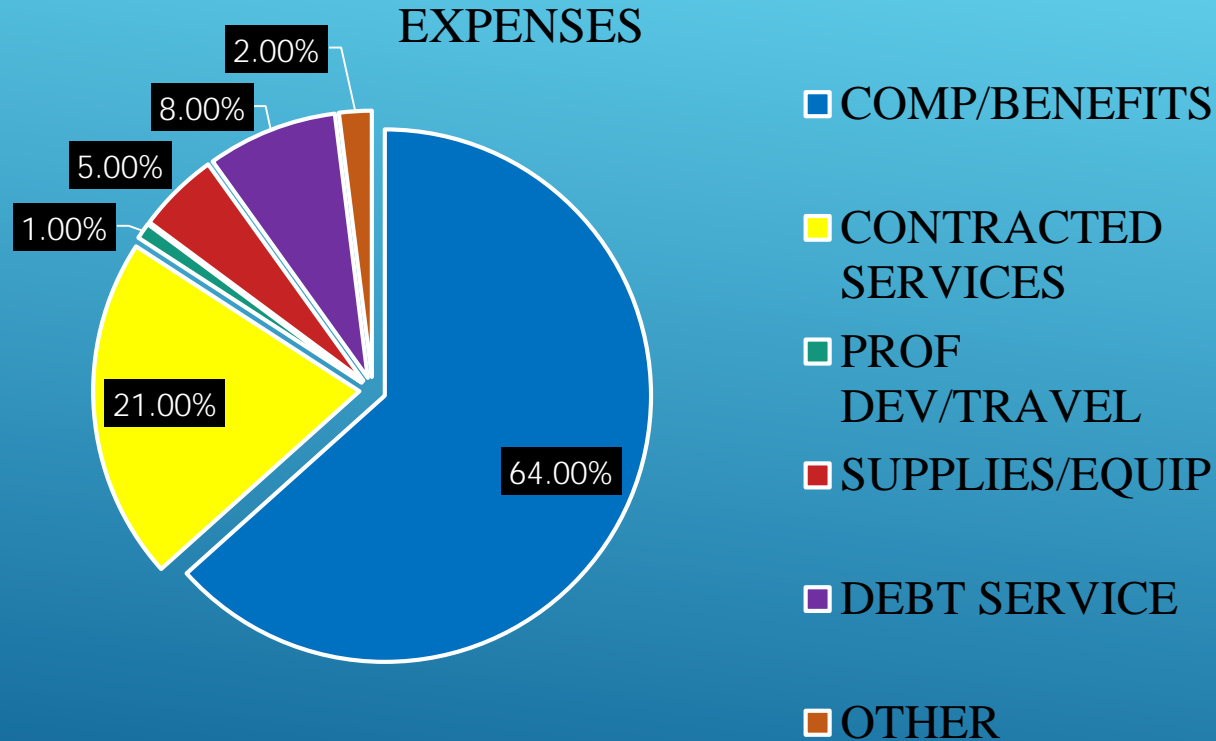




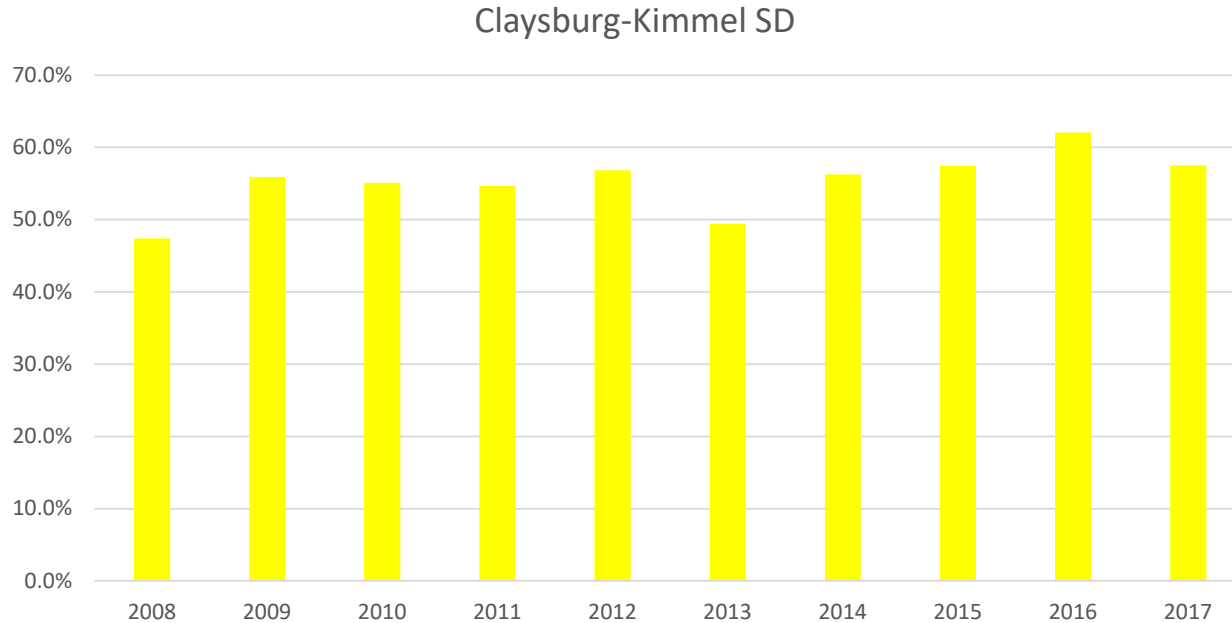
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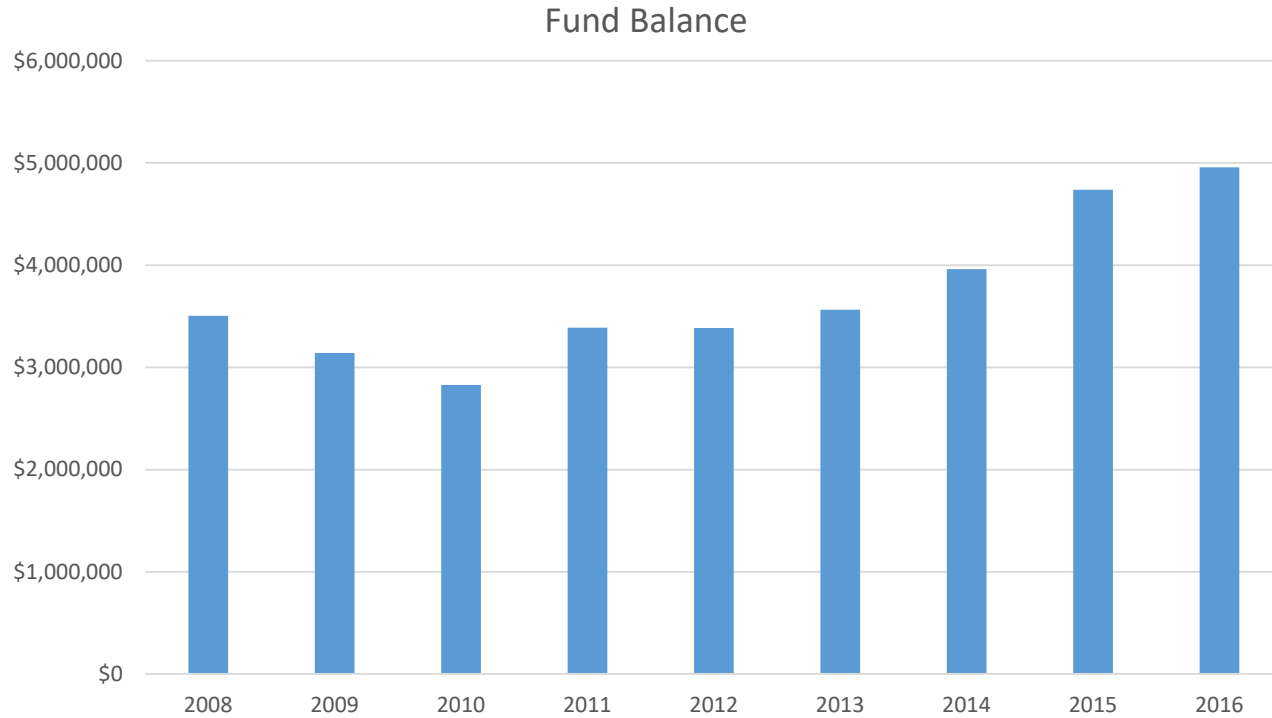
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES



Free and Reduced Lunch

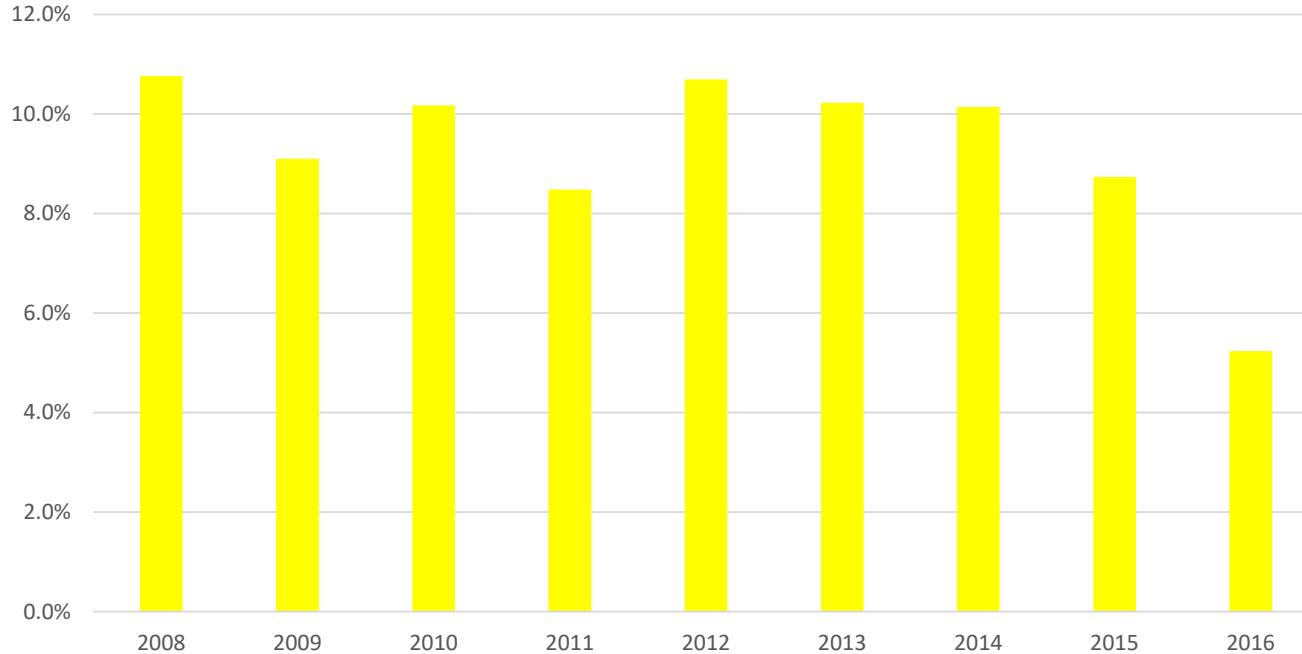


Fund Balance



Debt Service as a % of Revenue

Claysburg-Kimmel SD



STATE FUNDING WORKSHOP -2018

The event, which was co-sponsored by the Education Policy and Leadership Center and Pitt-Johnstown's Education Division, focused on dialogue surrounding Gov. Tom Wolf's proposed education budget for 2018-19 and other related policy issues.

A total of 12 school districts from the area were represented at the education forum on Friday to discuss the impact of the budget on local school districts and communities.

During Friday's forum, Ron Cowell, president of EPLC, provided an overview of the Governor's proposed budget and showed how Pennsylvania's education system compares to others across the nation.

"We've got the worst system in the country in terms of K-12 funding," Cowell said.

"And the likelihood is that we're getting worse."

According to statistics provided by the U.S. Census Bureau, Pennsylvania's tax payers account for 56.5 percent of the total revenue for elementary/secondary public education compared to neighboring West Virginia whose taxpayers only account for 32.4 percent of the total revenue.

Wolf's proposed budget recommends an increase of \$185 million in education spending – \$120 million for basic and special education in K-12 schools; \$40 million in early childhood education; and \$25 million between career and technical education and the State System of Higher Education.

"I salute the governor for proposing it and his fast advocacy efforts, but we're going backwards even if the budget is approved," Cowell said.

Special Education Funding has increase approximately 5% over the last five years, while the actual costs have grown 28%. Pennsylvania ranks 47th in regards to the state's share of educational funding. Under the current system, charter schools are the sole responsibility of the local taxpayers.



AT A GLANCE

2018 State of Education



The State of Education report is intended to be a barometer of not only the key indicators of public school performance, such as standardized test scores and school finances, but also the timely challenges that public schools are facing and how they are coping with them. Data for the report comes from publicly available data sources and from surveys of chief school administrators and building principals.

According to chief school administrators

TOP 3 biggest challenges

- 83% Budget pressures
- 24% ESSA implementation
- 22% School construction/
maintenance

TOP 5 budget pressures

- 82% Pension costs
- 52% Charter school payments
- 37% Special education costs
- 36% Inadequate state funding
- 31% Health insurance increases

TOP 5 ways schools will balance budgets

- 76% Drawing down fund
balance levels
- 75% Raising local property taxes
- 40% Increasing class sizes
- 36% Reducing staffing levels
- 30% Reducing programs and
services

According to building principals

TOP 3 biggest challenges

- 31% Preparing for
standardized tests
- 28% Curriculum
requirements
- 28% Social media issues
- 23% ESSA implementation
- 22% Dealing with parents/
public

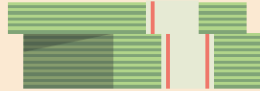


Special education

Since 2010-11, increases in state special education funding have lagged well behind increases in special education expenses.

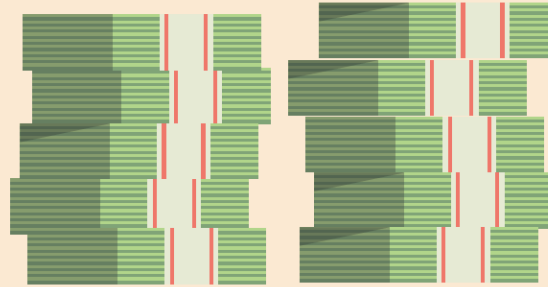
4.3%

State Funding



28.8%

Expenses



Public education is the best investment that Pennsylvania can make in its future. While it is the belief of each group involved in this project that the state of Pennsylvania's public education system is strong, the challenges being faced by our public schools are serious. The full report, available at www.psba.org, contains more detail on these challenges as well as information on numerous other issues affecting public education.



9.4 Objective Performance Standard #4: Communication and Community Relations

- The Superintendent communicated with and effectively engages the staff, the Board of School Directors, and members of the community, clearly articulated district goals and priorities, addressed local and broader issues affecting the district, and built support for district initiatives, programs and short/long-range plans.

Met/Did Not Meet Objective #4:





CLAYSBURG-KIMMEL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

CLAYSBURG-KIMMEL

ELEMENTARY

PENNSYLVANIA'S NEW ATTENDANCE LAWS

Under PA's New Truancy Law, Nov. 2016, students who have 3 or more **unexcused absences** during a current school year are considered **TRUANT**.

After a student reaches 3 or more unexcused absences and is deemed TRUANT, parents will receive written notification from the district outlining consequences and the opportunity to meet for an Attendance Improvement Conference.

After a student reaches 6 or more unexcused absences and is deemed HABITUALLY TRUANT, the school must refer the child to the county children and youth services (CYS) and may file a citation against the parents in a magisterial district court.

**Each case will be individually reviewed by administration*

At Claysburg-Kimmel, we recognize that attending school regularly and on time has a positive impact on student learning. We appreciate your cooperation on ensuring that your child attends school on a regular basis.

AFTER SCHOOL STEM PROGRAM

Claysburg-Kimmel Elementary
Open to Grades 5 & 6
Every Wednesday from 3:15 to 5:00



BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAM

Before School: 7:20 – 7:50 am (Monday – Thursday)
After School: 3:15 – 4:15 pm (Monday – Thursday)



UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 16

Snow Make-up Day
(School is in Session)

FEBRUARY 19

Presidents Day
(No School)

MARCH 2

Teacher In-service
(No School for Students)

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

March 22 & 23

To be eligible for the 2018 – 2019 school year, a child must be five (5) years old before **July 1, 2018**.

If you have a child that meets this age requirement, please contact the elementary school office.

Also, if you know of another family who has a child that meets the age requirement, please ask them to call the elementary school office.

We are depending on your help to locate all possible registration applicants.



APRIL NEWSLETTER

CLAYSBURG-KIMMEL

Jr./Sr. HIGH SCHOOL

School Safety Professional Development

The Claysburg Kimmel School District continues to provide learning opportunities for faculty and staff that may be helpful in the event of a crisis situation within the schools. On March 29, 2018, all teachers as well as administrative assistants, aides, and custodial staff were provided with the opportunity to view a video presentation on "Active Shooter" awareness. This video helped explain processes and procedures that should be followed in the event that a dangerous intruder enters a school building. School safety continues to be at the forefront of many of the activities occurring in our school district. Parents, guardians, and others who may wish to know more may always call the Office of the Principal at either school or the Office of the Superintendent. In addition to wanting our faculty, staff, and students to be safe, we want our parents and others to be confident that the children of the Claysburg Kimmel School District are our priority when it comes to their safety and wellbeing.

AFTER SCHOOL STEM PROGRAM

CKHS

Open to Grades 7-12

Every Wednesday from 2:30-3:30



TUTORING HOURS

After School: 2:30 – 3:30 pm (Monday – Thursday)

*Room 225--Transportation is NOT provided by CKSD



Community Service



Did you know April is National Community Service Month? Students at CKHS complete community service projects all year. In fact, during the 2017-2018 school year, the members of FBIA, under the leadership of faculty advisory Steve Walter, completed over 950



UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 2

First day of the 4th Marking Period

APRIL 4 & APRIL 11

CKSD School Board Meetings

APRIL 5

Reading Competition at Chestnut Ridge School District (4-8 PM)

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The testing window for the 2018 PSSA testing is April 9 through April 27. The specific dates of testing at CKHS are listed below. It is important that all seventh and eighth grade students make attendance a priority on these dates so they will not have to miss class for make-up sessions. Our goal is always a 100% test participation rate.

7th and 8th Grade PSSA Dates

- April 10-12 ELA (grades 7&8)
- April 17&18 Math (grades 7&8)
- April 24&25 (grade 8 only)



CLAYSBURG KIMMEL'S NOTES FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Darren J. McLaurin, Superintendent

February 2018

Welcome to the first edition of Claysburg Kimmel's Notes from the Superintendent. I will publish these periodically throughout the school year to keep the community updated on some of the exciting things happening in the school district. Please check our website often for more notes and highlights.



COMMUNICATION

One of my first goals as superintendent was to increase communication within the school and throughout the entire community. Some of the exciting things we have accomplished during my first six weeks in the district include:

- Creating a teacher's committee at both the elementary and high school to meet monthly with the principals to resolve outstanding issues.
- Establishing a superintendent's committee which allows representatives of these teacher's committees to meet with me once a month to further resolve unanswered problems.
- I have met with the parent's group to talk about their thoughts and concerns.
- I have scheduled monthly meetings with the Claysburg Education Foundation to enlist their support both financially and through other means.
- Developing monthly Elementary and High School Newsletters available on the district's web site.

CURRICULUM

An effective **curriculum** provides teachers, students, administrators, and community stakeholders with a measurable plan and structure for delivering a quality education. A curriculum is something that is always changing to meet the needs of our students. We have started to review our curriculum to ensure our students are receiving the best and most up-to-date education available. Some of the curriculum work happening at CKSD includes:

- Curriculum mapping with the hopes of posting all core subject curriculum maps to our website by June 30th.
- Looking at ways to increase student instructional time in math classes to further improve test scores.
- Bringing in outside educators to review our progress in the areas of Curriculum and Comprehensive Planning.
- Reviewing surveys taken of recent graduates to determine area for improvement in school's education structure.
- Improving tutoring available to students before and after at both elementary and high school.
- Brainstorming with other successful surrounding districts to determine what they have done to create success stories.
- Visiting other highly successful schools outside Central PA to learn from them.



WEEKLY BOARD REPORTS



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TO: All School Board Members
FROM: Darren J. McLaurin
RE: Board Update
Date: April 13th, 2018

Envirothon Trip

Students from Mr. Hartman's class assisted in the stocking of trout on Monday. Students assisted as part of the classroom to work field experience.



CKHS Students place 3rd at Fisher Scientific STEM Design Challenge

On Friday, April 6th, seventh graders Hunter Knisely, Nathan Miller, and Britnee Robertson won 3rd place out of 16 teams in the Thermo Fisher Scientific STEM Design Challenge hosted by Appalachia IU 8 and held at Mount Aloysius College. The middle school competition included teams from Windber, Turkeyfoot Valley, Meyersdale, Johnstown, Ferndale, Claysburg-Kimmel, and Altoona school districts. Thermo Fisher Scientific prompted a design challenge in which teams were asked for help developing a new product for your home. This product can be anything that you can use in your home and it must be environmentally friendly. Thermo Fisher Scientific is working to make the world healthier, cleaner and safer. This product



State Funding

The event, which was co-sponsored by the Education Policy and Leadership Center and Pitt-Johnstown's Education Division, focused on dialogue surrounding Gov. Tom Wolf's proposed education budget for 2018-19 and other related policy issues.

A total of 12 school districts from the area were represented at the education forum on Friday to discuss the impact of the budget on local school districts and communities.

During Friday's forum, Ron Cowell, president of EPLC, provided an overview of the Governor's proposed budget and showed how Pennsylvania's education system compares to others across the nation.

"We've got the worst system in the country in terms of K-12 funding," Cowell said.

"And the likelihood is that we're getting worse."

According to statistics provided by the U.S. Census Bureau, Pennsylvania's tax payers account for 56.5 percent of the total revenue for elementary/secondary public education compared to neighboring West Virginia whose taxpayers only account for 32.4 percent of the total revenue.

Wolf's proposed budget recommends an increase of \$185 million in education spending – \$120 million for basic and special education in K-12 schools; \$40 million in early childhood education; and \$25 million between career and technical education and the State System of Higher Education.

"I salute the governor for proposing it and his fast advocacy efforts, but we're going backwards even if the budget is approved," Cowell said.

Special Education Funding has increase approximately 5% over the last five years, while the actual costs have grown 28%. Pennsylvania ranks 47th in regards to the state's share of educational funding. Under the current system, charter schools are the sole responsibility of the local taxpayers.



Monthly Meetings with the Claysburg Education Foundation

2018 Claysburg's "Summer STEM and the Arts"

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Technology
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Sponsored by Claysburg Education Foundation



Community Outreach

I was invited to visit Blair County Head Start in Claysburg this week to be a guest reader for their students. Blair County Head Start is a childcare and learning facility that offers a comprehensive child development program designed to prepare children for future academic success. The program provides services that include education, health, nutrition and other social services that contribute to children's well-being.



Athletics & Extracurricular Activities



Varsity Football



Jr. High Football



Varsity Cheerleaders



Junior High Cheerleaders



Band



Volleyball



Junior High Volleyball



Girls' Basketball



Junior High Girls' Basketball



Boys' Basketball



Junior High Boys' Basketball



Wrestling



Junior High Wrestling



Varsity Softball Team



Junior High Softball Team



Varsity Baseball Team



Junior High Baseball Team



Maggie Knisely recently represented CK at the PMEA District 6 Band Festival. The festival was held at Northern Bedford High School on January 10 - 12. Pictured with Maggie is the guest conductor of the festival Dr. Jason Worzbyt from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania.



District 6 Playoffs

Congratulations to the VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM for earning the **first ever HOME District VI Play-Off FOOTBALL GAME at Claysburg-Kimmel.** The BULLDOGS defeated Penns Manor on Friday, November 3rd.



ICC CHAMPS!

Congratulations to the Junior High
Volleyball team for defeating Everett in
2 sets to win the Inter-County
Conference Championship!



Congratulations to the Junior High Girl's Basketball team for their victory over Everett on Saturday, February 17, 2018, to become **ICC Champs!**



Congratulations to the Lady Bulldogs for winning the Southern Huntingdon tournament on 4-21-2018! Congrats girls and Coach Barbarini.







Several students recently represented CK at the blair county **Jr. High Band Festival** on January 29 -30. Students pictures are Abby Gonsman, Emma Ritchey, Dylan Larson, Olivia Wilbur, Taylor Mowry, Ethan Diehl, Aaron Walters, Rebekah Claar, Kaylee Haney, and Allison Becker. Also pictured with the students id the guest conductor of the festival Dr. James Colonna from Messiah College.



Sophomore Maggie Knisely participated in the Penn State Blue Band Forward March program on Saturday, April 21.



CKSD FBLA



CKSD FBLA STATE Meet Update

Chapter Awards

2nd – William Selden Outstanding Chapter

2nd – Local Chapter Annual Business Report

3rd – State Project (Alzheimer's Association) Top Donating School Per-Capita

10th – State Project (Alzheimer's Association) Top Fundraising Chapters

7th - Most Community Service Hours – CKHS

2nd – BAA Chapter Challenge – Most Individual Business Achievement Awards

2nd – Local Chapter Annual Business Report – CKHS



Individual Awards

- McKenna Harbaugh – 2nd Place - Public Speaking – NQ
 - Heath Mauk – 2nd Place – Business Law – NQ
 - Maggie Knisely & Emily Claar – 2nd Place - Local Chapter Annual Business Report – NQ
 - Michael Baker – 3rd Place – Introduction to Business Presentation – NQ
 - Spencer Mauk & Canaan Burket – 4th Place – Emerging Business issues – NQ
 - Mackenzie Clemens – 5th Place - Introduction to FBLA
 - Emma Smith – 8th Place – Who's Who in PA FBLA - \$500 scholarship
 - Karly Kriedler – 10th Place – Who's Who in PA FBLA - \$500 scholarship
 - Delaney Walter – 7th Place – Most Community Service Hours
 - Emily Claar & Emma Smith – Keystone Leadership Award
 - Emma Smith – Membership Madness Award, Business Achievement Awards – America Level
- Michael Baker was elected as **Vice President at Large** for 2018-2019 FBLA State Officer Team

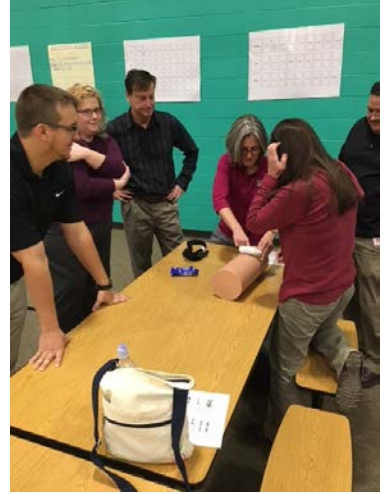
FBLA National Business Honor Society

- Emma Smith
- McKenna Harbaugh
- Emily Claar





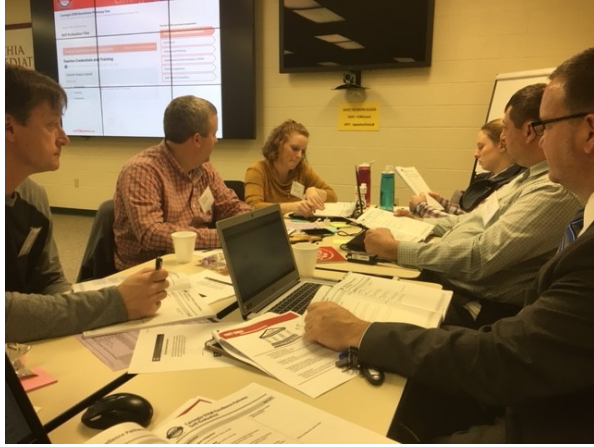
Stop the Bleed is intended to cultivate grassroots efforts that encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. With the significant increase in violence, an traumatic event can happen anywhere in public areas, but trauma can also occur in home, automobiles, ATV, motorcycle, and industrial accidents.





Claysburg Kimmel Teachers Participated in a Special Education Professional Development Day on Friday March 2nd, 2018.





A team of Claysburg Kimmel teachers and administrators are participating in STEM strategic planning, with the goal of transforming the approach to STEM related education at the high school. On Monday, January 22, the team participated in the first of three workshops sponsored by the Carnegie Science Center of Pittsburgh. The Carnegie STEM Excellence Pathway initiative helps school districts create goals that will strengthen STEM education within schools.



STEAM - “Space Balloon”

In March, a team of CK teachers attended a meeting related to IU-8’s and IU-5 ‘s partnership in an exciting STEAM project involving Space Balloons and GoPro Cameras.

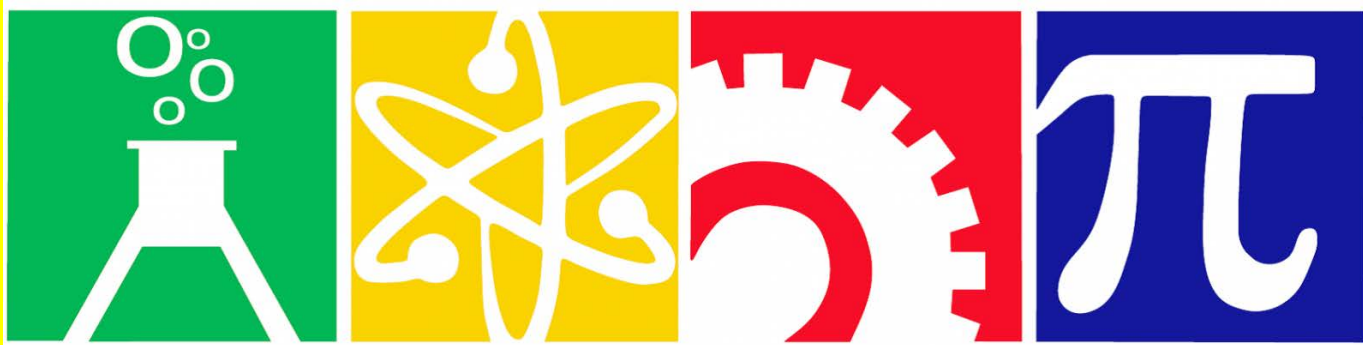


Safe school training for Staff



Professional Development Courses are now being offered online through the
Safe Schools Training Library





STEM Science, Technology,
Engineering, Mathematics



STEM DESIGN CHALLENGE

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This product could be (but not limited to) a new way to power your home, a new type of appliance, or a new gadget for home entertainment. Students were only allowed to use K'Nex pieces for their end product. Groups were judged on creativity, teamwork, challenge success, design, and presentation.





- Claysburg-Kimmel Elementary Streams and Estuary competition at St Francis on 12/18/18
- 43 Claysburg Kimmell students participated in the event along with Tara, Curt and Nancy.
- Thanks you to the foundation for supporting this event.





- CK Elementary will be getting an the enviroscape model and all the other items we are still purchasing for \$1,600.
- Thanks to everyone involved. Great project!

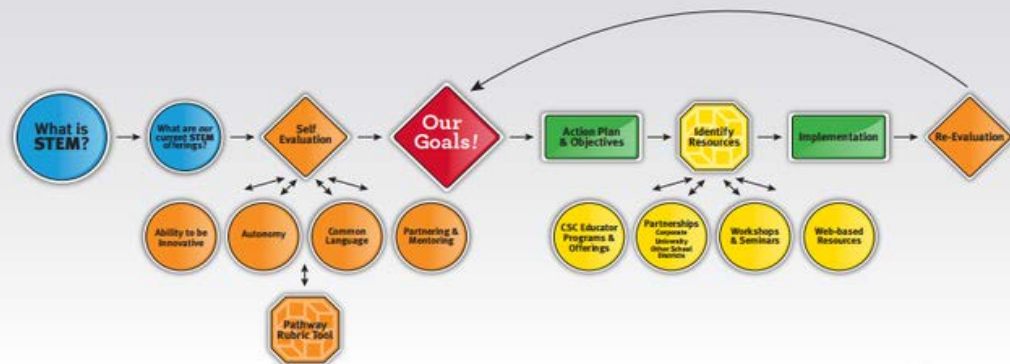


CK Elementary GOES WILD!

On Monday, February 5th, our Elementary School Hosted the Carnegie Science Center Mobile Unit. Students in grades K-6 participated in the “Wild by Design” mobile lab. FBLA students from Claysburg Kimmel High School assisted with the stations throughout the day. Thank you to the Claysburg Education Foundation for supporting this outstanding day in the wild!



CARNEGIE STEM EXCELLENCE PATHWAY





- ***Six students in Mrs. Beers Honors Anatomy and Physiology class travelled with her to Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh today (April 2) for an educational field trip . Allegheny General Hospital's Cardiovascular Institute provided an opportunity for the students to observe an open heart surgery. Specifically, the students witnessed an aortic valve replacement and the preparations for the replacement of a mitral valve. The group was escorted by an Allegheny General staff member, who remained with them throughout the surgery to explain, step-by-step, what students were observing and to answer any questions they had during the procedure. Exclaimed student Chance Harr: "This is the best day of my life! I am so glad I got up at 4:30 AM for this!" Mrs. Beers intends to incorporate the field trip into the Honors Anatomy and Physiology class in the years to come. Pictured left to right at an entrance to Allegheny General Hospital: Kassidy Burket, Hunter Evans, Chance Harr, Kayla Fluke, Emily Walter, and Karly Kriedler.***





- This May, IU-8 will once again be holding their annual Quantum Quest Program with Dr. Harry Kloor. For this event, IU-8 partners with Lanika Ruzhitskaya from the St. Francis Science Outreach Center. It consists of three days of various activities in which students engage in topics centered on space, specifically the Cassini Space Project. Students attending will also be working with the high school students from the Tyrone School District to help teach the younger students in attendance on our workshop day.
- On Wednesday, May 9th, participating school districts will attend an all-day event. The participating students watch the Quantum Quest movie in the morning hours and then participate in stations centered on the core STEM topics from the movie in the afternoon. Mr. Hall is working on sending the entire 4th grade to this event. Click on the following link to learn more: [Quantum Quest 2018](#)



Answering the Call

BASICS Subcommittee develops summer STEM program

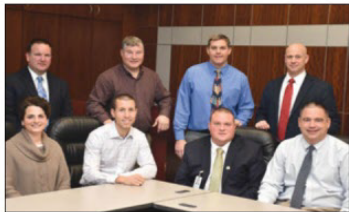
As anyone even remotely associated with business or education will tell you, STEM is the linchpin to the country's future workforce needs. So Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, understandably, have become the focus of all things career-related as the skills gap continues to widen and employers begin to show concern.

To help remedy the situation in Blair County, the BASICS Committee of the Chamber has developed a summer program that will essentially add a high school component to the highly successful ATOMS (Advanced Training for Outstanding Mathematics and Science Scholars) program. That program, coordinated through

Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8, offers summer instruction at numerous sites in Blair, Bedford, Cambria and Somerset counties. "ATOMS has done such an incredible job that it just made sense to build on that program rather than starting something from scratch," explained Brad Hatch of Altoona Area High School, who sits on the BASICS Steering Committee and is helping to coordinate The Summer STEM Collaborative.

"We're confident that this program will help those students considering STEM careers to take the next step in their preparation."

An important side-benefit, according to Hatch, is that students in Summer STEM will gain a broader knowledge of businesses located close to home so that they can make important connections that may lead to employment opportunities later.



Members of the Chamber's BASICS STEM Subcommittee are, left to right (seated): Leslie Estep of Tyrone Area School District, Shawn Cerully of IU8, Brad Hatch of Altoona Area School District and Mark Harrington of Hollidaysburg Area School District. (Standing): Darren McLaurin of Claysburg-Kimmel School District, Todd Lewis of Shoe Fly Stores, Rick Schreier of Bellwood-Antis School District and Mike Cacciotti of Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School.

Registration information will be available at Blair County schools.

"We know that there are STEM jobs here," Hatch pointed out. "We're hoping that we help our local businesses to identify the young people who may ultimately fill those jobs."

There's also the hope that the local business community will assist with some of the costs associated with operating the program.

"There's not a huge financial element to Summer STEM," Hatch admitted.

"Students are required to pay \$100 to participate and we've already received commitments from several school district foundations to offset some of the operational costs. We're aware of the need to spend wisely without diminishing the

impact of the program on its participants."

The financial oversight piece of the program will be shared by IU8 and the Blair County Chamber Foundation, who will accept sponsorship donations, student payments and will pay the instructors along with any other costs.

There will be three, one-week sessions of Summer STEM. The first will be at Central High School (June 18-22), the second at Tyrone Area High School (June 25-29) and the last at Altoona Area High School (July 16-20). Students are permitted to apply for any week that they'd like to attend. Sessions will run from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at each site with an hour lunch from noon to 1:00 p.m. daily.

Registration information will be available at all Blair County schools within the next few weeks. Sponsorship information should be directed to the Chamber at (814) 943-8151.

"Get Rooted" Activity Fair will help make connections

It's a tale of two questions: Where do businesses and organizations find interested volunteers? How do people interested in volunteering make connections with those businesses and organizations that seek them?

The answer to both those questions may actually be found at an event to be held on March 20th at the Hollidaysburg Area YMCA. The "Get Rooted" Activity Fair, an event put together by the Young Professionals of Blair County, will feature vendors representing non-profits and for-profits, looking to make connections with people in the community either looking for volunteer opportunities or just seeking information on the many resources located here.

"We recognize that there's often a disconnect that keeps positive things from happening in our community," believes



Among the organizations that have already registered as exhibitors at the Young Professionals Activity Fair are, from left, Donna Gority (Arts Altoona), Nicole Germaux (CONTACT Altoona) and Pamela Snyder Ethers (Altoona Symphony).

Kirsten Stratton of KMS Interior Design & Home Staging, who chairs the Young Professionals Steering Committee of the Blair County Chamber.

"We also know that many of the people seeking volunteer opportunities are young professionals who are looking for ways to help out. It made sense for our committee to put this event together."

The Activity Fair begins at 5:00 p.m. and concludes at 7:00. A number of businesses have already registered to be vendors. The cost to do that is just \$20 for Chamber-member non-profits, \$25 for Chamber-for-profits and \$30 for non-Chamber members. There is no cost for people to attend the Fair and all ages are welcome.

For more information on the Activity Fair, contact Tori Liebal at (814) 943-8151 or email her at tliebal@blairchamber.com.

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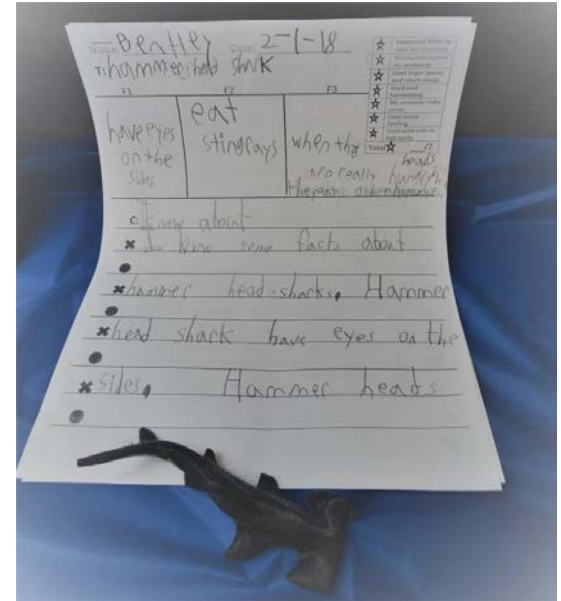


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Ocean Animal Rescue

Students from Miss Wicker's reading class recently read a story about life in the ocean. The class was so interested they decided to do some extra research on ocean life. Each student chose their own topic, researched it with books from the school library and internet resources. After gathering research, each student wrote a brief expository paragraph detailing their topic. To go along with their research each student was able to use the 3D printer to create their ocean animal. Students that completed the project with proficiency were able to take their model home.



Other District Highlights





The induction ceremony for the new members of the Claysburg Kimmel Chapter of the National Honor Society was held on Monday, March 14 at 7:00 PM in the high school auditorium. The featured speaker for the evening's ceremony was Claysburg Kimmel alumnus, and former Claysburg Kimmel teacher, Mr. Daniel Christ who spoke about the meaning behind the four pillars of National Honor Society: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character, and how the qualities of all four pillars are applicable to everyone. *Pictured from Left to right are: Evan Ritchey, Andrew Imler, Karly Kriedler, Jocelyn Shultz, Jennica Hunter, Megan Hartman, Haley Jenkins, Shadey Claycomb, and Maggie Knisely*





- Claysburg-Kimmel Elementary hosted an author visit on Wednesday, April 4. The visiting author was Cayolyn Crimi. She lives outside of Detroit and has been an author of children's books for many years. During her presentations, the students and Ms. Crimi went on a "Story Hunt" which was both fun and educational. She talked about her writing process with a special emphasis on where she gets her ideas. She also discussed the many revisions she makes before she sends a manuscript to an editor. She then ended the sessions with a reading from one of her books and held a question and answer period. CKE worked in conjunction with the Hollidaysburg Area School District to make this author visit possible. We are thankful for HASD's cooperation and we look forward to working with them on future author visits!





Living History Museum Exhibit

Last week, students in Mrs. Carper's 11th grade Honors American History class created a Living History Museum exhibit. Students dressed, acted, and presented "in character" as though they were historical figures from the 1920's. Pictured from left to right: Front-Maggie Knisely (Louis Armstrong), Lexis Cowher (Clyde Barrow), Middle- Olivia Locke (Bessie Smith), Hayley Jenkins (Marilyn Miller), Hannah Crilley (Bonnie Parker), Danae Weyant (Richard Loeb), Jazmin Kennedy (Nathan Leopold), Corryne Weyandt (Machine Gun Kelly), Siddiq Smouse (1920's Political Cartoonist/Reporter), Back- Jennica Hunter (Albert Einstein), Justinna Brown (Psychiatric patient), Canaan Burket (Jack Dempsey)."





Pictured are students Hunter Evans (STEM), Justina Brown (Community Service) and Emily Walter (Academic Excellence).

CKHS students Kyle Biesinger, Justinna Brown, Emily Claar, Hanna Crilly, Jaden Dilling, Hunter Evans, Karly Kriedler, Kyle Lightner, Evan Ritchey, Emily Walter, were reconized at the January school board meeting for being recent award winners in The Challenge Program, Inc.'s incentive program. Claysburg Kimmel is sponsored by Sheetz, Inc., and through the Challenge Program, Sheetz awarded \$2000.00 to students currently in grades 11 and 12 for their work inside the classroom and out last school year. Ten, \$200 awards were presented, one in each of the following categories: Attendance, STEM, Community Service, Academic Improvement, and Academic Excellence.





The Claysburg-Kimmel School District is pleased to announce that it was recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$10,000 through the Monsanto Fund's America's Farmers Grow Rural Education program. The Grow Rural Education program allows local farmers to nominate their local public school districts for grants to help enhance STEM education. Once nominated, school districts write and submit applications to compete for grants to help fund projects that enhance their STEM curriculum. Claysburg-Kimmel was nominated by residents Barry Barnes and John Burket, and the administration wrote the grant application to expand the Makerspace at the high school. With the award, Claysburg-Kimmel will be able to expand the Makerspace through course placement and flexible, individualized learning opportunities. It will add new, interactive technology to immerse students in a challenging and rigorous environment. The Claysburg-Kimmel School District wishes to thank Mr. Barnes and Mr. Burket for their nominations!



Students from Ms. Kruse's art classes participated in PennDOT District 9's Paint the Plow project for the second year in a row. The plow will be on display for the next several weeks at the District 9 garage in Hollidaysburg. High Schools and Career and Technical Schools from Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon, and Somerset Counties participated. Fan favorite voting will occur in the near future and voting information will be shared when it is received. Pictured from left to right are students Hayden Ickes, Alex Kulick, Siddiq Smouse, Allison Walter, and Addison Yingling



Mrs. Ferguson also completed a grant application through the Claysburg Education Foundation's Venture Grant initiative. The Foundation approved her application and awarded her \$557.70 for her proposal, Qballs made by PeeQ Technologies. Qballs are portable, throwable microphones. It is perfect for classroom discussion and audience engagement. These pictures are of grade 1 students using Qballs during an acrostic poem lesson.





11th Grade Students from the Claysburg Kimmel School District
visit the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC.



On March 29 eighth Grade students participated in a career fair at CKHS. Students heard several speakers discuss their careers. Below is a list of the speakers and the career they presented. Pictured above is Nichole Grove of DelGrosso's talking to the students.



Marissa Leslie - Exercise Science/Sports Management

Ian Leslie - Engineering

Cassidy Imler - Surgical Technology

Mandi Daugherty - Cosmetology

Kendra Diehl - Dental Hygiene

Kristi Musselman - Respiratory Therapist/Cardiology Tech

Jonathan Furry - HVAC

Dusty Mauk - Drafting/Design Technology

Monica Iachini - Business /Compliance

Amy Iafolla - Animal Science

Nichole Grove - Food Service/Hospitality & Tourism



Gifted Networking

On Friday, April 13th, students Maggie Knisely and Hayley Jenkins (Pictured L to R) participated in a Student Networking "Zoom" conference. The students had an opportunity to meet and discuss important issues relevant to their lives. The topic was Teen Dependency on Technology: How is Technology affecting our Lives? Participating districts included Claysburg-Kimmel, Westmont, Windber, Rockwood, Northern Cambria, Blacklick Valley, Ferndale, and Tussey Mountain.



Bulldog Patrol

At the April 11th board meeting, Claysburg-Kimmel Elementary's Bulldog Patrol was recognized. The ten members of the Bulldog Patrol monitor the hallways and common areas during morning transition and afternoon dismissal. They keep the halls safe and make sure students are getting to the appropriate classrooms. These students were placed on the Bulldog Patrol because they embody the strong, positive values that CKE emphasizes to our student body. They are also well respected by their peers and admired by our younger students. CKE is extremely proud of the Bulldog Patrol members. All ten of them have done a marvelous job of keeping our students safe!



2017-2018 Board Minutes

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The Claysburg-Kimmel School District Board of School Directors met in special session on Wednesday, July, 19, 2017, with Mr. Jeremy Knott, President, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM. The following members responded to roll call: Mrs. Cathy Barnes, Mr. Craig Burket, Mr. Jonathan Burkett, Dr. Mona Eckley, Mr. Roger Knisely, Mrs. Shelda Repko, Mrs. Heidi Kennedy, and Mr. Jeremy Knott. Also present were Mr. Brian Hess (Morrisons Cove Herald), Mrs. Patty Brumbaugh, Mrs. Jessi Long, Ms. Suzanne Wicker, Mrs. Jenny Campbell, Ms. Lorraina McMinn, Mr. Michael Hoenstine, Mr. Joe Kitt, Mr. Jeff Dugan, Mr. Stan Finnegan, Mr. Dale Hartman, Ms. Jen Fitzgerald, Mr. Matt Hall, Ms. Elizabeth Benjamin (Beard Legal Group), Dr. Norman Hatten, and Mrs. Michelle Smithmyer.

Mr. Ryan Brown (Altoona Mirror) entered the meeting at 6:54 pm.

Ms. McMinn addressed the Board; she read a statement regarding elementary school staffing.

Mr. Hoenstine addressed the Board; he spoke regarding elementary school staffing.

Mr. Dugan addressed the Board. He spoke regarding elementary school staffing, the superintendent search consultant, the new social worker, the solicitor, and the behavior of our students on the bus.

Mr. Knott responded.

Mr. Hartman asked if teachers will be involved in the process of hiring a new Superintendent.

Mr. Knott responded to Mr. Hartman's question.

Mr. Finnegan spoke in support of Ms. Boyd and requested a copy of her contract.

Discussion regarding the superintendent search process.

Motion by Repko, seconded by Barnes, to approve the hiring of PSBA as a Superintendent Search Consultant under option 1 of their proposal at a cost of \$1,500. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Mr. Knott will contact Karen Devine to begin the process.

Discussion regarding Elementary Classroom staffing for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Burkett, to adjourn from special session at 7:44 pm.

The Board met in executive session to discuss personnel items following the meeting.

Michelle R. Smithmyer

Board Secretary



Aug. 2017

The Claysburg-Kimmel School District Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, August 9, 2017, with Mr. Jeremy Knott, President, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM. The following members responded to roll call: Mrs. Cathy Barnes, Mr. Craig Burket, Mr. Jonathan Burkett, Dr. Mona Eckley, Mr. Rich Gergely, Mr. Roger Knisely, Mrs. Shelda Repko, Mrs. Heidi Kennedy, and Mr. Jeremy Knott. Also present were Mr. Brian Hess (Morrisons Cove Herald), Mr. Ryan Brown (Altoona Mirror), Ms. Rose Mauro, Mr. Rich Allison, Mr. Stan Finnegan, Ms. Julie Helsel, Ms. Stacey Claycomb, Ms. Katie Sander, Ms. Michele Crist, Ms. Geri Mock, Ms. Melissa Cleveland, Mr. Tim Cleveland, Mr. Zach Cleveland, Ms. Tessa Knisely, Mr. Carl Beard, Jr. (Beard Legal Group), Mr. Stephen Puskar, Dr. Norman Hatten, and Mrs. Michelle Smithmyer.

Mr. Knott noted that the Board met in Executive Session, earlier in the evening, for the purpose of discussing personnel items.

Mr. Finnegan addressed the Board. He spoke about Ms. Boyd's departure and the new Superintendent search.

Ms. Crist addressed the Board. She spoke about a lack of curriculum and planning and, also, lack of response from the Board.

Ms. Helsel addressed the Board. She spoke, as a representative of the Parents Group, regarding the Summer STEM and Arts program.

Ms. Knisely addressed the Board. She spoke favorably about the Elementary Summer Reading program, as well as the Summer STEM program.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Burkett, to approve the minutes for the June 14, July 19, and August 2, 2017, meetings. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mr. Gergely abstaining on the vote for the July 19th minutes and Mr. Knisely abstaining on the vote for the August 2nd minutes.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Knisely, to approve the additional bills for June, all bills for July, and regular bills for August. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Gergely, to approve the Treasurer's Report for June. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Repko, to accept the resignation of Kyle Nale from his position as an Assistant Football Coach. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Gergely, seconded by Burkett, to approve the transfer of Jim Clancy to the position of Varsity Assistant Football Coach (Step 4+ \$2,600). Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Gergely, to approve the appointment of Matt Bilchak to the position of 2nd Assistant Varsity Football Coach (Step 1 \$1,800). Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Eckley, to approve the appointment of Joe Kennedy to the position of 3rd Assistant Football Coach (Step 1 \$1,575). Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.



Sept. 2017

The Claysburg-Kimmel School District Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, with Mr. Jeremy Knott, President, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM. The following members responded to roll call: Mrs. Cathy Barnes, Mr. Craig Burket, Mr. Jonathan Burkett, Dr. Mona Eckley, Mr. Richard Gergely, Mr. Roger Knisely, Mrs. Shelda Repko, Mrs. Heidi Kennedy, and Mr. Jeremy Knott. Also present were Mr. Brian Hess (Morrisons Cove Herald), Mr. Richard Allison, Ms. Katie Smolen (Bedford Gazette), Ms. Michele Crist, Ms. Kelly Hinkledire, Mr. Ryan Brown (Altoona Mirror), Ms. Stacey Claycomb, Ms. Corryne Weyandt, Ms. Maggie Knisely, Ms. Emily Claar, Mr. Michael Baker, Ms. Olivia Locke, Ms. Rose Mauro, Mr. Brian Helsel, Ms. Courtney McCracken (Nutrition Group), Ms. Cheryl Baker, Ms. Angie Russell, Mr. Carl Beard, Jr. (Beard Legal Group), Mr. Stephen Puskar, Mr. Matt Hall, Dr. Norman Hatten, and Mrs. Michelle Smithmyer.

The Board recognized the students who participated in the Summer Reading Program at the Elementary School. Mr. Hall introduced Mrs. Russell. Mrs. Russell explained that the Summer Reading Program consisted of seven weeks of reading activities both at school and to be completed at home. A total of 34 students participated. Mrs. Russell has noticed an increase in reading ability among student who participated. Each participant will receive a certificate of congratulations, on behalf of the Board, at a presentation at the Elementary School on Thursday.

Mr. Puskar recognized the FBLA students who represented Claysburg-Kimmel School District at the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim that past summer. 13 students travelled to Nationals. Emily Claar, Corryne Weyandt, Maggie Knisely, Michael Baker, and Olivia Locke attended tonight's meeting. Emily Claar read a statement thanking the Board and Administration for their support of FBLA. She also thanked the local businesses, parents, and community members, and also Mr. Walter (FBLA Advisor), for their support of FBLA and their travel to the conference. Maggie Knisely also thanked the Board for their continued support of FBLA. Mr. Puskar congratulated the students.

Motion by Gergely, seconded by Burket to approve the minutes for the August 9, and September 6, 2017, meetings. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mrs. Barnes and Mr. Gergely abstaining on the vote for the September 6th minutes as they were absent from the meeting.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Barnes, to approve the additional bills for August and regular bills for September. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Burket, to approve the treasurer's report for August. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Gergely, seconded by Repko, to approve the Addendum to the Elementary Student-Parent Handbook. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Gergely, seconded by Knisely, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the CK Education Association. Motion passed by majority vote with Dr. Eckley voting against the motion.

Motion by Gergely, seconded by Kennedy, to approve the appointment of Joe Claar to supplement the Athletic Department as needed with athletic and medical support services on a temporary basis. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.



The Claysburg-Kimmel School District Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, with Mr. Jeremy Knott, President, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM. The following members responded to roll call: Mrs. Cully Barnes, Mr. Craig Burkett, Mr. Jonathan Burkett, Dr. Mona Eckley, Mr. Richard Gergely, Mr. Roger Knisely, Mrs. Sheila Repko, Mrs. Heidi Knausky, and Mr. Jeremy Knott. Also present were Mr. Brian Hess (Morrison Cove Herd), Mr. Richard Allison, Ms. Katie Sintolen (Bedford Gazette), Mr. Ryan Brown (Altoona Mirror), Ms. Stacey Claycomb, Mrs. Cathy Cox, Ms. Courtney McCracken (Nutrition Group), Mr. Carl Beard, Jr. (Board Legal Group), Mr. Matt Stombaugh, Mr. Stephen Puskur, Mr. Matt Hall, Dr. Norman Hatten, and Mrs. Michelle Smithmyer.

The Board recognized the student participants in Scholastic Scrimmage, and also student participants in Elementary Band and Chorus. Mr. Stombaugh thanked the Board for recognizing our Elementary Band and Chorus students, on behalf of himself and Mr. Leap. He also thanked the Board for supporting Arts in our schools and community. Mr. Hall will recognize the students during school tomorrow and award a Certificate of Appreciation to each student. Mr. Puskur explained that our Scholastic Scrimmage team competes with 13 school district in our Intermediate Unit and are having a successful competition season. Ms. Beers and Ms. Kimmel are co-advisors. Mr. Puskur will recognize the students during school tomorrow and award a Certificate of Appreciation to each student.

Ms. Claycomb addressed the Board. She spoke favorably about the music programs provided for our students in CKSD.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Gergely, to approve the minutes for the September 13, and October 4, 2017, meetings. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Barnes, to approve the additional bills for September and regular bills for October. Motion passed by majority vote, with Ms. Repko voting against the motion.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Knisely, to approve the Treasurer's Report for September. Motion passed by majority vote, with Ms. Repko voting against the motion.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Barnes, to accept the retirement of Dennis Ritchey (String) from his position as Custodian, effective October 31, 2017. Board members asked if Mr. Ritchey would be recognized for his years of service to the District. Mrs. Smithmyer responded that the Board typically recognized all retirees for the year during the June board meeting. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Gergely, seconded by Barnes, to approve the appointment of Ami Fether to the position of Classroom Aide for 2 hours per day at a beginning rate of \$9.00/hour. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Gergely, seconded by Repko, to approve the second reading of the following policies: 801 - Public Records; 113 - Special Education; 113.1 - Discipline of Students with Disabilities; 113.2 - Behavior Support; 200 - Enrollment in District; Policy Attachment 216.1 - Confidentiality of Records for Exceptional Students; Policy Attachment 216.2 - Student

The Claysburg-Kimmel School District Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, October 23, 2017, with Mr. Jeremy Knott, President, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM. The following members responded to roll call: Mrs. Cully Barnes, Mr. Craig Burkett, Mr. Jonathan Burkett, Dr. Mona Eckley, Mr. Rich Gergely, Mr. Roger Knisely, Mrs. Sheila Repko, Mrs. Heidi Kennedy, and Mr. Jeremy Knott. Also present were Mr. Stan Finnegan, Mr. Darren McLaurin, Mr. Joe Claar, Ms. Katie Smolen (Bedford Gazette), Mr. Carl Beard, Jr., Dr. Norman Hatten, and Mrs. Michelle Smithmyer.

Mr. Knott acknowledged that the Board met in Executive Session prior to the official meeting, for the purpose of discussing personnel items.

Motion by Gergely, seconded by Repko, to appoint Darren McLaurin as Superintendent of Schools for a 3 year 6 month term commencing December 22, 2017, and continuing June 30, 2021, pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the parties. In the event Mr. McLaurin would receive an earlier release date than December 21, 2017, his start date would be accordingly adjusted to permit an earlier start date with Claysburg-Kimmel School District. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mr. Burkett and Mr. Burkett voting negative.

Mr. Beard and Dr. Hatten congratulated Mr. McLaurin and welcomed him to CK. Mr. McLaurin thanked the Board for the opportunity.

Mr. Knott thanked the district staff, students, and community members of CK for their help and support during the last few months. He noted the Board is looking forward to working with Mr. McLaurin.

Motion by Gergely, seconded by Repko, to adjourn at 7:10 pm.

Michelle R. Smithmyer

Board Secretary



Nov. 2017

The Claysburg-Kimmel School District Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, with Mr. Jeremy Knott, President, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. The following members responded to roll call: Mrs. Cathy Barnes, Mr. Craig Burket, Mr. Jonathan Burkett, Dr. Mona Eckley, Mr. Richard Gergely, Mr. Roger Kuisely, Mrs. Shelda Repko, Mrs. Heidi Kennedy, and Mr. Jeremy Knott. Also present were Mr. Brian Hess (Morrisons Cove Herald), Mr. Richard Allison, Ms. Katie Smolen (Bedford Gazette), Mr. Ryan Brown (Altoona Mirror), Mr. Jim Brown, Mr. Michael McCarty, Ms. Tonya Gergely, Ms. Karen Dugan, Mr. Jeff Dibert, Ms. Dawn Dibert, Mr. Matt Mock, Ms. Paige Deremer, Mr. Michael Deremer, Mr. Owen Deremer, Ms. Amy Gill, Ms. Melinda McDonald, Ms. Geri Mock, Ms. Stefanie Patterson, Ms. Delaney Patterson, Ms. McKenna Patterson, Mr. Noah Schwarz, Mr. Tanner Hunt, Mr. Rex Whetstone, Mr. Corryne Weyandt, Mr. Ty Hagen, Ms. Courtney Deremer, Mr. Logan Mock, Ms. Brielle Gergely, Ms. Rebekah Claar, Ms. Sarah Hypes, Ms. Dakota Wilbur, Ms. Ava Dibert, Ms. Makenzie Ebersole, Ms. Haydyn Lamborn, Mr. Kristy Lamborn, Mr. Lane Burket, Ms. Jamie Lingenfelter, Ms. Natalee Hunt, Mr. Coby Hunt, Ms. Cassidy Lingenfelter, Ms. Angella Wilbur, Mr. Deegan Feather, Mr. Treytham Bekaert, Ms. Sheri Hypes, Ms. Stacey Claycomb, Ms. Michele Crist, Mr. Brian Helsel, Ms. Courtney McCracken, Ms. Stefania Ritchey, Mr. Matt Hall, Mr. Steve Puskar, Mr. Carl Beard (Beard Legal Group), Dr. Norman Hatten, and Mrs. Michelle Smithmyer.

The Board recognized the Junior High ICC Championship Volleyball Team. Mr. Whetstone thanked the Board for beginning Jr. High Volleyball three years ago. He congratulated the team for their 19-0 season. He thanked Karen Dugan (Assistant Coach) and Brian Helsel (Athletic Director) for all of their help and support. The Junior High Volleyball Team includes: Alexis Benton, Meleka Brey, Harleigh Cavender, Devan Chrisawn, Rebekah Claar, Ally Dicken, Janea Dodson, Gracie Eichler, Keyaira Feathers, Madison Frye, Bailey Garver, Brielle Gergely, Layla Helsel, Sarah Helsel, Arissa Hinish, Natalee Hunt, Brittany Inler, Michele Inler, Cameron Lingenfelter, Kendra Lockard, Logan Mock, Delaney Patterson, McKenna Patterson, Haileigh Reed, Kassidi Rininger, Emma Ritchey, Jaden Rowe, and Zoie Weyant.

The Board recognized the Captains of the Varsity Football and the Varsity Volleyball Teams. Mr. Puskar congratulated our Team leaders and noted they represent CK well. Justina Brown, Emily Claar, and Corryne Weyandt are the Varsity Volleyball Captains. Lane Burket, Dalton Corle, Owen Deremer, Deegan Feather, Ty Hagen, Tanner Hunt, and Noah Schwarz are the Varsity Football Captains.

Mr. Hall recognized 5th grade students who participated in the Drug Free Calendar Contest. The nine posters receiving the most votes will be sent on to participate in the state-wide contest. Mr. Hall recognized Lane Black, Ryleigh Lehman, Makenzie Ebersole, Kadie Claycomb, Dakota Wilbur, Sarah Hypes, Ava Dibert, Haydyn Lamborn, and Jayme Acker.

The Board acknowledged Mr. Mic McCarty and his wife, Cindy, for their donation of a telescope and shed for the District. Mr. Hall also thanked Mr. McCarty for the generous donation of his time to set up and train our staff to use the telescope. This will be a wonderful addition for our students.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Burkett, to approve the minutes for the October 11, October 23, and November 1, 2017, meetings. Motion passed by majority vote with Mr. Gergely abstaining from the vote for November 1st, as he was absent from that meeting.



Dec. 2017

The Claysburg-Kimmel School District Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, December 6, 2017, with Mr. Richard Gergely, Vice-President, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. The following members responded to roll call: Mrs. Cathy Barnes, Mr. Craig Burket, Mr. Jonathan Burkett, Dr. Mona Eckley, Mr. Richard Gergely, Mr. Roger Knisely, Mrs. Shelda Repko, and Mrs. Heidi Kennedy. Also present were Mr. Brian Hess (Morrison's Cove Herald), Mr. Richard Allison, Ms. Elizabeth Coyle (Bedford Gazette), Geri Mock, Ms. Amy Gill, Mr. Matthew Gill, Mr. Matt Mock, Ms. Michele Crist, Ms. Rose Mauro, Mr. Jeremy Knott, Mr. Brian Helsel, Mr. Darren McLaurin, Ms. Elizabeth Benjamin (Beard Legal Group), and Mrs. Michelle Smithmyer.

Ms. Crist addressed the Board; she is a member of the local Parent Group. She requested a meeting with the new Superintendent and the new Board President in January.

Motion by Knisely, seconded by Eckley, to appoint Mr. Gergely as Temporary Chairperson. Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Repko to close nominations and appoint Mr. Gergely as Temporary Chairperson. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Mr. Gergely administered the Oath of Office for Mr. Craig Burket, Dr. Mona Eckley, Mrs. Cathy Barnes, Mrs. Heidi Kennedy, and Mrs. Geri Mock.

Mr. Gergely called for nominations for President. Motion by Burkett, seconded by Barnes, to nominate Mr. Burket for President. Motion by Knisely, seconded by Eckley, to nominate Gergely for President. Motion by Burkett, seconded by Repko, to close nominations for President.

Voice vote for President. Eckley, Gergely, Knisely, Repko, Kennedy, Mock voted for Gergely. Barnes, Burket, Burkett voted for Burket. Vote was 6 for Gergely, 3 for Burket. Board congratulated Mr. Gergely.

Mr. Gergely called for nominations for Vice-President. Motion by Eckley, seconded by Knisely, to nominate Ms. Repko for Vice-President. Motion by Burkett, seconded by Barnes, to nominate Mr. Burket for Vice-President. Motion by Burkett, seconded by Burket, to close nominations for Vice-President.

Voice vote for Vice-President. Eckley, Gergely, Knisely, Repko, Kennedy, Mock for Repko. Barnes, Burket, Burkett for Burket. Vote was 6 for Repko, 3 for Burket. Board congratulated Ms. Repko.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Knisely, to go into Executive Session at 7:25 pm, for the purpose of discussing personnel items.

Board returned to regular session at 8:02 pm.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Burkett, to approve the minutes for the November 8, 2017 meeting. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.



The Claysburg-Kimmel School District Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, with Mr. Rich Gergely, President, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:59 PM. The following members responded to roll call: Mrs. Cathy Barnes, Mr. Craig Burket, Dr. Mona Eckley, Mrs. Geri Mock, Mr. Roger Knisely, Mrs. Shelda Repko, Mrs. Heidi Kennedy, and Mr. Rich Gergely. Also present were Mr. Brian Hess (Morrisons Cove Herald), Mr. Richard Allison, Ms. Katie Smolen (Bedford Gazette), Ms. Shen Wu Tan (Altoona Mirror), Ms. Rose Mauro, Ms. Melinda McDonald, Ms. Amy Gill, Ms. Tessa Knisely, Mr. Tom Rungler, Ms. Michele Crist, Ms. Tara Woolridge, Mr. Jonathan Burkett, Ms. Courtney McCracken (Nutrition, Inc.), Ms. Hunter Evans, Ms. Justina Brown, Ms. Emily Walter, Mr. Matt Hall, Mr. Steve Puskar, Ms. Elizabeth Benjamin (Beard Legal Group), Mr. Darren McLaurin, and Mrs. Michelle Smithmyer.

Mr. Gergely thanked the guests in attendance.

Mr. Gergely thanked the Claysburg Education Foundation and Parents Group for hosting the "Meet & Greet" for Mr. McLaurin, and also for providing refreshments.

The Board recognized the elementary students who participated in the St. Francis Watershed Program in December. Mr. Hall introduced Ms. Woolridge, one of the STEM After School Program advisors. Ms. Woolridge explained that 43 students typically participate in the STEM After School Program each week. CK students competed against other schools at the St. Francis program and won 4 ribbons at the competition.

Mr. Allison, on behalf of the Claysburg Education Foundation, presented the STEM ASP Advisors with gift cards in thanks for their support of the After School Program.

The Board recognized the secondary students who were winners in our Challenge Program. Mr. Puskar explained that the Challenge Program partners school district with a local business partner who supports our students in various ways; CK's corporate sponsor in Sheetz. Sheetz provide financial support in the form of awards for our students and also provide support for our students in the form of programs in support of job related skills. Mr. Puskar explained that Maria Knisely interned at Corle Business through this program last year. Challenge Program Award Winners in attendance were Hunter Evans, Justina Brown, and Emily Walter.

Ms. Shen Wu Tan introduced herself as the new reporter for the Altoona Mirror.

Mr. Gergely reported that the Board received 3 letters of interest from Kimmel Township residents interested in filing the board seat that was vacated when Mr. Burkett resigned his seat effective January 1st. He thanked all of the candidates for their interest. The board voted as follows: Mandi Daugherty (Barnes, Knisely, Kennedy, Gergely, Amy Gill (Eckley, Mock, Repko); Jeff Dugan (Burket). Mandi Daugherty was selected for the position with 4 votes.

Motion by Eckley, seconded by Knisely, to approve the minutes for the December 6, 2017, and January 3, 2018 meetings. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Barnes, to approve the additional bills for November, all bills for December, and regular bills for January. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.



The Claysburg-Kimmel School District Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, February 14, 2018, with Mr. Rich Gergely, President, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 8:20 PM. The following members responded to roll call: Mrs. Cathy Barnes, Mr. Craig Burket, Dr. Mona Eckley, Mrs. Geri Mock, Mr. Roger Knisely, Mrs. Shelda Repko, Mrs. Mandi Daugherty, and Mr. Rich Gergely. Also present were Mr. Richard Allison, Ms. Katie Smolen (Bedford Gazette), Ms. Shen Wu Tan (Altoona Mirror), Ms. Courtney McCracken (Nutrition, Inc.), Mr. Nicholas Krampen, Mr. Tom Ringler, Ms. Christine Leslie, Mr. Ted Colledge, Mr. Brian Helzel, Mr. Matt Hall, Mr. Steve Puskar, Mr. Carl D. Beard (Beard Legal Group), Mr. Darren McLaurin, and Mrs. Michelle Smithmyer.

Mr. Gergely thanked the guests in attendance.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Barnes, to approve the minutes for the January 10, 2018, meeting. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Knisely, to approve the additional bills for January and regular bills for February. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Mock, to approve the Treasurer's Report for November – January. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Mr. McLaurin recommended that the Board consider approving the agenda in whole, as it was reviewed thoroughly in the Work Session.

Motion by Repko, seconded by Eckley, to approve the entire agenda, items J-1 through J-4. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Mr. Burket discussed a PSBA's proposed Resolution Opposing ESA Voucher Programs. Motion by Repko, seconded by Burket to adopt the Resolution Opposing the ESA Voucher Program. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Mrs. Repko noted that Dr. Miller will retire as Director of the GACTC at the end of the school year.

Mr. Puskar gave his Secondary Principal's report (attached).

Mr. Hall gave his Elementary Principal's report (attached).

Mr. Hall gave his Title I Coordinator report (attached).

Mr. McLaurin reported that Administrators will have their first Tri-State Study Council meeting on February 15th. He presented a one page handout regarding Chain of Command and Parent-Coach Relationships. This will be included in the Coach's Handbook and communicated to parents and student athletes. Mr. McLaurin noted that he plans to continue to improve/increase communication across the District.

Under Old Business, Mr. Burket asked if there had been follow up regarding the auditorium seating and sound system. Administration reported their findings.



March 2018

The Claysburg-Kimmel School District Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, March 14, 2018, with Mr. Rich Gergely, President, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:17 PM. The following members responded to roll call: Mrs. Cathy Barnes, Mr. Craig Burket, Dr. Mona Eckley, Mrs. Geri Mock, Mr. Roger Knisely, Mrs. Shelda Repko, Mrs. Mandi Daugherty, Mrs. Heidi Kennedy, and Mr. Rich Gergely. Also present were Mr. Richard Allison, Ms. Katie Smolen (Bedford Gazette), Ms. Shen Wu Tan (Altoona Mirror), Ms. Courtney McCracken (Nutrition, Inc.), Mr. Brian Hess (Morrison's Cove Herald), Ms. Juliana Helsel, Ms. Zoie Weyant, Ms. Sarah Helsel, Ms. Kassidi Rininger, Ms. Bailey Garver, Ms. Kaylee Haney, Ms. Rebekah Claar, Ms. Emma Ritchey, Ms. Jessen Poulos, Ms. Abby Gonsman, Mr. Dylan Larson, Mrs. Barbara Garver, Ms. Kayla Musselman, Ms. Jess Veverka, Ms. Kara Garver, Ms. Denitia Weyant, Ms. Kadin Hileman, Mr. Donald Ritchey, Mrs. Stefanie Ritchey, Ms. Crystal Larson, Ms. Brianne Haney, Ms. Christina Claar, Ms. Shirley Musselman, Ms. Kristi Musselman, Ms. Lisa Iachini, Mr. Brian Helsel, Mr. Matt Hall, Mr. Steve Puskar, Ms. Elizabeth Benjamin (Beard Legal Group), Mr. Darren McLaurin, and Mrs. Michelle Smithmyer.

Mr. Gergely thanked the guests in attendance.

Mr. Gergely noted that the Board met in Executive Session immediately before the meeting, for the purpose of discussing personnel items.

The Board recognized the Junior High Girls' Basketball team, ICC Champions. Mr. Helsel explained that the team defeated Everett to win the Championship. Each team member was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation.

The Board also recognized elementary students who demonstrated the Character Trait of Caring. Mr. Hall explained that each homeroom teacher selects a student monthly who demonstrates the character trait of the month. The goal of the Character Trait program is to instill kindness and caring in our students.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Eckley, to approve the minutes for the February 14, 2018 meeting. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mrs. Kennedy abstaining as she was absent from the meeting.

Motion by Knisely, seconded by Burket, to approve the additional bills for February and regular bills for March. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Barnes, to approve the treasurer's report for February. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Repko, to approve the following recommendations:

- revision to the 2017-2018 Calendar, April 29th will be an early dismissal day for students, teachers will participate in professional development training
- Acknowledge and authorize the transfer (take back) of the autism support class front eh Appalachia Intermediate Unit 08 for the upcoming 2018-2019 school term and to notify Appalachia IU08 of said action, with said action being made effective retroactively to February 14, 2018. The teacher affected is Margaret Link. This



2018-2019 GOALS

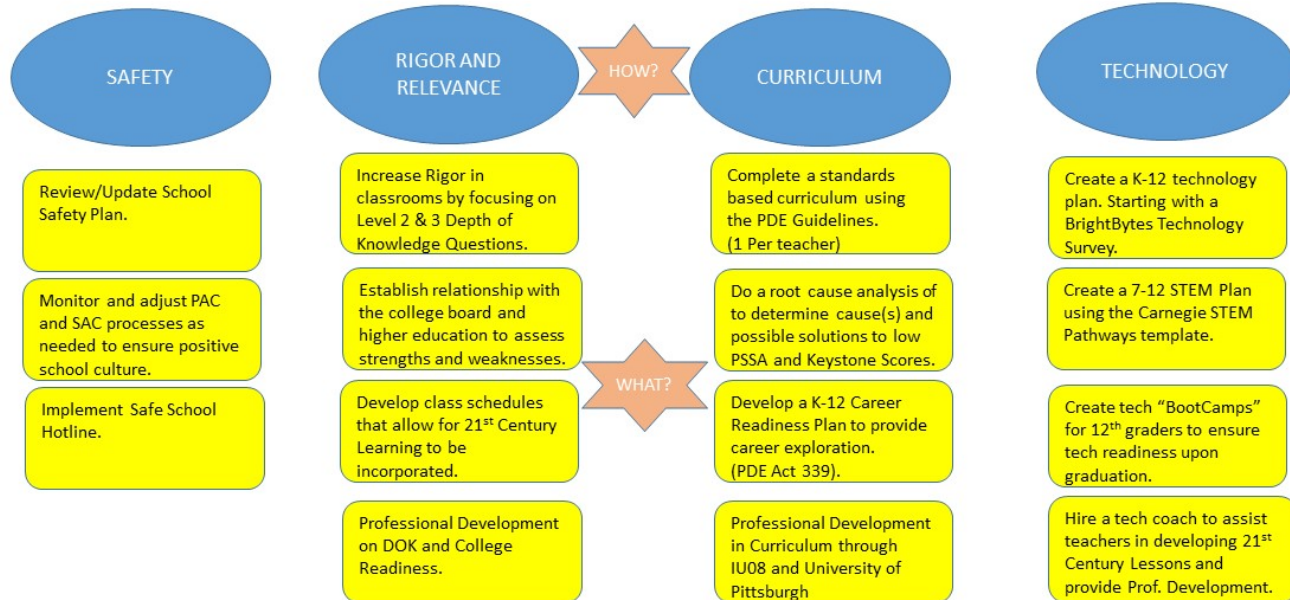




2018-2019 District Goals



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