

CEO Report

Educating the Next Generation



The best way to get up the road is to have a vehicle you can trust.

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Current Business Activity (4/21 – 5/19)

As we approach the end of the fourth quarter (June 15), the three weeks since our last board meeting were dominated by the PSSA. The outcome of the PSSA testing across the State is expected to underscore the fact that PA students are still recovering academically, socially, and emotionally from the effects of the Pandemic. How these scores will affect Rise from a renewal standpoint has yet to be determined.

The most important thing we can do academically at this point is to use the COVID relief funds to address pandemic-related challenges at our school. We are working to hire experienced professionals to address student behavior, put together an academic team capable of delivering high-quality instruction, and bridge any gaps we may have from a technology standpoint.

We are also focusing on enrollment for the upcoming school year. And are employing multiple strategies to attract a diverse group of students at Rise to add to the learning experience of our students. Studies have shown “diversity in education, leads to improved intellectual engagement, self-motivation, citizenship, and cultural engagement, and academic skills like critical thinking, problem-solving, and writing” for all students.

Community partnerships are expected to further enrich the experience of our students. As they are exposed to real-life opportunities and careers that add real-life value to subjects they are studying at Rise.

Requests for Approval

1. 2022-23 School Calendar
2. BP 251
3. ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan (see the Mask Policy below for the CDC recommended changes). The plan needs to be signed by the Board Chair.
4. Proposed 2022-23 Staffing List
5. Proposed 2022-23 Organization Chart
6. Updated Mask Policy

Board Information

1. Homeless Grant

Educational Director's Report May 2022

PSSA Testing

We have completed PSSA testing. Grades 3-8 took the PSSA math and ELA and grades 4 and 8 took PSSA science. We appreciate the hard work completed by testing coordinator Mr. Niccolleta and Title 1 teachers Mrs. Musser, Ms. Norgard, and Ms. Dilliard in training our staff in testing procedures and state regulations and organizing the testing process. Their leadership, our staff's hard work, and our scholars' adherence to procedures resulted in 97% of Erie Rise test-eligible students participating in the testing process.

School Improvement Plan

We will be developing a comprehensive school improvement plan (SIP) to present at the June board meeting. This plan will include data to support areas of need, action steps, and strategic processes to support our school's mission. The process will involve our administration and staff as the academic leadership team at the school will collaborate with administration to develop the plan as a team. Points of emphasis will include but not limited to: technology plan, professional development for system for staff, a commitment to differentiated instruction and project-based learning, expanding our collaborative learning teams, social emotional learning, and school discipline. Our SIP will build off of the foundation we have worked to establish during the spring semester in these areas, develop a new technology plan, enhance our commitment to standards-based, customized learning, and providing real-world learning experiences in our classrooms that offer relevance and rigor as well as avenues for community partnerships.

Teacher Recruitment

We have been attending college job fairs and have initiated communications with historically Black colleges and universities and have begin interviewing potential candidates to fill anticipated vacancies on our team. We have also initiated a relationship with Teachers Placement Group (TPG), an organization devoted to helping to find the right instructional fit for well-trained and highly qualified teachers from all over the world.

April 21, 2022

Human Resources/Compliance Report

Human Resources is currently reviewing candidates to fill needed openings and will pass on that information when available.

The following information is attached to this report for the Board's review:

1. Proposed Organizational Chart
2. 2022-23 Staffing List
3. Proposal Mercyhurst Contract

Updates

1. The school's time clock has been programmed and installed. Training and use of the clock will begin on the week of 5-16-2022.
2. Schoolwide CPI training was completed on 5-6-2022. A list of Staff who completed the training, and refresher class, for Staff who took the course in the fall is attached to this report.
3. The health report from the Nurse's office is attached. The school's updated mask policy is included based on CDC guidelines.

Human Resources is seeking to fill the following position:

1. Jeanne Kraus – 1099 Substitute teacher Level II, 1G, the remainder of the year.
2. Montana Smith – Bus Monitor replacement.
3. Robert Garner – Bus Driver 1099
4. Erick Green – Security

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May 19, 2022

Special Programs/Activities:

- The RFO is soliciting support from community agencies, organizations to support the Erie Rise store by making donations to recognize and acknowledge positive behavior among Erie Rise Students. Received a \$ 50.00 donation from Christ Temple Church of Erie and \$ 50.00 from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
- Working with the Erie Rise Social Services Department to provide clothing support, food and toiletries for Transitional, Homeless Students and other students of need.
- **Erie Rise hosted our 2nd Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, in the Rise gym.**
- Attended CDC/Childhood Development Center Parent Council meeting on April 6th April 25th, April 27th and April 28th to present the kindergarten enrollment process for Erie Rise.
- Finalized the application process to use the Erie Blasco Library Hirt Auditorium for our 8th Grade Graduation on Friday, June 17, 2022.
- Spoke with Shane Donaldson at the Blasco Library concerning Rise Students taking a tour of the facility. He informed that they have postponed guided tours at the library until the fall..
- The Rise RFO will be selling Waldameer tickets. Tickets will be available beginning May 16, 2022 for a price of \$27.00.
- Three former Erie Rise students applied for the Erie Rise Alumni Scholarships. The scholarship award program is scheduled for Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Erie County Blasco Library Hirt Auditorium.

Upcoming Events/Take Charge

- Waldameer tickets are available for sale. If interested see Mrs. Morales in the school office.
- Collecting Box Tops for Education to be redeemed for financial support to the RFO. Encouraging families, teachers, board members and administrators to submit Box Tops to the Rise Office.
- Working with Administration and the Middle School Teachers to finalize 8th grade graduation plans.
- The Erie Rise Alumni Scholarships (2) \$ 1,000.00 are scheduled to be presented on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

	Erie Rise-Rise Family Organization Treasurer's Report				5/19/2022	
	Savings Account					
Beginning Balance					\$2,540.76	
4/30/2022	Dividend		\$0.02			
Ending Balance					\$2,540.97	
5/19/2022						
	Erie-Rise Family Organiation Treasurer's Report					
	Checking Account					
Adjusted Beginning Balance					\$1,411.00	
4/21/2022						
Funds Received:					\$406.85	
Deposit (RFO Reimbursement)			\$306.85			
Deposit (Christ Temple Church Donation)			\$50.00			
Deposit (Omega Psi Phi Frat., Inc.)			\$50.00			
Expenses:						
Ending Balance					\$1,817.85	
5/19/2022						