

Board Report for OUUSD from River Bend December 23, 2020

Five Sending Schools Happenings: All five of the Sending Schools continue to communicate on a daily basis. Some schools are completely remote where some are doing some in person education. River Bend is continuing with its' hybrid schedule and so far, all five schools have supported this hybrid schedule.

Staff: Given the difficulties of teachers trying to completely redesign their lesson plans to incorporate remote learning, it is amazing all the education taking place. Teachers have brought in new online CTE programs that can be accessed remotely, sent more students out into the local business community and are sending home supplies and materials for students to engage in hands on project based learning at home.

GEER Funds: River Bend has been supported with an additional \$165,000 to help support remote learning during this Covid Crisis. The majority of expanded remote learning described above will be financially supported by this grant.

Some of the Student Activities/Learning:

The Culinary Program is just finishing up a Cake unit and there were ample amounts of cake readily available at the Center. (I just had one small piece and it was delicious but please don't tell my wife...)

Woodworking students are working on projects including a corn hole game, gun rack, chair, shoe rack, book shelves, picnic tables, keepsake boxes, refurbishing and refinishing an old cherry/oak table, and refinishing an old lobster trap.

Cosmo 1 is learning hair cutting and some did their very first haircut on a mannequin. Along with how to properly hold their scissors/ ergonomics, learning professionalism and communication skills for client based services. Cosmo 2 is learning color theory, formulating color and trending coloring techniques!

21st Century Media just finished their first fake news lesson and also did a lesson on storyboarding to wrap up our realistic character study unit.

Diversified Agriculture and Natural Resources Program is focusing on Northern Hardwood and Boreal forest tree identification. As well as flora and fauna, tracking and wood milling.

Health Science Juniors are interviewing Dr. Melanie Lawrence via zoom when we come back from break as part of their education and career goals.

Each health science senior is interviewing their own health professional via zoom. They are recording their interview and presenting it to the rest of the class. This will help them gain advice and knowledge from industry professionals about their career pathway.

Strategic Plan: Attached you will find a copy of the Minutes from the last RAB meeting as well as a finalized copy of the River Bend five-year Strategic Plan. From the RAB minutes you will see the RAB voted to approve the Strategic Plan and forward it for the OUUSD final approval. This Strategic Plan took over a year to design and had input from: The SREB, the Up For Learning Organization, Parents, Students, RAB, Staff, AOE Vt. And Local Businesses. River Bend wants to especially thank RAB member from the OUUSD Board Timm Judas for putting in extra time to help craft and organize the final language. Thank you to everyone involved and I believe this Strategic Plan is very authentic and will serve our community and students well.