



**Executive Director's Report
August 22, 2019**

Historical Data re Enrollment

- We ended the 2014 - 2015 school year with 81 students.
- We ended the 2015 - 2016 school year with 120 students.
- We ended the 2016 – 2017 school year with 164 students.
- We ended the 2017 - 2018 year with 193 students.
- We ended the 2018 - 2019 year with 212 students.

2019 - 2020 Enrollment as of											
Grade	Wait List as of 8/21	8/21									
PK	148	10									
TK	3	7									
K	15	52									
1 st	44	49									
2 nd	26	46									
3 rd	2	36									
4 th	41	24									
5 th	24	22									
6 th	9	17									
Total	312	263									

***We will receive funding for about 8 or 9 of our 10 PK students.**

Academic Update

- We will begin our initial assessments in September (NWEA, Evaluate, running records, etc).
- Let me know if there are any questions related to the academic data packet I shared during the June meeting or the MAP data shared at the July meeting.

General Updates

- I collaborated with Harlan Brownlee, a local dancer and Kennedy Center trained teaching artist to submit a grant to the Missouri Arts Council to provide funding for Harlan Brownlee to collaborate with our teachers in integrating dance into the core content areas.
- The AFIA leadership team has spent significant time collaborating with First Student and Genesis to improve our bus service. We are continuing to problem solve challenges to improve service. Transportation is a city-wide challenge and will take a collective effort to solve.
- Back to school professional development was a success. Programming included team building, orientation to AFIA's systems and procedures, curriculum work, two days of training with the Paideia Center (funded by the Kauffman Individual School grant) and a visit to the 30 Americans exhibit at the Nelson Atkins.
- We were selected as one of the Pilot School Partners by Lean Lab. Andrea Davis will be the end user and collaborate with Makers Empire as well as a local researcher in this pilot study. Makers Empire's mission is to help our children become creators, innovators and problem solvers by developing their design thinking skills using 3D design and printing. Makers Empire will supply the 3D printer and supplies and support Andrea Davis in implementation. The potential research questions are:
 - How can we improve students' spatial reasoning skills through 3D design?
 - How can Design Thinking increase student self-efficacy and resilience?

- Kent Peterson visited AFIA and talked with Lynne and Tricia about ideas for Board Training and other ideas related to Board Governance.
- The students are enjoying the new playground equipment. It was installed today.
- UMKC Partnership Updates:
 - Two UMKC courses are being held at AFIA:
 - Early Childhood Literacy Course
 - Elementary Curriculum and Instruction Course
 - Three UMKC student teachers have been placed at AFIA

Important Upcoming Dates:

August 30, 2019: PD Day

September 20, 2019: Picnic on the Playground