**Mission & Principal’s Vision**

**Mission**

In partnership with our community, Catawba Trail Elementary prepares all students for success by providing meaningful, challenging, and engaging learning experiences.

**Principal’s Vision**

As we embrace the most important work we’ll ever do, our eyes look to the future. Our world is shrinking and our children know this best of any of us.

Technology creates a learning environment with no boundaries. Essential skills focus on thinking...Thinking creatively, thinking critically...sustaining thinking over time and through challenges. We work towards a world in which we ask, “In what ways might we...?”

Many minds are stronger than the individual viewpoint and collaboration and communication are embedded in the engaging work our children do every day. Our diversity is our strength and results in a more thoughtful and flexible learning environment.

No longer is there just one right answer or one right way to design an elegant solution to our real world problem. We celebrate our children, our future, and we dedicate Catawba Trail to their education, their dreams, their aspirations, and their present and future success.

**Leadership**

**School Improvement Council**

Any Martin—Chairperson
Stephen Davis—Co-Chairperson
Pamela McGill—Secretary
Dr. Brandon Johnson—Community Representative
Wanda Price—Teacher
Ashlyn Seawell—Parent/Teacher
Ashly Haigh—Parent/Teacher
Shelby Culp—Staff Employee
Denise Barth—Ex-Officio
Dan Reyes—Ex-Officio

**Parent Teacher Organization**

Kia Brown—President
Meagan Hare—Treasurer
Traci Adams—Secretary
Carrie Hill—Teacher Representative
Denise Barth—Ex-Officio
Tia Stewart—Ex-Officio

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School Goals

LEARNING and ACHIEVEMENT

- Increase student achievement and accomplishments through standard and creative assessment tools
- Accomplishments through other measures:
  * 100% of 2nd-5th graders involved in clubs
  * Fifth-grade students achieved 95% First Choice acceptance in to district magnet programs

SC-Ready and SC-PASS Results

- 53% of students tested met State Standard in ELA
- 58% of students tested met State Standard in Math
- 70% of students tested met State Standard in Science
- 80% of students tested met State Standard in Social Studies

CHARACTER and JOY

- Create a positive school climate with evidence of student ownership and pride
  * Developing student leaders as evidenced by students conducting presentations, visitor’s sessions, School Board meetings, Early Act, etc.
  * Offering over 18 different clubs and activities: During the school day every Monday, thereby allowing every child to participate, develop, and enjoy
  * First Tee Program: School-wide Character Education
- Fostering and Cultivating Student Leadership and Creativity
  * Implementing yearly student art project where every child participates
  * Developing presentation and public speaking skills, group dynamic skills, teamwork, communication skills and performance techniques through Steel Pans and in each grade level as a result of a Musical Show
  * School-wide Awards Day celebrating students
  * Fifth Grade Recognition Ceremony honoring many students
  * Extended day offerings via private services: Dance, Soccer, Karate, Cheerleading, etc.

Student & Teacher Information

- 617 Students
- PreK-5th Grades
- 41% African-American
- 30% White
- 19% Hispanic
- 2% Asian
- 8% Two or more races and other
- 21% Military Family Members
- 49 Certified Teachers
- 11 National Board Certified

School Goals

TALENT

- Continue developing quality teachers and administrators
  * 100% of our teachers have earned the certification of Highly Qualified
  * 55% of our teachers earned advanced degrees
  * Partnership with the Buck Institute for professional development for Project Based Learning
  * In-School professional development three times per year
  * Induction Teacher Mentor Program
  * Monthly Technology professional development with board certified Technology Learning Coach
  * Professional conferences for teachers
  * Technology Capital
    - Technology infused classrooms
    - Drones for classroom usage
    - 1TWO1 Computing Grades 3-5
    - Laptop class sets for grades K-2
    - SmartBoards and hover cams in every classroom
    - Class sets of FlipCams, Nooks, MacBooks, and Samsung cameras and Go-Pro cameras

COMMUNITY, CULTURE and ENVIRONMENT

- Create a community environment to support student success
  * PTO evidences strong participation & commitment
  * SIC evidences strong participation & commitment
  * Volunteers contribute in excess of 5,000 hours
  * Offer Family Connections: Skate Nights, Father-Daughter Dance, Mother-Son Movie Night, Fall Stampede, Family Literacy Night, etc.
  * Provide Terra Recycle participation
  * Offer Military Connections: Hugs for Heroes, Fort Jackson Lunch & Learn, Camo Care Packages
  * Career Day
  * Field Studies provided a minimum of four (4) times per grade level per year