

Community Relations and Student Life Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors, June 4, 2012

The Community Relations and Student Life (CRSL) Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors met on Monday, June 4, 2012 in the Superintendent's Conference Room.

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. Present were committee chair Beth Suchsland; committee members Leslie Finegold, Christina Frangiosa, and Bernie Brady; Board President Alan Tabachnick; Superintendent Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer; Director of Pupil Services and Special Education Karen Berk; Plymouth Whitemarsh High School (PWHS) Activities Coordinator Charles Forster; Board Student Representatives Cindy Ly, Tom Elvins and Brett Paul; Community Relations Coordinator/School Board Secretary David M. Sherman; AJ Clegg; Tom Davis and Linda Doll.

There was no public comment on the agenda.

Mrs. Berk, Mr. Forster and Ms. Clegg provided background and reviewed information on a an action plan for concussions as required by PA-Senate Bill 200, the Safety in You Sports Act. Discussed were plans to communicate with coaches and parents, and the need for base line concussion testing. Students will not be allowed to participate without a baseline test. Guidelines and protocols for treatment of concussions before a return to action were also discussed. The committee was informed that Colonial addresses approximately 30 concussion cases per year.

Members expressed a desire to promote, as much as possible, the fact that PWHS was named to the Newsweek list of the nation's top high schools.

Members were informed the administration would like to replace the usual principal presentations at Board meetings with more topic-centered programs. All principals will have an opportunity to participate during the year.

The committee was informed that Ms. Newell and Mr. Quinn, of CITV, were busy preparing for the evening's PWHS Senior Awards Ceremony and a full week of graduation, recognition, and promotion ceremonies.

Members were provided an update on the District's relationship with the Colonial Foundation for Educational Innovation. It was noted that the Foundation has agreed to change its name to the Colonial School District Education Foundation and allow the District to conduct an annual fund drive in support of value-added programs. A verbal summary of the annual fund action plan was provided. The committee reviewed a draft of a parent solicitation letter and recommended minor changes. Members also were given talking points to use in recruiting potential donors, advocates and new Foundation Board members.

It was noted that a summer meeting may be scheduled specifically to address advocacy of the District.

Members were provided a copy of the spring newsletter.

The committee was informed that the District calendar for the 2012-2013 school year is being compiled. It was noted that changes will be made to the last week of school to avoid future scheduling conflicts.

Mrs. Suchsland noted that members will be informed when the next CRSL committee meeting is scheduled.

There being no further business or public comment, Mrs. Suchsland adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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School Board Secretary