

Community Relations and Student Life /Safety and Wellness Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors, June 12, 2017

The Community Relations and Student Life/Safety and Wellness Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors met on Monday, June 12, 2017 in the Superintendent's Conference Room.

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Committee Chair Cathy Peduzzi. Also present were committee member Leslie Finegold; Board President Susan Moore, Board member Mel Brodsky and Felix Raimondo; Superintendent Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer; Director of Pupil Services and Special Education Karen Berk; Community Relations Coordinator/School Board Secretary David M. Sherman; Assistant Public Relations Coordinator Kim Newell; Director of Food Services Lori McCoy; Director of Development and Curriculum Supervisor of Career Readiness Denise Marks; Linda Doll; Lisa Dresnin and Eunice Franklin-Becker.

There was no public comment on the agenda:

Mrs. Berk and Mrs. McCoy reported on a Pennsylvania Department of Education mandated update of the District's wellness policy. Mrs. McCoy discussed the Federal Smart Snacks Guidelines, items sold from vending machines, guidelines for food sold through fundraisers on campus during the school day, food served at in-school parties and the promotion and marketing of good nutrition. Mrs. Berk and Mrs. McCoy stated they were working to update the policy as soon as possible per the mandate.

Mrs. Marks provided an update on the Colonial School District Education Foundation. She thanked Mrs. Doll for joining the Foundation Board and noted that Kennedy Subaru had designated the District as a "hometown charity" for the coming year. She also noted that First Trust Bank has agreed to become a presenting sponsor at a level of \$25,000. Mrs. Marks said the Foundation has raised about \$72,000 this year in support of STEAM initiatives, teacher grants and more. She also promoted the first Foundation Day to be held on October 7 from noon until 6 p.m.

Mrs. Berk discussed proposed revisions to the Field Trip Permission Slip for the upcoming year. She stated that a section on liability was being eliminated on the advice of the solicitor. She noted that the section related to obtaining medical information was also being eliminated. Committee members suggested changes in the text related to section #6 "Expectations and Instructions."

Mrs. Berk shared a draft of proposed revisions to Policy #233 – Suspension and Expulsion. She noted that the draft was built upon a Pennsylvania School Boards Association policy template. It was suggested that the policy be sent to the entire Board for review and that it be placed on the agenda for a first read at Thursday evening's Board meeting.

Mrs. Peduzzi discussed the desire to offer parents of student-athletes an option to purchase a discounted season pass to sporting events for the coming year. Mrs. Doll stated that the same offer should be made to parents of band students. It was suggested that a plan be put in place to offer discounted tickets to sporting events in time for the coming school year.

Ms. Newell discussed plans for Colonial Community Coffee Hour for the coming year. Three sessions are planned again with the possible addition of a fourth to introduce the new Superintendent. Mrs. Peduzzi asked if there was a way to track attendance in terms of numbers of parents, community members, business leaders and senior citizens. Ms. Newell stated that would be done in the coming year. Committee members suggested several topics to highlight including differentiated instruction and mental health supports.

Ms. Newell shared the new website design. A suggestion was made to better highlight the District calendar.

Mrs. Moore noted that Colonial Field was being resurfaced this summer and asked Board members their preference of logo on the center of the field. All Board members in attendance agreed that the new usage of PW that is going on the renovated high school should replace the Colonial Head in the center of the field. It was suggested that the administration also research the cost of having the word "Colonials" placed in each end zone.

There being no further business or comment, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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