

Community Relations and Student Life Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors, June 3, 2010

The Community Relations and Student Life (CRSL) Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors met on Thursday, June 3, 2010 in the Superintendent's Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were committee chair Mitch Zimmer, committee member Tom Sigafos, Board President Gary Johnson, Dr. Vincent F. Cotter, Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer, Karen Berk, Charles Forster, John Quinn, Kim Newell, David M. Sherman, Jessica Piergiovanni, Stacey Wong, Lauren Stern, Tom Davis and Linda Doll.

There was no public comment on the agenda.

Mr. Quinn reported that he delivered the old CITV production truck to the Cheltenham School District earlier in the day.

Dr. Cotter reviewed a student field trip request with the committee. The trip is for Plymouth Whitmarsh High School (PWHS) Advancement Via Individual Determination students to visit several colleges and universities in the fall. He noted that the trip will be on the June School Board meeting agenda for Board action.

Mr. Sherman shared a draft of the spring community newsletter. He noted that the publication will not be stapled or stitched as in the past. He stated that this was a cost cutting measure. Mr. Sherman reported that \$4,000 was budgeted for printing and that the low bid was under \$2,200.

An updated PWHS athletic fundraiser form was distributed for committee review. As per a previous request, the form included a notation of what profit amount each student is expected to produce. Dr. Cotter noted that no Board approval of the form was needed.

Dr. Cotter stated that a change to the PWHS handbook relating to cell phone and electronic device usage, that was approved by the Board on a first-read basis in May, will be tabled. He noted that there does not seem to be a total buy in on the part of the PWHS staff in regards to cell phone and electronic device usage. Dr. Cotter stated that the administration will give new PWHS principal Heather Nuneviller time to settle in and review the document. Dr. Cotter noted that Mrs. Nuneviller has experience with similar issues. There was considerable discussion on the topic including a possible pilot of a new program in the fall, questions as to whether or not the policy should be changed simply because the existing policy is not enforced, consequences for teachers that don't enforce the policy, students going to the bathroom to use the devices and more.

Mr. Sherman reviewed the communications plan. He highlighted upcoming CITV programming, the annual retirement social, production of the school calendar and more.

Ms. Newell described the Question of the Week video that she was unable to share with the committee because of technical problems. She encouraged members to view the video online.

Mr. Zimmer announced that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room.

There being no further business or public comment, Mr. Zimmer adjourned the meeting at 4:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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