

## **Community Relations and Student Life Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors, February 3, 2011**

The Community Relations and Student Life (CRSL) Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors met on Thursday, February 3, 2011 in the Superintendent's Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. Present were committee members Bernie Brady and Kelly Jowett; Board President Gary Johnson; Board Vice President Kathleen Oxberry; Board members Mel Brodsky and Susan Moore; Superintendent Dr. Vincent F. Cotter; Assistant Superintendent Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer; Director of Pupil Services and Special Education Karen Berk; Activities Director Charles Forster; CITV Director John Quinn; Assistant Public Relations Coordinator Kim Newell; Community Relations Coordinator/School Board Secretary David M. Sherman and community members Linda Doll and Tom Davis.

There was no public comment on the agenda.

The committee reviewed a request for the Colonial School District to again participate in the Summer Consortium for the Arts at a cost of \$6,300. There was not support from the committee to continue District participation in the event.

Mr. Quinn showed a teachable moment on the Lego robotics program at Whitemarsh Elementary School. Mr. Quinn stated that an Internet media company hired students to assist with keeping statistics for a basketball tournament over the past weekend. The company was impressed with the quality of the students. Mr. Quinn also noted that CITV will collaborate with local police on the production of a training video dealing with child abuse.

The committee reviewed student trip requests for the Plymouth Whitemarsh High School (PWHS) Step Team and Black Cultural Awareness Club to visit a wax museum in Baltimore, Md. on February 22; Band Director Tonia Kaufman to accompany Julia Campbell to the Music Educators National Conference All-East Festival in Baltimore March 31 to April 3; The PWHS Future Business Leaders of America to attend the state leadership conference in Hershey, Pa. April 4-6; Colonial Middle School (CMS) students to attend a sculpture garden in Hamilton, N.J. on May 10; the PWHS Advanced Placement (AP) United States History Class to visit Washington, D.C. May 22-23; The PWHS AP Literature Class to visit the Smithsonian Institute on May 13; the CMS Oceanography Club to travel to Wallops Island, Va. from May 4-7 and for PWHS and CMS students to attend the Technology Student Association state competition in Champion, Pa. April 13-16.

The committee was apprised of the receipt of an anonymous donation in the amount of \$2,000 to support the kindergarten program at Conshohocken Elementary School.

The committee was given a partial list of dates to visit school buildings in the spring. Mr. Sherman stated that he would send the list to the entire Board when completed.

The committee reviewed a letter that will be sent to 900 businesses in the District. The purpose of the letter is to initiate partnerships with the business community.

The committee approved a request to provide a bus to transport residents of the Masonic Village to PWHS for the spring matinee and luncheon on March 19.

Members decided to move the April Board meeting from April 21 to April 14 so as not to conflict with spring break. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. with an executive session at 6:00 p.m.

The committee was reminded of the student town meeting scheduled at PWHS on Wednesday, April 13 at 2:30 p.m.

Mrs. Moore inquired as to whether or not the District will sponsor a "Hop on the Bus" event to attract community members to the schools. Dr. Cotter stated that the administration will work on putting together the event in the spring.

There being no further business or public comment, Mr. Sherman adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David M. Sherman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" and "S".

David M. Sherman  
Community Relations Coordinator  
School Board Secretary