

Community Relations and Student Life Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors, April 4, 2011

The Community Relations and Student Life (CRSL) Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors met on Monday, April 4, 2011 in the Superintendent's Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. Present were committee chair Beth Suchsland; committee members Bernie Brady, Kelly Jowett and Jodi Miscannon; Board President Gary Johnson; Board members Mel Brodsky, Susan Moore and Alan Tabachnick; Superintendent Dr. Vincent F. Cotter; Assistant Superintendent Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer; Director of Pupil Services and Special Education Karen Berk; Plymouth Whitemarsh High School (PWHS) Principal Heather Nuneviller; CITV Director John Quinn; Assistant Public Relations Coordinator Kim Newell; Community Relations Coordinator/School Board Secretary David M. Sherman; Board Student Representatives Stephen Pepper, Michael Ciesielka and Stacey Wong; community members Linda Doll and Tom Davis and PWHS Class of 2012 Officers, Brynne Travis, Stef Lombardo and Charlie Tabachnick. There was no public comment on the agenda. Mr. Johnson noted that the Board is in receipt of thank you notes from the Colonial Players and a senior citizen regarding the senior citizen matinee and luncheon.

The PWHS Class of 2012 Officers presented a PowerPoint on their choice of location for the 2012 Senior Prom. The location is the Crystal Tea Room in the Wannamaker Building in Center City Philadelphia. The officers noted that 500-600 are expected to attend the event, which is larger than normal. The students explained that other venues were either unavailable or too small for the expected turnout. Considerable discussion on a number of topics ensued, including the township curfew, cost of the event for those who may not be able to afford it, various means of transportation to and from the city, participation in the Post Prom and more. Dr. Cotter complimented the students on the thoroughness of their presentation and suggested they work through the high school principal and building administration. He stated that the decision rests with the high school principal. Dr. Cotter suggested that the students may look for venues in King of Prussia.

Committee members engaged in considerable discussion about student participation in principals' Board meeting presentations. Members agreed that in the future students may participate in meetings to promote upcoming events such as plays and concerts.

The committee was asked if they wished to consider a change in the age requirement to receive a Colonial Gold Card. The current age limit of 65 was established in 1968. The committee agreed not to change the age requirement.

Committee members reviewed a request for schools to participate in the "Adopt a Soldier Program." Members agreed with Dr. Cotter's suggestion to present the idea to the student councils at the high school and middle school.

The committee reviewed student trip requests for the Colonial Players' annual trip to New York City and Broadway, three students to participate in the DECA National Conference in Orlando, Fla., and Charlie Tabachnick to participate in the All-State Band in Hershey.

Committee members reviewed a sample "Electronic Devices" policy from Pottsgrove School District. After discussion it was decided to begin the process of formulating a policy for Colonial.

The committee reviewed an executive summary on advertising opportunities. Mr. Sherman was advised to convene a meeting of the advertising sub-committee to further discuss the issue.

Committee members were provided a review of the senior matinee and luncheon, an update on the Colonial Foundation and Open Records requests. Members were informed that the

District administration will staff a tent at Whitemarsh Township Day on April 30 and Plymouth Township Day on June 4.

A list of upcoming Board visits to buildings was reviewed and the next meeting was announced to be on Monday, May 2 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Quinn showed a teachable moment on a math activity at Ridge Park Elementary School.

Mrs. Jowett received permission from Dr. Cotter to submit ice hockey flyers to District buildings.

There being no further business or public comment, Mrs. Suchsland adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David M. Sherman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Sherman" clearly legible, and "M." in the middle.

David M. Sherman
Community Relations Coordinator
School Board Secretary