

Community Relations and Student Life Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors, November 17, 2014

The Community Relations and Student Life (CRSL) Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors met on Monday, November 17, 2014 in the Superintendent's Conference Room.

The meeting was called to order at 5:41 p.m. Present were Committee Chair Heather Palmer; Committee member Leslie Finegold; Board President Susan Moore; Board Vice President Beth Suchsland; Board members Mel Brodsky and Kathleen Oxberry; Superintendent Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer; Director of Pupil Services and Special Education Karen Berk; Plymouth Whitemarsh High School (PWHS) Activities Director Charles Forster; Community Relations Coordinator/School Board Secretary David M. Sherman; Assistant Public Relations Coordinator Kim Newell; Board Student Representatives Michael Krone and Alexa Augustine and Linda Doll.

There was no public comment on the agenda.

The committee was informed of a new date for a previously approved student trip. The PWHS Musical Theatre and Chorus students will now travel to New York City to see *Les Miserables* on December 10 and not December 3. The committee then reviewed five new student trip requests. The first is for the PWHS Ski Club to travel to Stratton, Vt., from January 9-11, 2015. The second is for the PWHS Ski Club to travel to Lake Placid, N.Y., from February 27 through March 1, 2015. The third is for the PWHS Boys' Basketball Team to travel to Concord, Del., for a regular-season, non-league game on January 19, 2015. The fourth is for the PWHS Baseball team to travel to Vero Beach, Fla., over spring break. The final request is for the Colonial Elementary School fourth grade to visit the Adventure Aquarium in Camden, N.J., on December 10 and 11.

Mr. Forster explained the process of scheduling Homecoming activities at PHWS. He noted that the week revolved around a home football game late enough in the season for class sponsors and students to organize activities. He gave the example for the coming year that there are home football games scheduled on October 16 and November 6. He noted that October 16 was too early in the school year for the classes to organize the activities. He also noted that some sports team coaches are hesitant to allow students to participate in the Powder Puff game, for example, that early in their seasons. Therefore, Homecoming in 2015 will fall on November 6. He noted that date should fall late enough to not conflict with soccer playoffs should PWHS teams qualify for the post season.

Committee members considered dates for a Colonial School District 50th Anniversary celebration during the fall of 2015. Members felt that December 5 was too close to the Holidays. The suggestion was made to try for early November, such as November 7, which would also coincide with homecoming and class reunions.

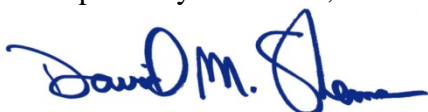
The committee was informed that the Annual Report was nearing completion and Board Members would have drafts to review by week's end.

A brief update was provided on renovation fundraising recommendations and the development of a PWHS alumni database.

Members were reminded that a meeting to discuss the PWHS renovation will be held with students on December 15. The annual senior citizen winter concert and luncheon is on December 16. And, the next CRSL meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room.

There being no further business or comment, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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