

Colonial School District
District Operations
Facilities Management/Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes
9/11/2014 – 7:30 AM

Committee Chair Alan Tabachnick called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM.

Other Committee Members Present: Kathleen Oxberry, Bernie Brady

Other Board Members Present: Sue Moore, Beth Suchsland, Christine Frangiosa, Leslie Finegold, Mel Brodsky

Also Attending: Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer, Superintendent; Terry R. Yemm, Director of Operations; Trevor Jackson, Business Administrator; Dave Sherman, Community Relations Coordinator; Mrs. Linda Doll, Community Resident

Public Comment on the Agenda: None

Information was provided about the CSD tree management program. The Turf Management Department is responsible to maintain the health of all the trees on district property. Expertise is provided by members of the local municipalities shade tree commissions. Most of the work is done in the fall and winter. Currently there are plans to remove two trees at Plymouth Elementary and one at Ridge Park Elementary. Trimming and pruning of trees takes place throughout the year.

The Food Service department received a grant from the Pennsylvania Dept of Education; Division of Food and Nutrition. The amount of the grant was \$1500 and the money was used to train staff on preparing meals that meet the updated meal patterns as per the Healthy Hunger Kids Act. The Food Service Department will also be preparing lunches for another local parochial school. Currently lunches are provided to Saint Philip Neri . They will now add Immaculate Heart of Mary to their lunch program. The lunches will be prepared in the kitchen at CES and will be delivered each day to both schools.

An announcement was made about the Colonial Fire Prevention Expo that will be held on October 9th from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM at the Colonial Elementary School. The event is sponsored by volunteer fire companies serving Plymouth Township, Whitmarsh Township, and Conshohocken Borough. Vehicle, water and high angle rescue demonstrations will take place. In addition, safety, fire and smoke house apparatus will be on display.

During the summer months the Facilities Management Department upgraded the classroom lighting at the Whitmarsh Elementary School. This is a similar process to what has already taken place at the Colonial Middle School, Colonial Elementary School and Conshohocken Elementary School. In addition to electrical savings of approximately

42%, the light levels in the classrooms is approximately 60% higher than before the lights were changed providing an improved learning environment for our students.

Additional Public Comment on the Agenda: None.

There being no further business before the committee, Mr. Tabachnick adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry R. Yemm
Director of Operations