

Community Relations and Student Life Committee/Safety and Wellness Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors, January 11, 2016

The Community Relations and Student Life /Safety and Wellness Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors met on Monday, January 11, 2016 in the Superintendent's Conference Room.

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. Present were Committee Chair Bernie; Committee members Leslie Finegold, Cathy Peduzzi and Felix Raimondo; Board President Susan Moore; Board Vice President Beth Suchsland, Board member Mel Brodsky; Superintendent Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer; Director of Pupil Services and Special Education Karen Berk; Plymouth Whitmarsh High School (PWHS) Activities Director Charles Forster; Community Relations Coordinator/School Board Secretary David M. Sherman; Assistant Public Relations Coordinator Kim Newell and Linda Doll.

Mrs. Berk explained that since the combination of the Community Relations and Student Life and Safety and Wellness Committees into one, the thought was to have students in attendance only when there were agenda items that called for student input.

Members reviewed four student trip requests that will be on Board's January general business meeting agenda. They included the PWHS Indoor Track Team attending a meet in New York City, students participating in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) district, regional and state orchestra festivals, students participating in the PMEA district, regional and state band festivals and students participating in the annual Colonial Middle School Oceanography Club Trip to Wallops Island, Va.

Members were informed of a proposed change to Board Policy 913-Advertising based on feedback from a potential vendor. The proposed change related to language regarding the District's right to terminate an agreement based on an unforeseen change in circumstances with the advertiser or advertised product. Considerable discussion ensued regarding the history of advertising in the District, the vendor who suggested the change in language and how advertising would be displayed. The Committee was informed that the proposed change is under review by the solicitor and will be addressed at a later date.

Committee members discussed a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new cafeteria at Plymouth Whitmarsh High School. Preliminary planning is underway to hold the event on Friday, March 4 in the late afternoon.

A draft copy of the 2015 Annual Report was presented for review by the committee. The plan is to have the publication mailed to residents and alumni by the end of the month. There was considerable discussion regarding sale of legacy items in the renovated high school. The committee directed that language be included on the online order form regarding memorials.

Committee members were informed of a parent forum on social media to be held later in the evening, as well as a parent forum on the Student Assistance Plan to be held in February.

Dr. Gorodetzer informed the members of an outside request by a production company to use a portion of an old CITV interview with Frank Zappa.

Members were also apprised of the Colonial School District Education Foundation's annual fund donation of \$43,573.36 to be made at the January Board meeting, and the Foundation's sponsoring of a 5K run on April 30 to coincide with Whitmarsh Township Day.

Committee members were reminded that the next Parents Council meeting is scheduled for January 26 and will feature community partnerships.

There being no further business or comment, the meeting was adjourned at 5:32 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