

Community Relations and Student Life Committee/Safety and Wellness Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors, March 7, 2016

The Community Relations and Student Life /Safety and Wellness Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors met on Monday, March 7, 2016 in the Superintendent's Conference Room.

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. Present were Committee Chair Bernie Brady; Committee members Leslie Finegold and Cathy Peduzzi; Board President Susan Moore; 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 and Linda Doll.

Members reviewed eight student trip requests that will be on the Board's March general business meeting agenda. They included PWHS Wrestlers competing in a District Tournament in Oxford, Pa. on February 26-27 (retro approval), PWHS Advanced Placement (AP) Spanish students to attend a Spanish language theater production in New York City (NYC) on March 16, PWHS AP/Honors Art History students to visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art in NYC on May 17, the PWHS Class of 2017 trip to Disney World from April 19-24, 2017, PWHS and Colonial Middle School students to attend the Technology Student Association (TSA) state competition, in Champion, Pa., from April 13-16 and the national conference in Nashville, Tenn. from June 28-July 2, CMS Art Club students to visit the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, N.J. on May 11 and PWHS AVID students to visit PSU Susquehanna and Bloomsburg University March 31-April 1.

Mr. Forster explained the need to schedule the Florida trip a year in advance and noted that the wrestlers spent one night in a hotel because of a 6 a.m. weigh in time.

Mrs. Berk reviewed suggested changes to Board Policy #208 Student Health Examinations/Screenings. She noted that a change in format and some minor wording changes bring the policy in line with the Pennsylvania School Boards Association template.

The committee discussed the possibility of adding community dates of interest, such as recycling days to the District Activities Calendar.

Mrs. Berk stated there were three confirmed cases of Pertussis, all at Colonial Elementary School (CES). She also noted that, barring any newly confirmed cases, the health department will consider CES out of "outbreak status" as of March 10.

Committee members were apprised of a number of informational items, including the addition of a STEAM page to the District website, efforts to promote kindergarten registration, and dates for the Senior Citizen Matinee, the March Parents Council Meeting, the Colonial Challenge 5K, Whitmarsh Township Day and the PWHS Distinguished Graduates Organization induction ceremony.

Members engaged in discussions regarding possible scoreboard advertising and decided to continue the dialogue at a later time.

There being no further business or comment, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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School Board Secretary