

Community Relations and Student Life /Safety and Wellness Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors, January 12, 2017

The Community Relations and Student Life /Safety and Wellness Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors met on Thursday, January 12, 2017 in the Superintendent's Conference Room.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Committee Chair Cathy Peduzzi. Also present were committee members Leslie Finegold and Board Vice President Beth Suchsland; Board President Susan Moore; Board member Alan Tabachnick; 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; Director of Development & Curriculum Supervisor for Career Readiness Denise Marks; Linda Doll and Dana Olszewski.

There was no public comment on the agenda:

The committee reviewed six student trip requests. They included PWHS Chorus and Band students participating in the PMEA District, Regional and State band festivals; the PWHS Indoor Guard and wrestling team participating in out-of-state competitions; PWHS DECA Club members participating in the DECA state conference and the annual Colonial Middle School Oceanography Club trip to Wallops Island, Va.

Committee members reviewed proposed Board Policy 828 Naloxone on a first-read basis. The policy is the result of ACT 139 of 2014 and pertains to the nasal spray Narcan, which reverses the effects of opioid overdoses. Staff have been trained and the spray will be available in PWHS.

Dr. Gorodetzer shared drafts of two calendars for the 2017-2018 school year. The calendars include the traditional week off for spring break. She noted that the administration and the Colonial Education Association both prefer the option that also has January 2 as a District holiday.

There was discussion regarding possible themes for the 2017-2018 Activities Calendar. Consensus was reached to focus on innovation and "what's new" in the District.

The committee was provided a draft of the Annual Report and asked to provide feedback.

Mrs. Marks detailed her work on building community partnerships. She highlighted a new partnership with the Plymouth Meeting Whole Foods Market and a PWHS Career Speaker Series. Mrs. Marks also recounted her efforts with the Colonial School District Education Foundation including stepping up marketing efforts and emphasizes funding for specific programs such as AVID.

The committee reviewed three email headers that differentiate the type of news sent to the community.

Committee members agreed that the Board would pick up the cost for any senior matinee tickets unclaimed by Gold Card members at the PWHS spring musical on March 18. Members also asked to review the matinee ticket situation prior to the 2018 event.

Information was shared with the committee regarding the January 31 Colonial Community Coffee Hour, updates to the website, legislative updates, the upcoming March 13 District blood drive and filming of a pilot commercial for Entenmann's in the Colonial Elementary School cafeteria. A request was made to update the staff directory on the website.

Responding to a question from Mrs. Olszewski, Mrs. Moore stated that the Board allocates \$5,000 in the budget for the PWHS Post Prom.

There being no further business or comment, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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