

## **Community Relations and Student Life /Safety and Wellness Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors, April 17, 2017**

The Community Relations and Student Life/Safety and Wellness Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors met on Monday, April 17, 2017 in the Superintendent's Conference Room.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Committee Chair Cathy Peduzzi. Also present were committee members Leslie Finegold and Board Vice President Beth Suchsland; Board President Susan Moore; Board members Mel Brodsky and Felix Raimondo; 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; Non-Public School Nurse Ann Pruskowski and Linda Doll.

There was no public comment on the agenda:

The committee reviewed four student trip requests. They included PWHS Colonial Players' traveling to New York City on May 31 to see the Broadway show *Come from Away*; the PWHS Cheerleaders participating in a summer camp in Olyphant, Pa., from August 12-15; PWHS and Colonial Middle School students attending the Technology Student Association National Conference in Orlando, Fla., from June 21-25 and the Colonial Elementary School (CES) fourth grade visiting the Adventure Aquarium in Camden, N.J. over the course of three days (May 18, 22 and 25).

Ms. Pruskowski provided an update on state mandated school immunization changes. She noted that the changes were approved by the state legislature in March. The primary modification involves shortening the provisional period for inoculations from eight months to just five days. Ms. Pruskowski stated that the District would have to exclude students from school until their immunization requirements are met. She added that seventh graders now need to have one dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) and one dose of MCV (meningococcal conjugate vaccine), additionally incoming 12<sup>th</sup> graders must now have a second dose of MCV as opposed to when they enter college. Ms. Pruskowski stated the information is being provided to new students as they register, has been sent to parents and is available on the District website. She noted that parents may still object to the immunizations via the ethical and moral exclusion, but those students would be banned from attending school in the event of an outbreak.

Mrs. Berk reviewed a draft of a new policy, Board Policy #103, Non-Discrimination. She stated that the policy was based on the standard policy template provided by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association with editions to reflect the current practices of the District. Board consent was provided to move forward and the policy will be placed on the May Board meeting agenda for action. It was noted that Board will also take action to eliminate current Board Policy #103.2, which deals with the discrimination complaint procedure. The complaint procedures are covered in the new policy.

Ms. Newell showed examples of a redesign of the District website. The change is needed to facilitate responsive design from device to device and was necessitated when the District's web content manager was purchased by another company. Direction was provided to move forward with the redesign.

Ms. Newell also stated that the last Colonial Community Coffee Hour of the school year has been moved to Tuesday, May 2. The change was needed because of student PSSA exams. The program will feature a student showcase with elementary students displaying robotics, middle school students leading a math lesson and high school students discussing Advanced Placement classes and the AVID program.

Mrs. Peduzzi noted that Whitemarsh Township has requested use of the PWHS/CES campus for Township Day in April of 2018. An alternate site is needed because Miles Park will be under renovation at that time.

It was noted that the Board had agreed to pay for unused tickets reserved for the Senior Citizen Matinee. A check for \$580 was requested for the Colonial Players as 58 tickets went unused. The committee will discuss how to proceed with the event at a later meeting.

Updates were provided on the Superintendent Search Focus Groups, parking for the PWHS graduation and upcoming township days. The committee was informed that tickets will be required to park on campus for graduation again this year. Board members suggested parking at the site of the post commencement gathering with a shuttle being provided to and from that location.

Mrs. Peduzzi received consensus from those in attendance that future meetings should be held at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business or comment, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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School Board Secretary