

Community Relations and Student Life /Safety and Wellness Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors, April 9, 2018

The Community Relations and Student Life/Safety and Wellness (CRSL/SW) Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors met on Monday, April 9, 2018 in the Plymouth Whitmarsh High School (PWHS) Library.

The meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m. by Committee Chair Rosemary Northcutt. Also present were committee members Jennifer Dow and Cathy Peduzzi; School Board President Felix Raimondo; School Board Vice President Leslie Finegold; School Board members Eunice Franklin-Becker, Susan Moore and Adam Schupack; Superintendent of Schools Dr. Michael Christian; Director of Pupil Services and Special Education Karen Berk; Community Relations Coordinator/School Board Secretary David M. Sherman; Assistant Public Relations Coordinator Kim Newell; Linda Doll; Chris Epstein; Mark S. Craitin; Antonella Cianferoni; Beth Patruno and Erin Saulino.

There was no public comment on the agenda.

The committee reviewed five out-of-state student trip requests. They included the PWHS Colonial Players traveling to New York City to see a performance of *Mean Girls* on May 9; PWHS students participating in the DECA National Competition in Atlanta, Georgia from April 21-24; Colonial Middle School Art Club students traveling to the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, N.J. on April 27; the PWHS Class of 2019 trip to Disney World from April 3-8, 2019; and Colonial Elementary School fourth graders traveling to the Adventure Aquarium in Camden, N.J. in clusters on April 30, May 7 and May 10.

The committee reviewed an administrative request to enter into a 14-month contract with Siteimprove to review ADA compliance of the District's website. The contract also includes a webinar through which employees who update the website may be certified in ADA compliance. The service would also monitor the website for misspellings and broken links. Members were informed the vendor contract was sent to the solicitor for review.

Mrs. Berk provided an update on a Wellness Committee meeting of April 4. The committee reviewed its role and composition. Among discussion items was the *Healthier US School Challenge*, which could be used to evaluate how closely the district is meeting wellness initiatives according to the US Dept. of Agriculture. If schools meet the identified criteria, they can apply to receive awards and recognition through June 30, 2018. The committee decided to pursue this. Their next meeting will be in May. Mrs. Northcutt reminded members that the Wellness Committee was not a Board committee, but rather an administrative committee mandated by Policy 220 – Student Wellness.

Ms. Newell provided an update on the upcoming May Colonial Community Coffee Hour. She stated that the featured topic will be "Finding Evidence": Evidence is not just for solving crimes. Today, knowledge in general is broader – people know a little bit about a wide variety of things. The program will show how Colonial students learn to bring depth to their work and their knowledge base through research and other ways to support their ideas.

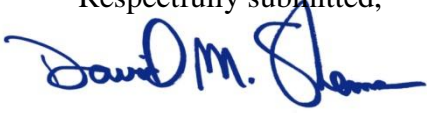
Committee members were reminded that the District will host Whitmarsh Township Day on April 28 and were provided maps detailing parking and vendor set up. They were also reminded that, despite the addition of snow days to the calendar, the PWHS graduation scheduled for June 12 – as well as all of the other school promotion ceremonies – will be held as originally scheduled. Dr. Christian noted that he plans to meet with building administrators to recommend that graduates have the opportunity to visit their elementary schools in caps and gowns one day prior to graduation.

Board members were asked to include the Firsttrust Bank recognition (April 19), the Central Montco Technical High School Community Day (April 28), the PWHS Distinguished Graduates Organization (DGO) Induction ceremony (May 11), the annual District Retirement Social (May 30) and Plymouth Township Day (June 2) on their calendars. Mrs. Moore provided an update on the DGO, including the organization's history, makeup of the board, nomination process, induction ceremony details and this year's inductees, Mr. Mark Bill '76 and Mr. Da'Rel Scott '06.

Mrs. Saulino asked if the District could consider better communications during emergencies such as a recent snow day when students were stuck at school or en route home in buses because of the weather and gridlocked traffic. Dr. Christian explained that a review of practices with various departments took place, and additional means of communication, such as GPS tracking for buses, are under consideration. Mrs. Patruno applauded teachers who stayed to look after students and kept them positively engaged while they waited for transportation.

There being no further business or comment, Mrs. Northcutt adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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