

Board Honors “88’s Best” for April

The Board of Education recognizes students who excel at Addison Trail and Willowbrook High Schools through **88’s Best**. They were pleased to honor the following students for their accomplishments in performing arts/elective areas.



Cynthia Lindrum has demonstrated success in academics and performing arts at **Addison Trail**. Her strong commitment to challenging herself has led her to take a rigorous academic schedule, while striving to fulfill her creative passion.

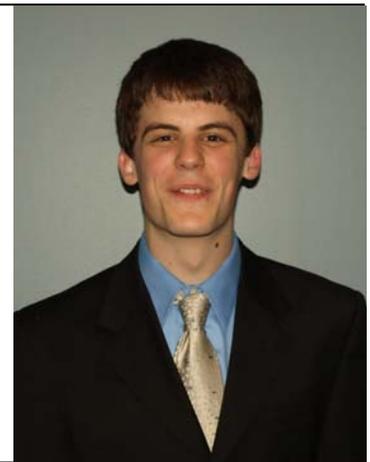
As a four-year member of the band, two-year member of the Orchestra winds ensemble and three-year Thespian, Cynthia’s fine arts accomplishments are numerous. She was the drum major for the marching band, a member of Tri-M Music Honor Society, and serves as Tri-M Board Treasurer and the Theatre Board Vice President. In addition, Cynthia has been a member of the Honor Roll for all four years and is a member of the National Honors Society.

Cynthia will be attending Lake Forest College in the fall and she looks forward to studying Chemistry.

Luis-Carlos Kmet has exemplified success in the performing arts at **Willowbrook** from participating in every theatre production in the last four years to his vocal contributions in the Concert Choir, Center Stage and Show Choir.

This past fall, he received the honor of being cast as Sweeney Todd in the first-ever high school performance in Illinois. In addition, he was chosen for the highly selective IMEA District and All-State Choirs. Carlos’ leadership skills and talent have also been showcased as co-founder of the Willowbrook Improv Club and Co-Captain of the Speech Team. His Humorous Duet Acting performance earned a berth at the regional and sectional IHSA Speech competitions.

Carlos’ future plans include attending Illinois State University to study theatre and attending UCLA for graduate work.



BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP SIGNING CEREMONY:

Mr. Mark Johnson, President of the Board of Education, and **Dr. Steve Humphrey**, Superintendent of Schools, honored Elmhurst College for their contributions to District 88. The signing ceremony was held in recognition of their **leadership, commitment, and dedication to the schools and district**.

Participating on behalf of Elmhurst College were **Heather Winter Sobecki**, Director of Constituency Relations, and **Gary Rold**, Dean of Admission.



EDUCATIONAL FOCUS ITEMS:

- **Mrs. Beth Yacobi, Director of Curriculum & Learning, presented information about the adoption of new textbooks** for the 2009-2010 school year for both schools. The District selected ten books as part of the Illinois State Textbook Loan program and the savings from these titles will be passed along to parents. Five courses have been selected to have classroom sets of books rather than students purchasing individual books. The Board will take formal action to approve these recommendations at the May Board meeting.

- **Mrs. Jean Barbanente, Director of Learning Services, presented proposed changes to the student handbook.** The proposed changes focus on compliance, newly introduced technology and suggestions from internal staff.

BUILDING THE FUTURE IN DISTRICT 88:

- **Jeannine Eicker**, of Bovis Lend Lease construction management, reviewed the status of bid packages, updated the progress at AT and WB and showed aerial photos, reviewed work that began over spring break, indicated the Regional Office of Education issued the occupancy approval for swing space at WB, and explained the "Incident & Injury Free Workshops" created a lead team to ensure the safety of students, staff and workers during ongoing construction.

THE CONSENT AGENDA, which included the following items, was approved by the Board:

The **List of Bills** from March 2009; **recommendation to accept purchase bids** for athletic equipment and supplies, student agenda planners and calendars, **personnel report** as presented at the April 13, 2009 board meeting and **2009-2010 membership in the Illinois High School Association** for Addison Trail and Willowbrook;

DISCUSSION ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION, which included the following, were approved by the Board:

- The **Treasurer's Report and Budget Status Report** from March 2009.
- **Fundraiser contracts** with anticipated revenue over \$1,000.
- BTF contractor payment request for **Construction Trade Billing #9**.
- **Willowbrook Key Club fundraiser** contract with HealthSource of Villa Park.
- **Meeting minutes** from the March 16, 2009, **District 88 Technology Committee meeting**.
- **Meeting minutes** from the March 16, 2009, **Regular Business Board meeting**.
- **Meeting minutes** of **closed session** from the March 16, 2009 Board meeting.
- **Meeting minutes** from the March 26, 2009, **Educational Focus meeting**.

IN PERSONNEL ACTION: the following item was approved by the Board:

- Certified Staff Retirement for **Andrew Isaacson**, WB World Language teacher, effective the end of the 2013-14 school year.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Proposed 2009-2010 **Board Meeting Calendar**
- Community presentations are being scheduled to highlight Addison Trail, Willowbrook and District 88 **successes, goals and progress of Building The Future**. The new District 88 web site is forthcoming and the new Visioning process is anticipated to begin in February 2010.

SCHOOL RECOGNITION:

Addison Trail Principal Mr. Scott Helton highlighted recent events and recognition:

- More than \$1,200 was collected for Pennies for Peace. The International Dance Show will also be donating \$1,000 to this effort.
- Period-by-period staff meetings were held to begin the transition for the Vision Program move to Addison Trail.
- Nearly \$2,700 was raised during PE Week by Hoops/Jump for Heart and the American Heart Association Walk.
- Upcoming events include: PSAE/ACT exams, Student of the Quarter Breakfast, Orchesis show and Career Week.

Willowbrook Principal Mr. Dan Krause highlighted recent events and recognition:

- Nine music students have been selected to participate in the Allerton Chamber Music Symposium.
- Approximately 250 people attended the third annual "Meet The Coaches" night held for incoming freshman.
- More than 180 juniors attended weekly lunch-n-learn sessions in preparation for the PSAE exam.
- Upcoming events include: PSAE/ACT exams, Spring Play "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and Freshman Awards Night.

SEPARATE ACTION ITEM: Following closed session, the Board approved:

- Ratification of the Teacher Aides Contract
- A Notice of Remedy for District 88 employee ID #42009.

Mark Your Calendars:

May 4, 2009	6:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Reorganizational Meeting	District Boardroom
May 11, 2009	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Regular Business Meeting	District Boardroom
May 18, 2009	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Educational Focus Meeting	District Boardroom