

Monday, October 31, 2016

Educational Focus Board Of Education Meeting

◇ **Recognition of District 88 Successes**

88's Best Students

88's Best Students Alexander Gunnerson from Addison Trail and Makena Walsh from Willowbrook were recognized for the month of October. The students were congratulated on their many accomplishments. The students thanked the Board, their teachers and their families for their support. As a token of their achievements, Alexander and Makena were given an 88's Best glass sculpture and a certificate to a local restaurant.

Principals Month

Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause and Addison Trail Principal Michael Bolden were recognized by District 88's Board of Education and the villages of Addison, Lombard and Villa Park in honor of National Principals Month for their dedication and service to our community. Thank you!

◇ **Educational Focus Items**

New Course Proposals and Program Changes for 2017-18

Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Jean Barbanente and Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Mr. Adam Cibulka provided an overview of recommended program changes and new course proposals for the 2017-18 school year. The proposed courses are: Project Lead The Way Environmental Sustainability at Addison Trail; Advanced Computer Repair-CTE (I&T) and Project Lead The Way Biomedical Science at Willowbrook. No changes have been made to the graduation requirement, but the administration is proposing adjustments to course sequencing to align with college readiness. Beginning with the Class of 2020, students will be required to take three consecutive years of social studies, starting with Human Geography or AP Human Geography in grade 9 and continuing in grades 10 and 11.

School Report Card

Mr. Cibulka presented highlights of the School Report Card, which was released on October 31, 2016. The 2015-16 results show both schools improved tremendously on the PARCC exam, with the biggest percentage point increases in DuPage County of students not only meeting or exceeding, but also approaching expectations.

In 2014-15, the district's composite was 44 percent of its students approached, met or exceeded expectations; and in 2015-16, the number has increased to 62 percent. The district's ELA was 50 percent compared to 71 percent in 2015-16, and the district's Math was 37 percent in 2014-15 compared to 54 percent in 2015-16. Our graduation rate and Freshmen on Track are also above the state level.

◇ **The CONSENT AGENDA, which included the following items, was approved by the Board:**

- ✚ List of Bills for September 2016, in the amount of \$5,409,863.73.
- ✚ Purchase of Chromebooks.
- ✚ Fundraisers exceeding \$1,000.00.
- ✚ Shared Services Report.
- ✚ Disposal List.

DOORBOARD RECAP

◇ **SEPARATE ACTION Items, which included the following, were approved by the Board:**

- ✚ Treasurer's Report for September 2016.
- ✚ Budget Status Report for September 2016.
- ✚ List of Bills exceeding \$5,000.00.
- ✚ Financial Advisor Services Proposal.
- ✚ Dust Collector Replacement Proposal.
- ✚ Fundraisers exceeding \$1,000.00: 1) Addison Trail's Interact Club to sell a variety of Mexican food at Kermes, a Latino Food Festival, with the proceeds going toward student scholarships; 2) Addison Trail Class of 2019 to sell pastries and Puff Crust Pizza, with proceeds going toward Prom and Senior Breakfast; and 3) Addison Trail Student Council to sell World's Finest Chocolate, with proceeds to sponsor children for the Toys for Tots program and additional families in need for Christmas gifts.
- ✚ Personnel Report
- ✚ Classified Staff Resignation
 - Claire Blakemore, Addison Trail Literacy Teacher Aide, effective October 25, 2016.
- ✚ The following meeting minutes: September 6, 2016, Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting; September 12, 2016, Regular Business Board meeting; September 12, 2016, Closed Session Board meeting; September 26, 2016, Educational Focus Board meeting; and September 26, 2016, Closed Session Board meeting.

◇ **Information/Discussion Items**

Tax Levy 2016

Mr. Edward Hoster, Chief Financial Officer, presented information regarding the tax levy process. He also presented the 2016 Tax Levy Schedule and said he would provide a resolution for the tax levy for the board to adopt during its next meeting, November 14, 2016.

Willowbrook Choir Trip – Canada 2017

Mrs. Barbanente shared information about the Willowbrook Choir Trip to Canada in March 2017. Concert Choir members will tour Toronto, including the University of Toronto and cathedrals, along with various performance opportunities.

◇ **School Recognitions**

Addison Trail

- ✚ Congratulations to the Boys Varsity Soccer Team, Regional Champs! The team had a great season at 23-2.
- ✚ Dr. Christopher Coletta, Class of 1990, is this year's Tradition of Excellence recipient. A presentation and reception will take place on November 1, 2016, at Addison Trail, with a student assembly on November 2.
- ✚ The annual Blood Drive will take place on November 10, from 7:45 a.m. until 1:45 p.m. in the field house.
- ✚ Congratulations to Sabrina Boucekkine and Jonanthony Campbell of the Debate Team! At the last tournament, Boucekkine and Campbell won the Best Presiding Officer Award.
- ✚ Eighth-grade testing, Class of 2021, will take place from 7:45 to 10:45 a.m. on Saturday, November 12.
- ✚ The Girls Swim Team took 3rd place at the West Suburban Conference Meet last Saturday. The following athletes earned All-Conference Awards: 3rd place in the 200 Medley-Annalise Morrone and Klea Gjonaj; 3rd place in the 50 Free-Annalise Morrone; 3rd place in the 500 Free-Michelle Ramirez; and 2nd place in the 200 Frees Relay-Michelle Ramirez and Annalise Morrone. Congratulations!
- ✚ Winter sports will begin next week.

Willowbrook

- ✚ The Music Series Concerts consisted of Collage Concert, Choir Invitational, Strings Festival and Band Day, which took place during the month of October. The winter series will begin in December.
- ✚ The Girls and Boys Cross-Country Teams qualified and competed at the IHSA Sectionals. Overall, tremendous season for the teams.
- ✚ Congratulations to the Girls Swim Team on a great season!
- ✚ This past weekend, the Varsity Football Team competed in the IHSA Playoffs in Quincy. They earned the school's first playoff victory since 1990. The Warriors will face Glenbrook North at home on Saturday, November 5. Game will start at 1:30 p.m. Congratulations! Go, Warriors!
- ✚ Winter sports Silver & Blue Night will take place at 6 p.m. on November 12.
- ✚ This year's fall musical, *Mary Poppins*, will run November 17 through 19. Best of luck to the cast and crew!
- ✚ November is the month when Willowbrook gives back, with the focus on Key Club Food Drive, WPO Coat Drive and donations for local foundations to support our students and community.

Board Of Education Meeting Dates

All meetings are at 7:30 p.m. in the District 88 Boardroom (unless otherwise noted)

7:00 p.m. Monday, November 14, 2016: Regular Business/Educational Focus Board Meeting

7:00 p.m. Monday, December 19, 2016: Regular Business/Educational Focus Board Meeting

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