

Monday, August 29, 2016

Educational Focus Board Of Education Meeting

◇ **Motion to Nominate a Secretary Pro Tem**

Board Member Timothy Gillen was nominated Secretary Pro Tem for this meeting.

◇ **Recognition of District 88 Successes**

Introduction of New Teaching Staff

Dr. Scott Helton, Superintendent, along with Principals Michael Bolden and Dan Krause, invited the newly hired teaching staff for the 2016-17 school year to introduce themselves and share their background. Returning staff members who have new positions this year also attended the meeting. The Board and administration welcomed them to the District 88 family.

First Day of School Highlights

Dr. Helton shared a presentation featuring highlights from the beginning of the 2016-17 school year. The presentation included photos of the community breakfast, Chinese delegation visit, school bus rides the Superintendent and Principals took with students on the first day of the school year, welcoming students in the Transition Program, Community Night celebrations and more.

88's Best Students

88's Best Students Ryan Cabildo from Addison Trail and Vineet Patel from Willowbrook were recognized for the month of August. 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, Ryan and Vineet were given an 88's Best glass sculpture and a certificate to a local restaurant.

◇ **Educational Focus Items**

ACT Profile 2016

Mr. Adam Cibulka, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, presented the 2016 ACT performance data. The district composite score overall held steady at an average of 20. For the class of 2016, there was an increase in the percent of students ready for college-level coursework and meeting all four benchmarks in English, math, reading and science.

This year, Illinois high schools will transition to the SAT, as the ACT is no longer the state assessment. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT and SAT. The local public libraries have been updating their materials for the new SAT. An application to administer the National SAT at Addison Trail and Willowbrook has been submitted by the district, and we are awaiting a decision.

Summer Curriculum and Technology Updates

Mr. Cibulka highlighted the STEM Summer Camp. As a joint venture with districts 4, 45 and 88, the students who participated in the camp were exposed to coding and robotics and were able to expand their interest. LearnTec, Inc. provided materials and instructors, and district employees assisted as well.

Dr. Aaron Lenaghan, Director of Technology, Teaching and Learning, shared the integration of classroom tools for staff, 1:1 Pilot updates, training for certified and classified staff on Google applications and online registration.

DISCUSS BOARD ACTION PLAN

- ◇ **The CONSENT AGENDA, which included the following items, was approved by the Board:**
 - ✚ List of Bills for June and July 2016.
 - ✚ Treasurer’s Report for June 2016.
 - ✚ Chromebooks for 1:1 Pilot.
 - ✚ Fundraisers exceeding \$1,000.00.

- ◇ **SEPARATE ACTION Items, which included the following, were approved by the Board:**
 - ✚ Treasurer’s Report for July 2016.
 - ✚ List of Bills exceeding \$5,000.00.
 - ✚ Fundraiser exceeding \$1,000.00: Addison Trail Girls Volleyball to host “Ford Drive 4 Ur School”.
 - ✚ Pay Application #1-Track Surfaces Co. (Track).
 - ✚ Pay Application #2-R.B. Crowther (Roofing).
 - ✚ Laptop Donations to Area Tutoring Centers.
 - ✚ Donation: a monetary gift from Evanston Community Foundation to Addison Trail High School.
 - ✚ Personnel Report
 - Classified Staff Appointments:
 - Tara Brownlee, Addison Trail Part-time Literacy Teacher Aide, effective 2016-17 school year.
 - Michael Napientek, Willowbrook Study Hall Teacher Aide, effective August 17, 2016.
 - Martha Meyer, Willowbrook Special-Education Teacher Aide, effective August 17, 2016.
 - Karen Fitzer, Willowbrook Literacy Teacher Aide, effective August 18, 2016.
 - Lee Elizabeth Ortiz, Willowbrook Part-time Literacy Teacher Aide, effective August 22, 2016.
 - Gabriel Ortiz, Willowbrook Special-Education Teacher Aide, effective August 23, 2016.
 - Stephanie Gray, Willowbrook Special-Education Teacher Aide, effective August 23, 2016.
 - Lauren Heath, Willowbrook Special-Education Teacher Aide, effective August 23, 2016.
 - Kimberly Keehner, Willowbrook Part-time CTE Teacher Aide, effective August 29, 2016.
 - Lauren Ross, Addison Trail Special-Education Teacher Aide, effective August 30, 2016.
 - Classified Staff Rehires:
 - William Moore, Addison Trail Special-Education Teacher Aide, effective August 26, 2016.
 - Donna Tyler, Willowbrook Part-time Special-Education Bus Aide, effective August 29, 2016.
 - Classified Staff Resignations:
 - Claire Shoup, Addison Trail Writing Center Teacher Aide, effective August 16, 2016.
 - Cory Little, Addison Trail Special-Education Teacher Aide, effective August 16, 2016.
 - ✚ The following meeting minutes: June 13, 2016, Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting; June 13, 2016, Regular Business Board meeting; June 13, 2016, Closed Session Board meeting; June 14, 2016, Technology Committee meeting; June 27, 2016, Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting; June 27, 2016, Educational Focus Board meeting; and June 27, 2016, Closed Session Board meeting.

◇ **Information/Discussion Item**Freedom of Information Request

The following Freedom of Information request was received and fulfilled:

A request from Ms. Diane Rado, Educator Reporter with the Chicago Tribune for:

1. The names/types of courses for which a placement process is used to enroll incoming freshmen, usually “core” courses such as English and math. Not all courses involve a placement process.
2. The names of any and all tests used in the placement process.
3. The precise cut off scores on each of the tests that determine the type/level of courses in which an incoming freshman will be placed, such as honors or general courses. For example, a student might need a 25 on the English subtest of the EXPLORE test to be placed in an honors English course.
4. A description of any specific, additional factors that go into the placement process, such as grades and teacher recommendations. If teacher recommendations are used, how often?
5. Any and all information given to parents that explains the level or rigor of the courses in which an incoming freshman is placed. If a school labels courses in a different way than the state’s categories – remedial, general, enriched, honors -- please provide the names of those labels at the local level, and state whether parents are provided these labels. Please state whether a high school still offers remedial courses -- some districts have eliminated the remedial designation and combined it with the designation for general classes.
6. Any forms used to allow parents to appeal and change a placement decision by the school. If appeals/waivers are not allowed, please state that. If the appeals/waivers are limited in any way, such as allowing a student to go up one level in course rigor, but not two or more, please state that. Please provide a blank waiver/appeal form.
7. The number of appeals/waivers requested by parents or guardians of incoming freshmen, by subject, for each of the following school years, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17, and the number of appeals/waivers approved by each high school for each subject involved. Please provide this information for each high school in the district.
8. The number of appeals/waivers requested by parents or guardians of sophomores, juniors and seniors, by subject, for each of the following school years, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17, and the number of appeals/waivers approved by each high school for each subject involved. Please provide any other information about how the placement process works for sophomore, junior and senior students. Please provide the appeal/waiver information for each high school in the district.

◇ **School Recognition**Addison Trail

- ✚ The first Blue and White Community Night on Aug. 19 was a success. Fall sports and clubs were introduced, and performances by Cheerleaders, Blazettes, Orchesis and Marching Band took place. Football and soccer teams put on great scrimmages. Thank you to our clubs for selling ice cream, cotton candy and snow cones. The night concluded with all the teams and students in the stands signing the Blazer Fight Song.
- ✚ An all-school assembly will take place on Friday, Sept. 2 to celebrate Addison Trail’s 50th Anniversary. We will welcome WGN’s Around Town Crew, who will highlight AT’s 50th anniversary and the events that will take place during the year.
- ✚ An Activity Fair is scheduled for Sept. 7 during all lunch periods to help students navigate all that AT has to offer.
- ✚ Freshmen will begin the first of five annual college visit to University of Wisconsin-Madison on Aug. 30.
- ✚ Open House will be on Thursday, Sept. 1, with building tours at 5:45 and 6 p.m., Parent meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium, and then classroom visits.

Willowbrook

- + The first day of school on Aug. 17 had a lot of enthusiasm and excitement.
- + The school year began with all grade levels attending a Warrior Code meeting.
- + On Aug. 19, WB hosted a Community Night showcasing its fall sports and clubs.
- + Fall sports are in full swing. Best of luck to all the athletes!
- + This year's Student Activity Fair will take place on Sept. 1 during lunch periods. Open House will be on Sept. 1, with building tours at 5:30 and 5:45 p.m., followed by a Parent meeting at 6:30 p.m. and then classroom visits at 7:15 p.m.
- + The Marching Band will participate in Northwestern Band Day on Sept. 3.
- + Homecoming will take place the week of Sept. 12, with many activities planned such as PowderPuff on Sept. 14; Distinguished Alumni/Staff Recognition Dinner on Sept. 15; Homecoming Assembly, Parade and Football Game on Sept. 16; and Homecoming Dance on Sept. 17.

◇ **Action Necessitated by Closed Session**

No action was necessitated by Closed Session.

Board Of Education Meeting Dates

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

Monday, September 12, 2016: Regular Business Board Meeting

Monday, September 26, 2016: Educational Focus Board Meeting

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