

### ***Board Honors “88’s Best” for November***

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 academic accomplishments:



**Dustin Kwee** has demonstrated success in academics and has consistently enrolled in a rigorous curriculum at **Addison Trail**. He ranks fourth in his class with a G.P.A. of 4.6818. Dustin has taken the most difficult courses offered, which includes honors courses and 9 Advanced Placement courses.

During his high school career, Dustin has been involved in Key Club, Science Club and the National Honor Society. Outside of school, Dustin has volunteered for the Ben Lowe political campaign and also served as a youth group leader for his church. He is also an active member of the Addison Trail music program and member of the Tri-M Music Honors Society.

Dustin plans to attend either the University of Illinois-Champaign or the University of Washington-St. Louis where he will study business.

**Weston Umamo** has demonstrated success in academics and extracurricular activities at **Willowbrook**. He has taken seven AP courses and maintained a class ranking within the ninety-eighth percentile. Weston earned a scholarship to the Air Force Academy worth over \$400,000 for his excellence in school.

In addition to excelling in academics, Weston is an inductee of the National, Science and math Honor Societies, Mu Alpha Theta, and the Social Studies Honor Society, Civitas. Weston is captain of the Cross Country team, on the swimming and track teams, and he plays alto sax. He also is a Junior Assistant Scout Master.

After graduation, Weston will attend the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs to begin his military career and to study astronautical engineering.



#### **EDUCATIONAL FOCUS ITEMS:**

- **Director of Technology Christine Tomasino** facilitated a presentation about changes to the learning environment since **Building The Future technology enhancements**. She highlighted that over 30 staff development training sessions have been hosted this semester and that ongoing conversations are occurring with students about their digital needs. Christine then introduced several staff members to demonstrate new classroom capabilities:

Willowbrook teachers **Matt Scott and Vic Wisner** provided a hands-on example of a student response system that creates immediate student engagement. The handheld devices allow students to anonymously respond to questions that can gauge opinions as well as comprehension. The real-time responses help formulate classroom discussion.

Addison Trail teachers **Becky Cibulka and Christina Trapani** introduced Wiggio, a website that is being utilized in the classroom and remotely by students. Features of this site include a monthly calendar for posting assignments, polling software to track student assessment, and student to student as well as student to teacher interaction. **Andy Mitchell** demonstrated remotely the capabilities of Smart Boards and a website that students are accessing to post questions, view tutorials about solving math equations and interact in live chat sessions for help.

**Principals Dr. Scott Helton and Mr. Dan Krause** highlighted the use of flexible learning environments including Collaboration Zones, Forum Rooms and the Student Commons.

### **EDUCATIONAL FOCUS ITEMS (Continued):**

- **Assistant Superintendent Jean Barbanente presented New Course Proposals for the 2010-2011 school year.** Discussion about AT's Math Department proposal for **College Calculus** and the WB's World Language Department proposal for **intro level Arabic** generated additional questions. Based on input regarding naming and sequencing, the proposals will be further refined and brought back for more discussion at a future meeting date.

**Mrs. Barbanente also reviewed Part II of the Civil Rights Data Collection** that certifies students retained, exams conducted by ethnicities and discipline data. The information will be submitted to the federal government as follow-up to Part I submitted in the spring of the 2009-2010 school year.

**Finally, she highlighted the Title I Comparability Report** that examines staff to low-income student ratios between the high schools as well as a state baseline. The comparison details demonstrate that District 88 is compliant, which is required to continue receiving federal Title I funds.

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

The **list of bills, treasurer's report and budget status report** from October 2010; the **purchase of volleyball equipment** for AT and WB; **fundraiser contracts** with anticipated revenue of \$1,000 or more; the **personnel report as presented on November 15, 2010**; and **Board Policies 2:110 and 7:285**.

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

- **Letter of Agreement with Wight and Co.** for architectural, engineering and construction management services for BTF 13 and the remaining projects.
- **Building The Future** Contractor Payment Request #28.
- **Fundraiser contracts** with anticipated revenue of \$1,000 or more.
- **Meeting minutes** from the October 18, 2010, **Regular Business meeting**.
- **Meeting minutes** from the October 18, 2010, **Closed Session Board meeting**.
- **Meeting minutes** from the October 25, 2010, **Educational Focus meeting**.
- **Meeting minutes** from the October 30, 2010, **Board Leadership Workshop**.

**IN PERSONNEL ACTION:** the following items were approved by the Board:

- Certified Staff Unpaid Leave of Absence for **Aileen Sullivan**, AT Science Teacher.
- Classified Staff Appointment for **Benjamin Hussey**, WB Special Education Teacher Aide.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- **A Freedom of Information request** was received from Ms. Colleen M. Loftus and information related to her request for bond and contracts relevant to AHS renovations has been forwarded.
- The Board of Education Evaluation and Compensation Committee finalized the timeline for the **Superintendent Transition Process and related personnel issues**. Important calendar dates range from posting the position (12/3/10) and meetings with staff (12/10/10) and parent advisory groups (1/12/11) to announcing the appointment on January 24, 2011. The Board will finalize the recommendation of an additional appointment caused by the Transition Appointment by March 4, 2011.

### **SCHOOL RECOGNITION:**

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

- Approximately 172 senior citizens attended the annual Kiwanis Senior Thanksgiving luncheon hosted in the cafe.
- Dr. Helton has issued a challenge that if pre-sales for the Theatre Department's winter production of "Willy Wonka" total 1200 seats, he will dress in character (Friday) as well as appear on stage (Saturday).
- The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Placement Exam will be conducted for the Class of 2015 on Saturday, December 4.
- Upcoming events include: Holiday Benefit Concert Series, Golden Blazer Breakfast and a Young Alum reception.

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

- Congratulations to the cast and crew of "Grease" for a great production and record attendance at the performances.
- Congratulations to the members of the District swim team on their great efforts at the State Swim competition.
- Parent/Teacher conferences are successfully underway and will continue this week.
- Upcoming events include: Holiday music concerts, 8<sup>th</sup> grade placement exam and the Young Alum reception.

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### **Mark Your Calendars:**

December 13, 2010 7:30 p.m.

Board of Education, Business/Educational Focus Mtg. District Boardroom