

Monday, November 17, 2014
Educational Focus Board Of Education Meeting

◇ **Recognition of District 88 Successes**

School Board Members Day

Dr. Scott Helton, Superintendent of Schools, presented the District 88 Board of Education members with a certificate of appreciation and recognition and thanked them for their dedication in serving our students and community in recognition of School Board Members Day on Nov. 15.

Community Events

District 88 recognized and thanked the Kiwanis Club of Villa Park members Sandy Hill, Rae Rupp-Srch, Jim Luebker and Erv Ziemer for sponsoring the annual Spaghetti Dinner at Willowbrook High School this past Friday. Students from Key Club, through their interaction with the Kiwanis Club, assisted with the dinner. Proceeds from this event are used to support scholarships for Willowbrook students, supplies and materials for elementary school students and local charitable organizations and foundations. Representing Key Club at the meeting were Officers Abby Pakeltis, Lauren Downer, Micala Giammarino, Tyler Rusnak, Gloria Johnson and Sponsor Megan Derricott.

District 88 along with Interact Club Officers Jessica Garay, Edgar Flores, Mayra Sarabia and Deanna Rodriguez and its Co-sponsors Jorge deLeon and Esther Delgado recognized and thanked Larry Bollmann of Addison Floral for supporting Kermes, a Latino food festival at Addison Trail High School. Proceeds from this event will go toward scholarships for students involved in Addison Trail's Interact Club and help defray the costs of travel for the students participating in the trip to Spain this spring.

88's Best Students

88's Best Students Michal Silezin from Addison Trail and Tyler Zachary Rusnak from Willowbrook were recognized for the month of November. 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, Michal and Tyler were given an 88's Best glass sculpture and a certificate.

◇ **Educational Focus Items**

New Course Proposals/Program Changes/Advanced Placement Follow Up

Mrs. Jean Barbanente, Assistant Superintendent, provided an update on the proposed new courses and program changes for the 2015-16 school year. The focus for next year will be the alignment to standards, piloting of blended/online courses and high-quality elective courses.

Mrs. Barbanente and Dr. Helton shared data with regard to Advanced Placement. The data shows an increase in the number of students scoring 5's, 4's and 3's on exams over the past five years. They also discussed data from the College Board indicating that students who took at least one AP exam had a greater chance of graduating from college in four years.

Online PE - Hybrid Learning Environment

Dr. Aaron Lenaghan, Director of Technology, Teaching & Learning, along with Physical Education Department Chairs Rob Schader (Addison Trail) and Michael Haussmann (Willowbrook) presented an overview of the online blended-learning PE course, including student responses/reactions to the course.

- ◇ **The CONSENT AGENDA, which included the following items, was approved by the Board:**
 - + List of Bills for October 2014.
 - + Fundraisers exceeding \$1,000.00: Willowbrook's Relay For Life to host various activities (Pink Day, Relay For Life, Facial Hair February) to help fund/donate to American Cancer Society; Addison Trail's Orchestis Team to host a Winter Dance Clinic to raise money for the spring show; Addison Trail's Theatre to host a car wash to buy music rights/royalties for the following year and to sell Fannie May candy to raise money for the spring play and set materials; Addison Trail's Girls Basketball, Girls Gymnastics and Boys Soccer teams to host a Winter Dance to raise money for team camp, warmup suits for varsity basketball and uniforms for girls gymnastics; Addison Trail's Wrestling Team to sell cookie dough to buy headgear and bags for the team; and Addison Trail's Class of 2016 to sell Hershey candy to raise money for Prom 2015.
 - + Personnel Report.
- ◇ **SEPARATE ACTION Items, which included the following, were approved by the Board:**
 - + Treasurer's Report for October 2014.
 - + Budget Status Report for October 2014.
 - + List of Bills exceeding \$5,000.00.
 - + Fundraiser exceeding \$1,000.00: Willowbrook's Wrestling Team to sell Discount Cards to local businesses to buy personal headgear, singlets and T-shirts for the team.
 - + Donation of used furniture to Addison Trail's theatrical productions from Walter E. Smithe Furniture.
 - + Personnel Report.
 - CLASSIFIED STAFF APPOINTMENT:
 - Robyn White, Willowbrook Math Teacher Aide, effective November 10, 2014.
 - CLASSIFIED STAFF RESIGNATION:
 - Amanda Nickless, Willowbrook Part-time Science Teacher Aide, effective November 21, 2014.
 - + Learning Compact/Joint Resolution - Senate Bill 16.
 - + The following meeting minutes: October 6, 2014, Board Workshop; October 6, 2014, Regular Business Board meeting; October 6, 2014, Closed Session Board meeting; October 7, 2014, Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting; October 20, 2014, Educational Focus Board meeting; October 20, 2014, Closed Session Board meeting.
- ◇ **Information/Discussion Items**
 - Credit Card Payment Summary
 - Mr. Edward Hoster, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the district's credit card use report for October 2014, as outlined in Board Policy 4:55, Use of Credit and Procurement Cards.
- ◇ **School Recognition**
 - Addison Trail**
 - + In honor of Veterans Day, Addison Trail hosted a luncheon on Nov. 7 for local veterans and first responders to enjoy and viewed a Veterans Day video and a collage honoring soldiers with a connection to Addison Trail. Students attended a special presentation on Veterans Day that included singing the National Anthem.

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- + Fall Sports Awards included three All-Sectional, 25 All-Conference and 45 All-Academic Student-athletes. Congratulations to all the fall athletes!
- + On Nov. 18, Alex Dickmann will sign to play volleyball for Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. Congratulations!
- + Winter sports recently began.
- + Upcoming events: Jazz Café - Nov. 19; Madrigal Dinner - Nov. 20; Golden Apple Breakfast - Dec. 2; Senior Art Show - Dec. 9 through 12; Holiday Benefit Concert - Dec. 10.

Willowbrook

- + In honor of Veterans Day, Willowbrook lined its driveway with American flags and hosted a special assembly recognizing local veterans, first responders and staff member Mr. Rich Rentner, who will retire after this year. The students learned the history of the military and the true meaning of Veterans Day.
- + Last week's fall musical, "Beauty and the Beast," had two sellout nights. Outstanding production!
- + The sophomore college visits took place today. The campuses visited were Lake Forest College, Northwestern University, DePaul University and Lewis University.
- + Congratulations and best of luck to Kelly McNamara! She will compete at State this weekend in the 50-yard Freestyle and 100-yard Butterfly.
- + Winter sports recently began.
- + The Winter Music Concerts will take place on December 4, 11 and 17.
- + It's the start of the holiday season, and Warriors give back through the Key Club Food Drive and the Warrior Project Holiday Gift Giving.

◇ **Action Necessitated By Closed Session**

No action was taken.

Board Of Education Meeting Dates

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

7 p.m. Monday, December 15, 2014: Regular Business/Educational Focus Board Meeting

Monday, January 12, 2015: Regular Business Board Meeting

Monday, January 26, 2015: Educational Focus Board Meeting

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