

# **Board Briefs**

A brief synopsis of the P-CCS Board of Education Meeting

# **Board of Education**

Shawn Wilson, President Lauren Christenson, Vice President Anupam Chugh Sidhu, Secretary Patrick Kehoe, Treasurer Patti McCoin, Trustee Sheryl Picard, Trustee Judy Westra, Trustee

## April 23, 2024

#### **REGULAR MEETING**

## **Action Items/Discussion**

- Approved the Resignation of Emily Lewin (Hoben)
- Approved the Retirement of Daniel Abraham (Discovery), Lynne Cowell (Tonda), Donna Hollandsworth (Salem), Janet Polidori (Tonda), and Jennifer Steinhauer (Tonda)
- Approved the Special Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2024, the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2024, and the Special Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2024
- Approved Policy #5464-Early Graduation (First Reading)
- Approved a Tentative Agreement with the Plymouth-Canton Maintenance Association (First & Final Reading)
- Considered a Resolution for Middle School Math Curriculum Materials (First Reading)
- Approved a Resolution for Elementary English Language Arts (ELA) Curriculum Materials (Final Reading)
- Considered a Resolution for a Property Sale Agreement (Tanger Center Property-Five Mile Road) (First Reading)
- Considered a Resolution for Security Window Film (First Reading)
- Approved a Resolution for Bid Package #EL-4a Hoben Elementary Drainage Improvements (Final Reading)
- Approved a Resolution to Recognize Teacher Appreciation Week (First and Final Reading)

### **Celebrating Success**

**Member McCoin** presented the Student with Tenacity Achieving and Reaching Success (STARS) Award to **Olivia Graham**, a Plymouth High School sophomore. Olivia has played a significant role on the Student Advisory Council and was instrumental in forming a Michigan Department of Education resource for creating safe and inclusive places in schools. Olivia was applauded for her contributions over the last three years to promote this important initiative.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

**Superintendent Merritt** began her report by highlighting the recent accomplishments of the district's amazing students and staff.

She congratulated the P-CEP Winter Percussion Program and its Director, **Oliver Rodriguez**, for clinching first place at the state championship earlier this month.

Additionally, she acknowledged the dedication of the Park Players Theatre Company students, along with Directors **Paul Bird** and **Jennifer Neuman** and Orchestra Director **Michael Edwards**, for their successful production of "Anything Goes" over the past two weeks.

Students from the P-CEP Culinary Program continued their tradition of excellence earlier this month when five students competed at the Skills USA Individual State Championship in Grand Rapids. P-CEP student **Madeleine White** won the state restaurant service competition and **Charlie Salowich** took home state champion honors in the culinary competition. **Montana Guy** also earned a second-place finish in the restaurant service category.

The P-CEP Lightning Robotics Team, led by **Jay Obsniuk**, continued its tradition of success this past weekend when the team competed at the FIRST World Finals in Houston, Texas, barely missing the world championship playoffs.

Additionally, Superintendent Merritt extended congratulations to the Plymouth High School E-Sports team for qualifying for the Michigan High School E-Sports League playoffs, which will feature multiple video game playoff events over the next three weeks, including an inperson gaming day at Oakland University on April 27, 2024.

She extended an invitation to 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students in the community to tour the P-CEP campus during the National Honor Society's annual Walk the Park event on April 27, 2024, beginning at 10 a.m. in the Canton High School cafeteria. The tour will provide an opportunity for students to ask questions and become more familiar with the high school campus. Students and families can RSVP for the tours on the P-CCS website.

She also invited the community to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual P-CCS Mental Health and Wellness Fair this Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park. Families can enjoy a day full of fun activities at this event and meet community mental health experts and local businesses. The fair is an integral part of the district's mission to help crush the stigma surrounding mental health.

In closing, she spoke about the upcoming 2024 SJ5K charity run-walk scheduled for Sunday, May 5, 2024. The SJ5K has grown into a cherished annual tradition and has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to benefit families facing financial hardships due to medical issues. Further details and registration information can be found on the official race website at SJ5K.org

#### Teaching and Learning - Beth Rayl

**Anthony Ruela**, Executive Director of Middle School Education, and members of the Middle School administrative team gave a presentation to provide P-CCS Middle School Program Highlights.

#### Citizens' Comments

 Robert McCurdy – Spoke on current P-CCS programming and enrollment.

#### **Board Subcommittee Meetings**

- SPA Committee (Next Meeting: May 1, 2024 - 5 p.m.
- Policy Committee (Next Meeting: May 28, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.)
- Finance & Operations Committee (Next Meeting: May 9, 2024 - 5 p.m.)
- Student Voice in Action Committee (Next Meeting: May 20, 2024 - 6 p.m.)

#### **Upcoming Board Meetings**

- Regular Meeting May 14, 2024 at 7 p.m.
- Regular Meeting May 28, 2024 at 7 p.m.