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Board Briefs

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

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August 13, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

Action Items/Discussion

- Approved the New Hire of Dana Arning (East), Fernanda Cusick (Pioneer), Samantha Fitzsimmons (Canton/Salem), Margaret Medlen (Farrand/Field), Joseph Morris (Discovery), Brooke Wanshon (Hoben/Discovery), Stefanie Hayes (Admin. Bldg.), Matthew Lents (Educational Support Center), Caitlin Opfermann (Allen), Gwendolyn Pollard (Admin. Bldg.), Tiffany Roberts (Canton), Lindsey Segrist (Eriksson), and Harold Wimberly, Jr. (Discovery)
- Approved the Leave of Absence of Kellie Diciuccio (Hulsing), Christopher Hammond (Bentley), Kelly Hillyard (Allen), and Rosemarie Pollum (Pioneer)
- Approved the Resignation of Huma Ahmed (Admin. Bldg.), Bethany Allen-Elsner (Canton), Patrick Ignagni (Educational Support Center), Sharon Kerr (Educational Support Center), Stefanie Rissman (West), Sarah Ruggirello (Bentley), Aimee Simon (Field), Megan Sparling (Discovery), and Jessica Teske (Allen)
- Approved the Retirement of Donna Riddell (Bentley), Valerie Rousseaux-Swift (West), Bridget Wallman (Discovery), and Kathleen West (Isbister)
- Approved the Regular (Organizational) Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2024

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Merritt thanked Beth Rayl and the entire Teaching & Learning Department for their exceptional work organizing and facilitating this week's administrator retreat sessions. Their efforts have been instrumental in helping our district administrators grow and prepare for a successful school year.

She also congratulated P-CEP student Nicholas Rodgers, whose design was selected as a finalist in the State of Michigan's "I Voted" sticker contest. Nicholas's design is one of the final options under consideration for use by election officials during the November 2024 election.

Additionally, Superintendent Merritt recognized three P-CCS Middle School students - Rawan Hammad, Simon Reed, and Evan Zhen - who secured the top three

positions at the 2024 State of Michigan Civics Bee. Evan's first-place finish qualifies him to compete in the national civics bee finals in Washington, D.C.

She reminded parents that the P-CCS online back-to-school check-in process opens tomorrow through the MISTAR parent connection website. This check-in process is required for all returning K-12 students and must be completed by September 30.

In closing, Superintendent Merritt provided updates on P-CCS 2020 Bond construction projects, highlighting ongoing work at Plymouth High School on the Natatorium and multi-purpose room, as well as the new stadium and multi-purpose room at Canton High School. She also shared renovation updates taking place at East and West Middle School and expressed continued appreciation to the community for their support of the 2020 bond.

Citizens' Comments

- Peter Holcombe, Marilyn Holcombe, and Gavin Holcombe spoke about the Salem High School wrestling program
- Katy Cleveland and Bobbi Hejka spoke about support for P-CCS administrative assistants
- Jen Vos spoke about district communications

Board Subcommittee Meetings

- SPA Committee – Next Meeting: TBD
- Policy Committee
Next Meeting: August 27, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.
- Finance & Operations Committee
Next Meeting: August 22, 2024 - 5 p.m.
- Student Voice in Action – Next Meeting: TBD

Upcoming Board Meetings

- Special Meeting/Workshop - August 26, 2024
5:30 p.m.
- Regular Meeting - August 27, 2024 - 7 p.m.
- Regular Meeting – September 10, 2024 – 7 p.m.