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Board Briefs

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

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September 10, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

Action Items/Discussion

- Approved the New Hire of Joshua Bechtel (West), Kayla Butske (Bentley), Elizabeth Calomino (Eriksson), Alyssa Cole (East), Sheila Harkaway (Allen), Breanna Kalinsky (Hoben), Christine Munro (Discovery), Cassandra Otemuyiwa (Salem), Rachel Royal (Canton), Ashley-Marie Rundhaug (Salem), Kristy Wisniewski (Workman), Justin Green (Eriksson), and Rozalyn Mitchell (Field)
- Approved the Resignation of Lisa Peters (Tonda), Andrew Raven (Plymouth), and Lisa Wysocki (Eriksson)
- Approved the Tenure Recommendation of Melissa Jones (Farrand)
- Considered Policy #2410 (Rescind)-Prohibition of Referral or Assistance and Policy #6350 - Prevailing Wage (First Reading)
- Approved the Special Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2024, the Special Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2024, and the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2024.
- Considered a Resolution to Purchase a GMC Terrain for the Security Department (First Reading)
- Considered a Resolution for Building Entry Intercom System Replacements (First Reading)
- Considered a Resolution for the Purchase of Additional Building Access Control Points (First Reading)
- Considered Approval of a Resolution for the Purchase of Two Avigilon AVR Servers (First Reading)
- Considered a Resolution to Purchase Electronic Building Signs (First Reading)
- Approved a Resolution to Adopt the Canton High School Cobra Mascot Logo Design (Final Reading)

Celebrating Success

Member Westra presented Antionette Jackson with the Volunteer in Public Schools (VIP) Award for her ongoing support of P-CCS. Antionette is the former president of the Parent Council and has exhibited unwavering dedication and contributions to the district over the years.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Merritt spoke about the energy and excitement she observed across the district when she visited classrooms as students returned for the new school year. She expressed appreciation to the dedicated teachers and staff members who worked tirelessly to ensure that classrooms were welcoming and ready for learning from day one.

She also invited the community to join us for an evening of fun at the rescheduled Back to School Bash on Thursday, September 26, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the P-CEP bus loop. This event offers families an opportunity to connect with school and district leaders, learn about the various programs P-CCS offers to our students, and celebrate a successful start to the new school year.

Superintendent Merritt also shared that WDIV Channel 4 will visit P-CEP tomorrow morning to feature a story on the innovative security initiatives we have implemented throughout the district. She expressed pride in the district's safety and security department and the significant investments made to ensure our schools remain safe environments for learning and growth.

Additionally, she mentioned that spots are still available in the district's Community Education Stay and Play Program. This program provides an opportunity for our two-year-old early learners to interact in a relaxed classroom setting once a week from September through May. Additional information can be found on the Community Education page of the P-CCS website.

In closing, Superintendent Merritt addressed emails recently received regarding elementary specials such as field day, 5th grade graduation, and music concerts. She reassured families that the district greatly values its visual and performance arts, physical education, and electives and has no plans to reduce or eliminate these important experiences for our students.

Student Services - Kurt Tyszkiewicz

Kurt Tyszkiewicz, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, presented an overview of a proposal to move the High School Draw from 6th grade to students' point of entry into the district. Spirit Committee members Katie Bennett and Shay Bailey assisted with the presentation.

Communications & Marketing - Frank Ruggirello

Frank Ruggirello, Director of Partnerships and External Affairs, Jonathan Flukes, Director of Data, Assessment, Research, and Evaluation, and Dave Turrell, Tonda Elementary School Principal, gave a presentation to provide data results from the K-2 Focus Group interviews.

Citizens' Comments

- Peyton Schafer, Grace Monty, Jasmine Lee, Rachel Stevens, Brooklyn Stevens, Arhaan Patel, and Melinda Monty spoke about elementary specials at their school.
- Natalie Sharpe spoke about students walking and riding bikes to school
- Jennifer Vos spoke about the proposal to change the high school draw

Board Subcommittee Meetings

- Student Performance & Achievement (SPA) Committee
Next Meeting: September 18, 2024 - 5 p.m.
- Policy Committee
Next Meeting: September 24, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.
- Finance & Operations Committee
Next Meeting: September 19, 2024 - 5 p.m.
- Student Voice in Action (SVA) Committee
Next Meeting: Monday, September 16, 2024 - 4:30 p.m.

Upcoming Board Meetings

- Regular Meeting - September 24, 2024 - 7 p.m.
- Special Meeting - October 1, 2024 - 6 p.m.