



BOARD MEETING RECAP

The Shawnee Mission Board of Education met on November 26, 2018. During the meeting Superintendent Mike Fulton shared information with the Board and the public about the following district programs and recognitions:



Kansas Geography Educator of the Year Kim Gilman, Hocker Grove Middle School social studies teacher, was recognized as Kansas Geography Educator of the Year. She was honored for excellence as an educator, for her work as part of the Kansas Geographic Alliance, and the ways she has helped improve geographic education in Kansas. Dr. Richard Lisichenko, geography and geoscience professor from Fort Hays State University, traveled to Hocker Grove recently to present the honor to Gilman before an audience of students.



Eco Meet Champions For the second consecutive year, Shawnee Mission South High School students won the Kansas State Eco-Meet Final Competition. One South team earned first place, and another earned third in the contest. These students earned top placement by demonstrating knowledge of Kansas plants and animals. The teams are coached by PJ Born, a science teacher at Shawnee Mission South.



Journalism Students Earn National Recognition The National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) has recognized Shawnee Mission students as among the top high school journalists in the country. Multiple students and student publications were honored with prestigious awards at the 2018 Journalism Education Association (JEA)/NSPA Fall National High School Journalism Convention. The honors included a 2018

Newspaper Pacemaker Winner, the preeminent award in scholastic journalism, presented to Shawnee Mission East High School's newspaper, The Harbinger. A full list of honorees [is available on the district website](#).



Leadership Impact Award Health Partnership Clinic (HPC) recently presented the Shawnee Mission School District with the Leadership Impact Award. Several Shawnee Mission staff members who have worked in partnership with HPC attended a luncheon. There, Tierney Grasser, HPC board chair, formally presented the award to Shelby Rebeck, Shawnee Mission School District Health Services Director. HPC and the Shawnee Mission School District have worked collaboratively since 2012, with the common goal of improving students' access to health. Last spring, the first school-based clinic in Shawnee Mission opened to provide mental, dental, and behavioral [health services at Merriam Park Elementary School](#).

Discussion about Technology in the Classroom Several individuals spoke about use of digital learning devices in Shawnee Mission schools. Superintendent Mike Fulton spoke about the importance of ongoing conversation about technology and invited Dr. Christy Ziegler, assistant superintendent of personalized learning and interim director of special education, and Drew Lane, executive director of information and communication technologies, to share information about a meeting they had with parents concerning the use of technology. They spoke about key messages heard in the meeting and issues that will be addressed with a technology advisory committee, which is expected to be formed beginning in January. Multiple parents also shared public comments about the use of technology. Dr. Fulton said that he appreciated the parent insight and input, and that the information will be helpful as conversations continue and the advisory committee is formed.

Academic Program Evaluation Dr. Michelle Hubbard, associate superintendent of leadership and learning, led an update about district academic goals, assessment data, and areas of future focus. The report will be available [on this page](#) on Nov. 27.

This publication, provided after each Shawnee Mission Board of Education meeting, provides a recap of some actions taken by the Shawnee Mission

Board of Education and information about activities happening in the school district. An archive video of the meeting [can be found here](#). Links to board policies, agendas, and meeting minutes [can be found here](#).