



BOARD MEETING RECAP

The Shawnee Mission School District Board of Education met on December 17, 2018. During the meeting, Superintendent Dr. Mike Fulton shared information with the Board and the public about the following district programs and recognitions:



Roesland Elementary Named National ESEA Distinguished School

The National Association of Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) State Program Administrators announced that

Roesland Elementary School has been named a National ESEA Distinguished School. Roesland is one of only 100 schools in the country and one of two in the state to receive this prestigious honor. Roesland is being recognized in the program's category that showcases school success in closing the achievement gap between student groups.



Shawnee Mission School District and Christa McAuliffe EPA Recognitions

The Shawnee Mission School District and Christa McAuliffe Elementary School were honored by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The district and school are being honored for innovative

approaches and practical actions students and staff have taken to prevent and reduce food waste. The district was named an EPA Region 7 honoree and Christa McAuliffe Elementary received a national recognition. Students and staff in all buildings in the district participate in composting and recycling.



ECKMEA Administrator of the Year Award Nicholas Platko, Shawnee Mission South associate principal, was selected as the East Central Kansas Music Educators Association (ECKMEA) Honor Administrator of the Year for 2018. Platko was nominated by the

music staff at SM South for his support of music groups and the performing arts department. The honor is given to recognize administrators who are leaders in developing, improving, and supporting music education and arts education.



Biotechnology Teacher Tribute Stanford University presented a Teacher Tribute to Brenda Bott, Biotechnology Signature Program coordinator, for exceptional teaching. Erin Smith, a Shawnee Mission West and Biotechnology Program graduate, who was recently named a member of the Forbes 30 Under 30 Class of 2018, nominated Bott for the Stanford recognition. She acknowledged Bott for playing a significant role in her intellectual, academic, and personal development.

Shawnee Mission All-Star- At the Dec. 17 meeting, the board of education recognized the newest Shawnee Mission All-Stars. Michael Wesner, custodian at Rhein Benninghoven, and Rebecca Dopheide, special education teacher at ApacheS were recognized for their contributions to the Shawnee Mission School District. If you would like to suggest a Shawnee Mission All-Star, [click here to fill out the nomination form](#).

Strategic Plan Update The Board of Education received an update on the development of the strategic plan, and voted to fund strategic planning for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year. Strategic planning in SMSD will be led by a Steering Committee, appointed by superintendent Dr. Mike Fulton, and made up of a diverse cross-section of the SMSD community, including parents, community members, students and staff. Strategic planning will formally begin with a Kickoff session in early February, 2019. The Steering Committee will develop the district Beliefs, Mission, Objectives, Strategies, and Parameters.

The process is being designed to provide multiple and varied opportunities for public input, in order to ensure that the ultimate plan serves the needs of **all** students in SMSD. These opportunities will include surveys, extended on-line deliberations, community meetings, along with participation on

district action teams (focused on individual strategies, identified by the district Steering Committee), and on school-based site councils.

The work of the Steering Committee and the Action Teams will be presented to the Board of Education in June, 2019 for adoption. Individual schools will begin work in Fall, 2019 to develop school plans aligned with the district strategic plan. The Board of Education will receive monthly updates on the progress of strategic planning.

Kansas Teacher of the Year Nominations The Shawnee Mission School District is seeking nominations for educators to be considered for the Kansas Teacher of the Year award. Colleagues, students, parents, and community members are encouraged to nominate outstanding teachers. The deadline to nominate a candidate is Jan. 11. [Click here for more information and to links](#) to the nomination forms.

Academic Information Reports Dan Gruman, coordinator of assessment and research, provided information about graduation rates and measures of academic performance. Ryan Flurry, career and technical campus principal, shared information about career and technical education in the district. [Click here](#) to view the presentation information.

Legislative Platform The Shawnee Mission Board of Education approved the 2019 Legislative platform. The approved legislative platform will be posted on the district's legislative advocacy and update page as soon as it is available.

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](#).