



## BOARD MEETING RECAP

The Shawnee Mission School District Board of Education met for a regular meeting on Monday, April 22, 2019. During the meeting, Superintendent Mike Fulton shared information with the Board and the public about district news, programs, and recognitions:



**Kansas Teacher of the Year Honorees** Recently the Shawnee Mission School District announced that Shawnee Mission's Kansas Teacher of the Year nominees are Natalie Johnson-Berry, an English Language Arts teacher at Shawnee Mission North and Melissa Molteni, a second-

grade teacher at Corinth Elementary School. Their outstanding work will be recognized by the state of Kansas. These nominees and teachers from across the district who were nominated for the Kansas Teacher of the Year Award by their school communities were also recognized at a recent district event. "Our educators deserve all of the recognition in the world and we thank them for all they do," Superintendent Mike Fulton said. For a complete list of honorees: <https://www.smsd.org/about/news-post/~board/district-news/post/shawnee-mission-honors-kansas-teacher-of-the-year-nominees>



**Greater Kansas City Science and Engineering Fair** Many of the highest honors at this year's Greater Kansas City Science and Engineering Fair (GKCSEF) were presented to Shawnee Mission School District students. Of the three Grand Awards presented at the fair, two were presented

to our students. Peyton Panovich, a senior Biotechnology Signature Program and Shawnee Mission West High School student earned a Grand Award and several recognitions for her research related to colon cancer. Amy Qiang, a senior Biotechnology Signature Program and Shawnee Mission West student, earned a Grand Award and several recognitions for

her research related to mitochondrial function. Here is a link to the complete list of honorees, as announced by GKCSEF:  
[https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1555079794/smsdorg/m0kldymkwkc\\_oazkpebv2/SMSDAwardWinners\\_Final.pdf](https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1555079794/smsdorg/m0kldymkwkc_oazkpebv2/SMSDAwardWinners_Final.pdf)

**COMING MAY 4**  
Shawnee Mission School District  
Research and Development Forum



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**R&D Forum on May 4** The Shawnee Mission School District has its own showcase of student innovation and achievement coming up. The annual Research and Development Forum will feature student projects in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. The R&D forum will also feature interactive activities, exhibits, and musical performances. The R&D Forum will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 4 at Shawnee Mission West High School. For more information about the event: <https://www.smsd.org/academics/rd-forum>.



**Princeton Prize in Race Relations** Hananeel Morinville, a sophomore at Shawnee Mission North, will be presented with the 2019 Princeton Prize in Race Relations for the Greater Kansas City Area. Olive Henry, a junior at Shawnee Mission East, will be presented with a Certificate

of Accomplishment. These students were selected in recognition of their work to improve harmony and understanding among all groups in their schools and communities. They will be honored at a ceremony in Kansas City this month.



**AMELIA SUPTIC,**  
PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
Top 3 Winner in Kindest Kansas Citian Essay Contest

**Kindest Kansas Citian Essay Winner** Amelia Suptic a sixth-grader at Prairie Elementary, was named a Top 3 Winner for an essay she submitted to the Kindest Kansas Citian Contest. She wrote an essay about Billy Brimblecom Jr., who started a nonprofit called Steps of Faith to help people obtain needed prosthetic devices. Her essay was selected out of nearly 5,000 submissions to the contest. Suptic will be honored at an awards celebration in May.



**Sporting Samaritan** Dustin Springer, instructional coach at Merriam Park, was recently honored on the field at a Sporting KC game as a Sporting Samaritan. The honor, presented by Sporting KC and Blue Cross of Blue Shield of Kansas City, is given to recognize teachers and students who

make the community a better place to live, work, and play. Springer was honored for the many ways he helps students at Merriam Park connect with the community.



**eImagine Honorees** Students in the Animation and Game Design Signature Program were honored at the annual eImagine Media Festival. Nine Shawnee Mission competitors finished in the top ten of their categories and Zen Dalton earned first-place recognition for 3D Mechanical

Animation. For a complete list of Shawnee Mission honorees:

<https://www.smsd.org/about/news-post/~board/district-news/post/shawnee-mission-students-win-honors-at-the-eminage-media-festival>



### **NJROTC Competes at National Championship**

The Shawnee Mission North Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps just added to its long list of National Championship titles. The team earned First Place in the Armed Regulation Drill at this year's

NJROTC National Championship held in Pensacola, Florida. The team also earned several top-ten placings in other competition categories. The NJROTC now holds 35 national titles and is concluding their season with a 72-5 record for the year.

**Shawnee Mission All-Star** At the April 22 meeting, the Board of Education recognized the newest Shawnee Mission All-Stars. Blanca Reyes, infant/toddler aide at Little Horizons, and Amy Frick, third-grade teacher at Ray Marsh Elementary School, were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the Shawnee Mission School District. If you would like to

suggest a nominee to become a Shawnee Mission All-Star, [click here to fill out a nomination form](#).

**Strategic Planning Update** Superintendent Dr. Mike Fulton provided an update on the Strategic Planning Process, including a brief overview of activities to-date. In addition to talking about [the plan objectives](#), he also shared information about practices that yield [desired effects and powerful teaching strategies](#). He also provided an outline of the work of Action Teams during their second meeting. The outline of their work can be [read by clicking here](#). [Click here for more information](#) on the Strategic Planning process.

**Climate and Culture Survey Report** Dr. Michelle Hubbard, associate superintendent of leadership and learning, and Dr. Dan Gruman, coordinator of assessment and research, provided a report on the results of the climate and culture survey conducted in January. Students, parents, certified staff, and support staff participated in the survey, providing their input on general climate, programs, and teaching and learning. [Click here to view the full version](#) of the results and board presentation.

**Corwin Equity Professional Development** John McKinney, director of student and family services, and Linda Sieck, President of NEA Shawnee Mission shared a presentation on Corwin Equity Professional Development. The professional development will allow for every staff member in the district to receive training on equity starting in the 2019-2020 school year. The training aligns with beliefs identified in the district's strategic plan and is designed to apply directly back to student learning. The Board of Education later approved the Corwin professional development contract as presented.

**Fee Schedule** The Shawnee Mission Board of Education approved the fee schedule for the 2019-20 school year. The schedule reflects a change in lunch fees, due to increases in expenses. To view the fee schedule, [click here](#).

**Food Services Management** The Board of Education approved revisions to Board Policy EE: Food Service Management. The new policy states: "All negative account balances will follow the student each year. If the debt is not repaid it shall be considered bad debt for the purposes of federal law

concerning unpaid meal charges. (See Policy JS for debt collection). At the conclusion of each semester, negative student accounts will be turned over to the collection agency in accordance with district procedures. Any student who leaves the district including graduating seniors with an account balance owed will be turned over to collections.” To read the full policy, [click here](#).

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.