



## BOARD MEETING RECAP

The Shawnee Mission School District Board of Education met for a regular meeting on Monday, June 24, 2019. During the meeting, Superintendent Mike Fulton shared information with the Board and the public about district news, programs, and recognitions:



### **Summer Enrichment and Summer STEAM**

It may be summer break, but a lot of learning opportunities are taking place in the Shawnee Mission School District.

New science, technology, engineering, arts, and math summer enrichment opportunities were opened to students who were in sixth, seventh, and eighth grade in the 2018-19 school year.

The classes were offered at the Center for Academic Achievement (CAA) and included

exploration in Animation, Biotechnology, Health Care, Engineering, and Game Design. Each class is modeled after Signature Programs for high school students offered at the CAA. Students are also exploring a wide variety of Summer Enrichment classes at Indian Woods Middle School, including art, technology, science, nature, and more throughout the summer.



**Impact Institute** More than 400 educators in Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade attended the Impact Institute hosted by the Curriculum and Instruction department this month. The institute provided a variety of professional development opportunities for educators in the areas of literacy, mathematics, relationships, and responsive culture. The 3-day event provided eligible Teacher-Directed Professional Development Hours.



**Leadership Shawnee Mission** The Shawnee Mission Education Foundation kicked off its second year of Leadership Shawnee Mission. This leadership development program for incoming juniors and seniors combines 42-hours of internship experience with 48 hours of classroom curriculum. Kimberly Hinkle, executive director for the Shawnee Mission Education Foundation, welcomed 22 students to the Center for Academic Achievement. These students were

nominated by a faculty member to participate in this program. Students are interning at 20 different sites including AdventHealth, REACH Healthcare Foundation, ACI/Boland Architects, Newkirk Novak Construction Partners, and many other locations.



**KC Superstar Finalists** Emma Mathieson, a Shawnee Mission West student, and Alexa Morgan, a Shawnee Mission South student, are among the top 10 finalists of the KC SuperStar competition. As finalists, they are invited to perform on Sunday, August 25 at Yardley Hall at Johnson County Community College, in an “American Idol” style competition. More than 200 students from the Kansas City metro audition and compete for a spot in the finals.



**Artist Rita Blitt Creates Original Artwork for Brookwood** “Happy Day” is the name of an original work of art created by artist Rita Blitt and given to Brookwood Elementary School. Blitt said that every time students arrive at school, she will think about them. Blitt hosted an assembly for students before the end of the school year and also donated a copy of a book featuring her artwork to every Shawnee Mission school library.



**SMSD Students are KC Star Scholar-Athlete Honorees** The Kansas City Star announced their 50 top female and male Scholar-Athletes of the Year. The following Shawnee Mission School District students were honored with this recognition: Jordyn Martin from SM South, Lindsay Edmonds from Shawnee Mission West, PJ Spencer from Shawnee Mission East, Asher Molina from Shawnee Mission North, and Benjamin Harrell from Shawnee Mission Northwest.



**Forbes List** Forbes ranked the Shawnee Mission School District as one of the top employers in the state on its Best Employers By State 2019 List. It is ranked among the top 25 in the state of Kansas. The rankings are based on a survey conducted of 80,000 employees by research company Statista. Anonymous survey respondents were asked to share how likely they would be to recommend their employers to friends and family and nominate organizations in an industry outside of their own.

**Organizational Chart** Superintendent Dr. Mike Fulton shared the organizational chart for the 2019-20 school year. He highlighted that this organizational chart reflects more than \$680,000 in cost savings due to reorganization. The chart includes the addition of in-house counsel to provide more direct legal services to the district in a cost-neutral manner. The chart also includes a new diversity, equity, and inclusion coordinator. [Click here to view](#) the organizational chart.

**KESA Presentation** Dr. Darren Dennis, director of curriculum, instruction, and assessment, and Kim Barney, assistant director of curriculum and instruction shared a presentation on the Kansas Educational Systems Accreditation (KESA) process as it pertains to the Shawnee Mission School District. The presentation itself was part of the KESA process. The process outlined objectives, comments provided by an outside visiting team, and details about how the KESA process aligns with the district's strategic plan. [Click here to view](#) the presentation.

**SMSD Strategic Plan Approval** The presentation, led by Superintendent Dr. Mike Fulton, provided an overview of the results of the strategic planning process commissioned by the Board of Education in December, 2018. The plan is designed to provide a road map for district work from 2019 through 2024. Members of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee, including Laura Robeson, parent, Wraye Royle, teacher, Brenda Garcia, student, and Ryan

Flurry, principal shared the presentation and spoke about their experience on the Steering Committee. [Click here to view the](#) presentation to the board. The Board of Education approved the strategic plan.