



BOARD MEETING RECAP

Board Meeting Recap for July 8, 2019

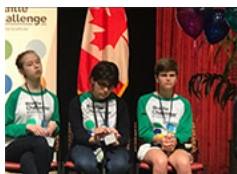
The Shawnee Mission School District Board of Education met for a regular meeting on Monday, July 8, 2019. During the meeting, Superintendent Mike Fulton shared information with the Board and the public about district news, programs, and recognitions:



Strategic Planning Superintendent Mike Fulton shared that he was pleased that the district's strategic plan was adopted by the Board of Education on June 24, 2019, and expressed his excitement to begin implementing the plan.

The plan provides a roadmap for the district, and is focused on three main objectives: personalized learning, college and career readiness, and interpersonal skills. A Gantt chart, outlining the Strategic Plan action steps, will be posted to the [Strategic Plan website](#) in the very near future.

The Shawnee Mission School District educates students to be competitive with students across the country, and around the world. During the board meeting, Dr. Fulton recognized four students (two current, two former) who were named the best in the nation in their respective fields:

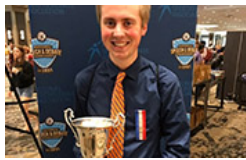


National Braille Champion Audrey Bethay, who will be a ninth-grader at Shawnee Mission East High School, won first place in the National Braille Challenge Junior Varsity Division. Bethay has qualified for national competition during each of her eight years as a Braille competitor. As a competitor she is tested in spelling, proofreading, and reading comprehension. Jeri Hile, Shawnee Mission vision instructor and 2018 Teacher of the Year for Excellence in Braille instruction as named by the Braille Institute, has coached Bethay since Kindergarten.



Broadmoor Bistro This year's SkillsUSA high school and college culinary arts national champions trained at the Broadmoor Bistro. Reis Miller, a Shawnee Mission

Northwest junior and Culinary Arts Signature Program student, won the SkillsUSA National High School Culinary Arts Championship. Nora Engelken, a 2017 Shawnee Mission East graduate and culinary arts student, won the National College Culinary Arts Championship. The national competition was hosted by SkillsUSA in Louisville in June. SkillsUSA offers programs, events, and competitions that support Career and Technical Education.



Speech and Debate Students Honored at National Tournament

Several Shawnee Mission students were named top competitors at the National Speech and Debate Association national competition. Noah Gruman, Shawnee Mission Northwest 2019 graduate, was named top speaker in the nation in World Schools Debate out of more than 1,000 participants. A team including competitors from multiple Shawnee Mission high schools placed 17th out of 293 teams in World Schools Debate. [Click here](#) for a complete list of honorees and national competitors.



Leadership Shawnee Mission, a three-week, invitation-only leadership development program for incoming juniors and seniors sponsored by the Shawnee Mission Education Foundation, recently celebrated 22 graduates. The students participated in a 42-hour internship experience, along with 48 hours of classroom curriculum. The Foundation hosted a celebration lunch with their Corporate Council and the interns at the conclusion of Leadership Shawnee Mission. The students and their families then attended a graduation ceremony.



Summer Learning Opportunities Continue It continues to be an excellent summer for student learning in the Shawnee Mission School District. Jump Start to Learning, a program to help incoming Kindergartners get ready for school, begins this week. We also kick off ELLevate, a program that helps students who are English Language Learners strengthen their skills before the school year begins. Summer Enrichment continues to provide students the opportunity to explore a variety of interests and activities. We wish all of the students and the dedicated educators who are providing these opportunities a wonderful experience.



50th Anniversary -On July 1, 2019, the Shawnee Mission School District officially marked its 50th year as a unified school district. This milestone will be celebrated throughout the year in a variety of ways.

Patrons will begin to see the 50th anniversary logo, which celebrates the district's legacy of excellence, in widespread use across the district.

Organizational Meeting Following the regular board of education meeting, Board of Education members held their annual organizational meeting. During the meeting, board members approved multiple consent items naming official district officers, representatives, officials, and the newspaper and banks of record. The board also approved a resolution to extend the term of Board President Brad Stratton and Board Vice President Heather Ousley until the next calendar year. As discussed in the regular meeting, the extension was proposed and approved as a result of a statewide change to the board member election calendar. The board also approved board meeting dates for the 2019-20 fiscal year, ratified policies, and elected individuals to committees. **[Click here to view the organizational meeting agenda.](#)**

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.](#)