

BOARD MEETING RECAP

The Shawnee Mission School District Board of Education met for a regular meeting on Monday, August 26, 2019. During the meeting, Superintendent Mike Fulton shared information with the Board and the public about district news, programs, and recognitions:



BioNexus KC Recognition Katie Swann, a Shawnee Mission South junior, created an artistic representation of a science project she conducted to measure bacteria. It is now being featured as part of the BioNexusKC Science to Art platform. Her work will be featured at the Kemper Museum of

Contemporary Art and at an upcoming BioNexusKC Annual Dinner. Her project was conducted as part of a Biology 1 course with James Wannamaker, SM South science teacher. She also worked with an external mentor, Dr. Carl Gelhaus, a principal scientist and national expert in infectious diseases at MRI Global.



Civic Engagement Recognition Kansas
Commissioner of Education Dr. Randy Watson
announced that Shawnee Mission Northwest is one
of 10 schools in the state to be recognized for the
civic engagement opportunities they offer students.
Shawnee Mission Northwest is being recognized not

just for courses offered, but also for the many ways students are engaged in community service and extracurricular offerings.



National PTA The National PTA is recognizing several Shawnee Mission schools for strong family-school relationships. Belinder Elementary PTA, East Antioch Elementary PTA, Tomahawk Elementary PTA, Indian Hills Middle School PTA,

and Shawnee Mission East High School PTSA have earned the National PTA School of Excellence designation for 2019-2021. These five Shawnee Mission schools are among only seven in the state to earn this national 2019-2021 recognition. We congratulate these school communities on this achievement!

Supporting Academic Success Dr. Michelle Hubbard, associate superintendent of leadership and learning, and members of the leadership and learning team discussed two tools designed to support academic success and professional learning in the Shawnee Mission School District. The tools include Response to Intervention (RTI) systems (a process designed to support struggling learners) and the McREL classroom walkthrough tool, an electronic tool designed to collect data from classroom walkthroughs in order to improve student learning. Click here to view the presentation. Members of the Board of Education later approved a recommendation for teachers to attend RTI Institutes/Summits, and licenses for the McREL Power Walkthrough tool.

Board Policy Readings The board took action on several policies during the meeting including:

First, Final Readings and Approvals of the Following Policies:

5. 03 Approval of Revised Board Policy BCBG: Voting Method (First and Final Reading)

5.04 Approval of Revised Board Policy GAAF: Emergency Safety Interventions (First and Final Reading)

The following Policies were removed from the Aug. 26 agenda to allow further review and discussion:

5.01 Tobacco Products and Nicotine Delivery Devices (Second Reading)
5.02 Approval of Revised Board Policy JCDAA: Tobacco and Nicotine
Delivery Devices (Second Reading)

Aquatic Center Agreement The Board of Education approved a comprehensive management agreement for the Shawnee Mission School District Aquatic Center. The Aquatic Center will be managed in partnership with Johnson County Park and Recreation. Anticipated to open in November, the Aquatic Center is being constructed in Lenexa as part of a \$223 million bond issue approved by voters in 2015.

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 <u>can be found here.</u> Links to board policies, agendas, and meeting minutes <u>can be found here.</u>