



## BOARD MEETING RECAP



**SMSD Celebrates 50 Years** Stories from alumni, staff, parents, and community members have been collected and are on the district’s website. Don Wilson, former Interim Superintendent shared a memory. Visit the Story Corps page [here](#).



**Facilities Forums** Community members are invited to learn about district facilities planning and needs and provide input for the District Facilities Task Force to review. The district has hosted forums at SM East and SM Northwest. Tomorrow, Tuesday, October 15, we will host a Facilities Forum at SM West. This is an open house-style event, where you are free to attend any time between 5 and 6:30 pm. If you can’t make it tomorrow,

we’ll have two more forums open to anyone in the community to attend. Here’s a [link](#) to all times, dates, and locations.



### **Corinth Elementary is a National Blue Ribbon School**

Corinth Elementary School has been designated an Exemplary High Performing Schools National Blue Ribbon School for 2019. Corinth Elementary is one of 362 schools in the nation and one of six schools from Kansas to be recognized in 2019. “Exemplary High Performing” schools have the highest achieving students (the top 15%) in English and mathematics, measured by state

assessments.



**Broadmoor Bistro Hosts Culinary Homecoming Event** Chef Pablo Munoz, a Shawnee Mission culinary arts graduate, will return to the Broadmoor Bistro kitchen as the student-run restaurant holds a culinary homecoming event.

As part of the homecoming, Munoz will serve as a chef mentor and prepare a five-course meal with culinary arts students to serve to dinner guests. The event will begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23, 2019. [Click here for reservations](#).



**KC Zoo Partners Help SMEC-EC Students Celebrate New Penguin Mascot** Shawnee Mission Early Childhood Education Center (SMEC-EC) students and staff are learning all about their newly announced school mascot: the penguin.

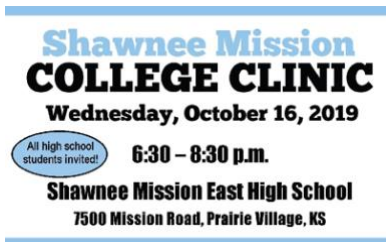
Helpers from the Kansas City Zoo recently stopped by to provide an in-school field trip and help everyone gain understanding about the bird.

“Building and strengthening school climate is important,” according to Leigh Anne Neal, assistant superintendent for early childhood education and SMEC-EC principal. “Adoption of a school mascot is a part of the process of building collective spirit and bringing everyone together to feel pride in their school.”



**Scholarship Shawnee Mission Launches at All Five High Schools** Seniors across the district are learning this month that they are earning millions in scholarship offers. **The Shawnee Mission Education Foundation** has launched a new program, Scholarship Shawnee Mission. The program seeks to bring college and university scholarship offers to Shawnee Mission seniors. Now, Foundation staff and board members are visiting each high

school in the district to present more than 1,200 seniors with scholarship offers valued at \$737,413,126.



**Shawnee Mission College Clinic is Wednesday, Oct. 16** This annual clinic will feature Representatives from more than 200 colleges and universities from across the country. They will all be in one place, so students and parents have the opportunity to conduct in-person research on various colleges and universities.

The clinic is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019 at Shawnee Mission East High School, 7500 Mission Road.



**State Association Honors Shawnee Mission Music Educators** Shawnee Mission music teachers are being recognized for their excellence by the East Central Kansas Music Educators Association (ECKMEA).

Steve Adams, Shawnee Mission South band teacher, has been selected as the East Central Kansas Music Educators Association (ECKMEA) High School Band Teacher of the Year for 2019-2020. Paul Schapker, elementary band teacher in the SM South area, is the East Central Kansas Music Educators Association Outstanding Younger Teacher of the year.

## Questions

Dr. Fulton provided responses to a number of questions that have come in over the past several weeks to the Board and the superintendent.

### ***How much new money did SMSD receive from the state for the 2019-2020 school year?***

We expect to receive an additional \$9.6 million in new money from the state, of which \$8.3 million is in general state aid.

### ***Is it true that the district put \$4.5 million of the new money (\$9.6 million) into reserves?***

The district did not put any of the new money into reserves. SMSD has a contingency reserve fund, which has had \$5.6 million in it, and that amount has not changed for at least the past four years. It is like an emergency savings account, that the district would only spend in an emergency.

The budget that the Board of Education passed in August showed a *temporary* increase in the ending balance, because the district had not come to final agreement on salary and benefits for the 2019-2020 school year. For more information, please see the budget item in the [August 12, 2019 BoardDocs meeting](#).

### ***How will the additional \$9.6 million be spent?***

Approximately \$4.9 million has been reserved for salary increases. The remainder has been allocated in the following areas:

- Professional Growth (compensation)
- Benefits (compensation)
- Increased instructional staff
  - Teachers (including Special Education staff)
  - Social Workers
  - Instructional Coordinators
- Utilities increases (two new buildings, which includes the Aquatic Center)
- Transportation (3% increase – by contract)
- Supplies and services

### ***Was any of this money already accounted for in the new budget (2019-2020)?***

Certain costs, such as professional growth, were anticipated in the budgeting process, but they are additional costs, which must be paid for with new money.

## Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Fulton presented a Strategic Plan update which is a prelude to quarterly updates that will be provided. The update information may be viewed [here](#).

## Public Comments

A number of community members, students, and educators spoke to the Board of Education

about the issues of reducing class sizes, reducing the number of classes taught by secondary teachers and compensation for teachers.

### **Jump Start to Learning**

Dr. Leigh Anne Neal, Assistant Superintendent for Early Childhood Education, Principal, EC Center and Dr. Dan Gruman, Coordinator of Assessment & Research, presented the program evaluation for the Jump Start to Learning program. The evaluation may be found [here](#).

### **Vaping**

Shelby Rebeck, Director of Health Services, presented on the topic of the dangers of vaping, and its impact on students and schools. The presentation may be viewed [here](#). Later in the meeting, the Board of Education approved a resolution to join litigation and to recover damages suffered by the District as a result of the manufacture, marketing, and sale of e-cigarette and vaping devices.

### **District Committees**

Brad Stratton presented and discussed the formation of district committees, including possibility of creating a permanent Finance and Facilities Committee. Preliminary information about this district committee may be found [here](#).