



BOARD MEETING RECAP



Continuous Learning

The Shawnee Mission School District recently held the last days of Continuous Learning with students for the 2019-2020 school year. This week, teachers finish up

with a workday and teacher-facilitated professional learning.

Superintendent Dr. Mike Fulton thanked everyone for their work this year.

“So many have gone above and beyond to ensure students continued to do their personal best, despite the challenging circumstances,” Dr. Fulton added. “I am proud of the ways we remain committed to ensuring each student has a personalized learning plan to prepare them for college and career with the interpersonal skills to prepare them for life success. I wish everyone a wonderful summer.”

Dr. Fulton also shared a few details about current guidelines in the district:

- School buildings continue to remain closed and will remain closed except for essential functions through July 16, 2020.
- Access to buildings for essential functions will be managed by building principals. In order to promote safety, any patron or staff member who wishes to enter a district facility is required to wear a mask, except when in an individual, enclosed office.
- In compliance with the Kansas framework, it is expected that outdoor activities such as conditioning for fall sports and band practice may begin on or after July 6, 2020.

As community members know, guidance and recommendations related to COVID-19 is regularly updated by federal, state, and/or county authorities. The Shawnee Mission School District will continue to follow plans laid out by Governor Laura Kelly and guidance and recommendations from both the

state and county health departments to manage the spread of the COVID-19 virus.



Pickup and Go Meal Reminder

As Shawnee Mission works to slow the spread of COVID-19, we are pleased that free Pick Up and Go Meals provided by Shawnee Mission School District Food Service will continue to be available on Mondays and Wednesdays through July 24, 2020. This service has provided

thousands of meals to children ages 1-18 in our community since Continuous Learning began. The Shawnee Mission community is grateful to everyone in the Food Services department, along with the many volunteers who have dedicated their time and efforts to make sure children continue to get the nutrition they need. [Click here for information](#) regarding days, times, and locations.



Shooting Star honorees

Members of the Shawnee Mission Class of 2020 have been recognized in our community for their artistic excellence.

A group of student artists were recently named recipients of Shooting Star Scholarship awards from the Arts Council

of Johnson County during a virtual gala. The following students were presented scholarships by the arts council:

Zach Dulny, from Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, second place in production and design.

Vincent Hsiung, from Shawnee Mission East High School, first place in strings.

Bryn Montry, from Shawnee Mission East High School, first place in 3-D visual art.

Nina Kulikov, from Shawnee Mission South High School, first place in 2D visual art.

Julia Edeal, from Shawnee Mission West High School, second place in classical voice.

[Click here to see a list](#) of all Shawnee Mission School District nominees.



National PTA Reflections Winners The National PTA has recognized three Shawnee Mission students for their artistic creativity in the National PTA Reflections Contest. In fact, the three winners in the state of Kansas were from the Shawnee Mission School District.

They are all Award of Merit honorees for their interpretation of the theme, "Look Within."

The honorees are:

Claire Martin, from Corinth Elementary, honored for Dance Choreography; Jiya Bhavsar, from Briarwood Elementary, honored for music composition; and Ishya Bhavsar, from Indian Hills Middle School, honored for music composition.



All-Star Recognition

Superintendent Fulton acknowledged three individuals recognized as Shawnee Mission All-Stars since the last in-person Board meeting:

[Amy Nine, Westridge Middle School](#)

[social worker;](#)

[Bridgette Fullington, Pre-Kindergarten teacher at Rosehill;](#)

and [Brett Daane Shawnee Mission North building manager.](#)

Discipline Coding and Disproportionality Dr. Ed Streich, chief of student services, Dr. John McKinney, director of student and family services, Mr. Richard Kramer, director of athletics and activities, and Ms. Sherry Dumolien, director of special education presented a Program Evaluation on Strategic Plan Strategy 2.1.3, relating to discipline coding and disproportionality.

The presenters talked about the work of a collaborative team to calibrate consistency in discipline coding practices, evaluate discipline data for disproportionality, and implement a plan to address disparity, as defined in Action Step 3.

Details about the scope of their work and next steps [can be found here](#).

Budget Workshop- Operating Funds

Russell Knapp, chief financial officer, provided a budget workshop focused on operating funds. The operating budget includes daily expenditures associated with running the school district, primarily salaries and benefits, as well as transportation, utilities and supplies, and services. The presentation included a variety of scenarios and summaries based on anticipated ranges of funding in the 2020-2021 school year. [Click here to view](#) the presentation slides.

District Wide Learning Management System Board members approved the purchase of a district wide learning management system: Canvas. In response to community feedback, a team of parents, teachers, students, and administrators researched and recommended the learning management system for the 2020-2021 school year. Several team members [provided a presentation on the system](#), saying benefits of the Canvas program include how it:

- Integrates with the Student Information System (SIS)
- Provides a central hub for content and course management, student learning, and parent communication
- Syncs with the Skyward gradebook
- Streamlines student data

Canvas will be available for use at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. An extensive program of training for staff, parents and students will be available.

Board Policy Readings The Board of Education held a first reading for the following policies:

[GAPB: Duty to Report Criminal Offenses](#)

[CGI: Administrator Evaluation](#)

The Board held a first and final reading and approved the following policy:

[CM: Approval of Revised Board Policy CM: Policy Implementation](#)

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](#).