



Board Highlights

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

BY DR. FRED RHODES

Today marks the first day for all students to be together for in-person learning since March of last year. What an exciting day back for our teachers and students! We look forward to finishing the school year with all of our PC students together in their classrooms.

As we welcome students we also welcome a member to our District Administration Team. Our new Executive Director of Finance, Matt Gindhart, has officially started his position at Putnam City. We are happy to welcome him to the PC family!

This week is National Public Health Week. We are grateful for all of our PC nurses. They have shown impressive leadership and service during this pandemic. We are also grateful for our partners at the Oklahoma City-County Health Department. This team of PC nurses and health department epidemiologists and other officials are front line superheroes in health and education. We thank you all for your role in safely bringing kids back to the classroom and continuing a safe environment for learning.

Recharge Summer Learning is coming to PC! Recharge is our optional summer school for students. Elementary and Middle School students will focus on math and reading with mental health resources available. High School students will focus on credit recovery. More details are coming soon. Registration begins April 8th.

Congratulations to James Lee from Putnam City High School! James received the honor of Oklahoma Academic All State for the class of 2021. These students are the top 100 public high school seniors selected from 400 nominations statewide. All State students have achieved the highest standard of academic excellence and leadership in our public schools. We applaud his hard work!

April 5, 2021

Comments by Board Members and Public

Charity Avery welcomed students back to in-person learning together. Ms. Avery also welcomed Matt Gindhart to the Administration Team. Ms. Avery also congratulated James Lee on being named Academic All-State.

Judy Mullen Hopper praised the media coverage of the first day back. She also thanked the Operations Department for the work they have been doing on buildings. Mrs. Mullen Hopper also said she is proud of our teachers. She said she visited several schools and was impressed with how they were welcoming kids back.

Gail LoPresto welcomed students back. Mrs. LoPresto said administrators had some innovative ways to greet students today. Mrs. LoPresto also congratulated all of the Teacher of the Year finalists, and the Teacher of the Year.

Meeting Date: Monday, April 5, 2021, 5 p.m.
Location: Administration Building

Next Meeting: Monday, April 19, 2021 5 p.m.
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Present: Dr Fred Rhodes, Superintendent, Tina Losawyer, Deputy Board Clerk, Charity Avery, Sky Collins, Jay Sherrill, Cindy Gibbs

GOOD NEWS

KFOR-TV, KWTV, AND KJ103 all covered Putnam City's return to in-person learning for all students today.

We are already looking toward the next school year. Returning Student Registration is live online. This is a requirement for all returning students. It's important that families register their students online when they receive their code.

The Pre-K lottery is open! The deadline to enter the lottery is April 9th. More information is at www.putnamcityschools.org

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Jay Sherrill thanked the Administrative Team members who worked on the employee vaccination clinics. Mr. Sherrill said the clinics were very well done. He echoed the comments of his fellow board members, and said he is excited to have all kids back in school together again.

Cindy Gibbs congratulated the Teacher of the Year. She thanked everyone who worked to get all PC students back in school together. Mrs. Gibbs also praised PCN on their many athletic victories recently.



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**OPEN TO STUDENTS AND STAFF
WITH COVID-19 SYMPTOMS
AND/OR IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT**

**MONDAY-FRIDAY
HOURS: 12:30PM-3:30PM**

FREE WITH INSURANCE, NO CO-PAY
Cash price available: Covid-19 \$75/ Flu \$50 / Strep \$50

Total Wellness
Corporate Health

No appointment needed. Questions, call Total Wellness at 658-3130.
Results given during consult with provider via Telehealth.

**LOCATION: PUTNAM CITY
NORTH HIGH SCHOOL**
11800 N. Rockwell OKC, OK 73162

Motions Passed by The Board

The Board approved a motion for the re-employment of the certified administrators for the 2021-2022 school year.

The Board approved the Air Purification System from EarthSmart Controls.

The Board approved LWPB to facilitate the procurement of furniture for Cooper and Hefner Middle Schools.

The Board approved the three inclement weather days as Emergency Leave days per General Personnel Policies Leave – DI.

The Board approved the new job description for the Federal Programs Finance Coordinator.



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**Reminder:
Tuesday,
April 6th is an
election day.
Don't forget to
exercise your
right to vote!**

At the last board meeting, the Putnam City Schools Board of Education has named Matthew Gindhart as the Executive Director of Finance. Mr. Gindhart currently serves as the Chief Financial Officer for Metro Technology Centers. He has devoted his career to Metro Technology Centers, working his way up from an entry level accounting associate nearly twenty years ago to CFO presently. Mr. Gindhart graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and also graduated from Southern Nazarene University with a Master of Educational Leadership degree. Mr. Gindhart holds a Superintendent's Oklahoma Teaching Certificate. He has served on the Jones Board of Education since 2017. He is also a member of the Oklahoma State School Board Association. Mr. Gindhart is also an active member of the Board of Directors for the Oklahoma Association of School Business Officials. Mr. Gindhart holds membership in the Cooperative Council for Oklahoma School Administrators. We welcome Mr. Gindhart to Putnam City Schools!