



BOARD MEETING RECAP

Board Items:

Pawnee Presentation Tyler Clubb, director of facilities, introduced Justin Durham, partner/client leader for Hollis + Miller, who provided an update on the upcoming Pawnee Elementary School rebuild. Pawnee will be rebuilt as part of the \$264 million bond referendum approved by voters in January. Durham spoke about how Hollis + Miller gathered input from families, educators, staff, and Pawnee neighbors and incorporated their recommendations into plans for the building. He also shared details and renderings of the new building. [Click here to view the presentation.](#)

PLC Institute Presentation

Dr. Darren Dennis, chief academic officer, and Dr. Brittany Gonser, director of professional learning, led a presentation on the Professional Learning Community (PLC) Institute to be held for educators in the Shawnee Mission School District. This Institute, put on by Solution Tree, will be an exclusive learning opportunity for Shawnee Mission teachers over three days in June, focused on building and sustaining strong Professional Learning Communities.

Jeremy Wayne, Westridge instructional coach, Kelly Bornheimer, Rhein Benninghoven instructional coach, and Linda Sieck, Shawnee Mission East Spanish teacher and President of NEA-

Shawnee Mission, all offered testimonials of their experience at PLC conferences. Each spoke of the benefits this institute would provide teachers and how this training would ultimately support student achievement. The Board of Education unanimously [approved the purchase order](#) for the institute to be hosted in June of 2022.

Board Policy Board of Education members held a second reading and adopted the following policy:

[Board Policy IF: Public Concerns/Complaints about Instructional and Library Resources](#)

Legislative Platform David A. Smith, chief communications officer, and Dr. Stuart Little, district lobbyist, provided a legislative update to the Board. The Board approved the 2022 Legislative Platform. [Click here to read the platform.](#)

From the Superintendent Report:



Scholarship Shawnee Mission This month, more than 1,900 seniors received the news that they had received scholarship offers through Scholarship Shawnee Mission. The [Shawnee Mission Education Foundation](#) traveled to all five high schools and let students know how much colleges and universities want them to attend their schools by extending scholarship offers.

The grand total this year is incredible. Our seniors received \$2.1 billion in scholarship offers from participating colleges and universities! This is the third year of the program, which begins with students and families sharing academic data with participating colleges and universities. Then, colleges and universities make scholarship offers to students whom they want to recruit. This year, 45 colleges and universities offered 45,765 scholarships to Shawnee Mission seniors. We give a big thanks to the Shawnee Mission Education Foundation for bringing these opportunities to our students through the Scholarship Shawnee Mission program.



KTOY announcement We are thrilled to share that Amy Sachse, a fourth grade teacher at Corinth Elementary School, and Wraye Royle, a seventh grade math teacher at Indian Hills Middle School, have been

named the Shawnee Mission School District nominees for Kansas Teacher of the Year. They are now nominees in the Kansas State Department of Education's 2023 Kansas Teacher of the Year program and are in the running to be named state teacher of the year. Every district is able to nominate one exemplary elementary and one exemplary secondary teacher each year for this honor. Superintendent Dr. Michelle Hubbard congratulated the teachers on this outstanding achievement.



National Merit Semifinalists The Shawnee Mission School District formally honored the Shawnee Mission seniors named semifinalists in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program. They took the 2020

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which served as the initial screen. These semifinalists represent less than 1 percent of all U.S. high school seniors. Dr. Hubbard shared she was glad to see these national champions of academics joined by their family members and principals to celebrate. “We are so proud of them and grateful to everyone who helped them achieve this accomplishment,” Dr. Hubbard added. [Click here to see a list of the honorees.](#)



Screentime Info Session The Shawnee Mission School District continues work to provide helpful information to families as students use digital resources. A session focused on Students, Screentime, and

Health will be held at 7 p.m. on November 3, 2021 at Shawnee Mission South. Chris Jenson, a public health advisor with a background in education and medicine will discuss screentime and supporting student social-emotional health in light of pandemic challenges. [Click here to learn more or make a reservation.](#)



Teacher Interview Night Soon there will be an exciting opportunity for individuals looking to become teachers in the Shawnee Mission School District. Teacher interview night will

be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, November 18 at the Center for Academic Achievement. This will give prospective teachers a chance to learn more about our district and the great benefits we offer. Attendees will also participate in an initial screening interview. [Click here to reserve a spot.](#)



Bistro Homecoming This week the Broadmoor Bistro will be celebrating 21 years of culinary education. They are holding a Culinary Homecoming Dinner at 6 p.m. on Wednesday at the Center for Academic Achievement. This meal will

feature the work of six Bistro alumni who will serve a five-course dinner, working with current students. Dr. Hubbard congratulated all who have operated this student-run restaurant on their outstanding culinary and hospitality education. [Click here to find out more or make a reservation.](#)



SM East Tennis Champions Dr. Hubbard congratulated the Shawnee Mission East girls tennis team and Coach Andy Gibbs. For the third consecutive year they are state champions. They also are celebrating the

third consecutive doubles champions Bryson Langford and Greta Stechschulte.

All Star Shawnee Mission honored Crystal Brower, Shawanoe Kindergarten teacher, as a Shawnee Mission All Star. Dr. Abby Morgan, principal from Shawanoe Elementary was joined by

sixth-grader Kadi Jatta who thanked Brower for always believing in her and said she is an “amazing teacher who always finds a way to help her students.” [Click here to see a video about Brower.](#)

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 workshop and regular meeting [can be found here](#). Links to board policies, agendas, and meeting minutes [can be found here](#).