

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Study Session
Tuesday, November 9, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.
St. Louis Park High School Room C350

The regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 283 of St. Louis Park, Hennepin County, Minnesota, convened at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 in St. Louis Park High School Room C350. Present were Board Members Mary Tomback, Anne Casey, Karen Waters, C. Colin Cox, Heather Wilsey, Laura McClendon and Superintendent Astein Osei. Board Member Ken Morrison was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Mary Tomback called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Wilsey, seconded by Casey to approve the agenda, as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Osei shared details and invited community members to attend a presentation of the St. Louis Park High School Theatre Program's "Anne of Green Gables: A New Musical". He then shared and congratulated the Echo which has been named one of 65 National Pacemaker Newspaper Finalists by the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA). Seniors Henry Harper, Ayelet Prottas and 2021 graduate Talia Lissauer were named finalists in NSPA's Digital Story of the Year contest in the Photo Slide Show category for their work on last year's Justice for Daunte Wright walkout event. Next, Superintendent Osei shared that the Environmental Student Leadership team at St. Louis Park Middle School entered the school into the America Recycles Day Challenge during the month of November and is collecting gently used clothes to donate. His report concluded by sharing details for upcoming listening sessions with the Superintendent and noted the recent addition of a listening session for Somali families where translation services would be provided.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

AP European History International Trip - Summer 2022

Jeff Cohen, AP European History Teacher, presented information regarding an opportunity for an international trip to Europe for AP European History students in the summer of 2022. The School Board will be asked to approve the trip during the Action Agenda. Information included tour details, cost, and COVID/travel insurance.

COVID Mitigation Strategies

Superintendent Astein Osei provided an update on the District's approved COVID mitigation strategies. He shared mitigation strategies for safe in-person learning, information about upcoming vaccination events, information regarding testing for both students and staff, and an update on the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) vaccine mandate.

Policy Development - First Reading of Policies 424 Employee Internet and Technology Responsible Use, 524 Student Internet and Technology Responsible Use, and 413 Harassment and Violence

The School Board reviewed policies 424 Employee Internet and Technology Responsible Use, 524 Student Internet and Technology Responsible Use, and 413 Harassment and Violence as a first reading.

ACTION AGENDA

AP European History International Trip Approval

A motion was made by McClendon, seconded by Casey to approve the AP European History class trip to Europe during the summer of 2022, as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Wilsey to adjourn. The motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

C. Colin Cox, Clerk

Anne Casey, Chair

(Clerk Laura McClendon and Chair Mary Tomback at time of meeting)

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