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June 12, 2019

Woodmere Education Center

A summary of the Board of Education Meeting

Board Members: Mitchell Greebel, *President*; Melissa Gates, *Vice President*; Paul Critti, Cheryl May, Judy Menashe, Debra Sheinin, Daniella R. Simon

Regular Meeting



- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Hewlett High School student, Edward Maday.
- Hewlett High School principal, Mr. Bill Galati, recognized several groups of students:

  Mr. John Wimmer and Mrs. Pat Curran recognized the students who participated in the National History Bee in Arlington, Virginia in April: Alex Kesin, Arib Khan, Blake Lippman, AJ Minzer, Jack Minzer, Steven Palermo, Sulan Pathiranage, Jonathan Sheerit, John Sabu, Alex Tang, Deric Wagner. Alex Breslav, Jonathan Lerner, and Yaseen Maqsudi were not in attendance.

  Mr. Rick Royals and Mrs. Rosemarie Abrignani, co-advisors of Spectrum, introduced the Editorial Board and spoke about the awards won at Adelphi University and the New York Press Association: Logan Abolafia, Ian Acriche, Samuel Bogdanov, Bharvi Chavre, Justin Cooper, Julia Grossman, Rachel Miller, Sulan Pathiranage, Andrea Valero, Chloe Van Steertegem, Margo Verschleiser, Brandon Weiss. Gabrielle Brailovskiy and Danielle Cohen were not in attendance.

  Mr. John Wimmer introduced HHS student, Edward Maday, who won the Theodore Roosevelt Public Speaking Contest at Sagamore Hill. Mr. Maday delivered his award-winning speech.

  Mrs. Alba Gallegos and Mrs. Michele Hochhauser recognized students who earned the Seal of Biliteracy: Anastasia Kokora, Arina Logosh, Chestine Tomas, Seraiah Visarra, Brandon Weiss.

  Mrs. Michele Hochhauser recognized students who successfully completed the AP Capstone program: Ian Acriche, Natalie Aller, Noah Boyle, Taylor Ferrara, Andrae Gupta, Lara Klaych man, Brianna Kovit, Abigail Mariasch, Alana Schraeger, Seraiah Visara. Ashley Choi, Amanda Fam, Daniel Goldberg, Jonathan Lerner, Max May, Robyn Pasternack and Sophie Riegel were not in attendance. Mrs. Hochhauser acknowledged Brianna Kovit, who received special commendation from College Board for achieving a perfect score in every category.

NATIONAL HISTORY BEE



SPECTRUM EDITORIAL BOARD





EDWARD MADAY



SEAL OF BILITERACY

AP CAPSTONE





HISTORY-SCIENCE ACADEMIC BEE

Mr. Vincent Lospinuso introduced the WMS students who participated in the History Bee and Bowl in Chicago, Illinois: Ethan Abelev, Sidrah Ashrafi, Leeya Azemoun, Hiral Chavre, Brian Chen, Ella Cohen-Kashi, Leila Flores, Avery Frekhtman, Gianna McCormack, Michael Pignatelli, Ibrahim Rasheed, Jonathan River, Ariel Vilensky.

Administrator Reports

- Superintendent's Report was given by Dr. Ralph Marino. Recent events included bus runs and staff chats at all schools. The final Superintendent's Roundtable for this year was held at the Center for Adult Life Enrichment. The final Public and Private Schools Council Meeting was held on June 6. He attended all of the wonderful spring concerts and numerous high school award ceremonies. Dr. Marino also attended the Entrepreneur Fair at HES, the International Game Night at OES, the Science Research Symposium and Best Buddies Plant Sale at HHS. He provided an update in the HW 2025 initiative. K12 Insight staff members were in the District this week to provide a year-end wrap up to the Implementation Team. The State of the District survey is available until June 21. Dr. Marino will attend the AASA Executive Committee Meeting and Advisory Conference from July 7-10 in Washington, DC.
- Dr. Secaur provided the Curriculum Report. He recently attended the Tri-State Consortium Spring Conference where Dr. Marc Brackett presented on the RULER Program for Social and Emotional Learning. He participated in the last RTI Committee Meeting for the year and attended the National Council of Jewish Women Breakfast and the PTA Installation Dinner. The Curriculum and Instruction Office is busy with year-end activities including the evaluations of staff, transition support for new administration, moving up and graduation ceremonies. His office is also planning Superintendent's Conference Day, which will be held on August 29. Over the summer, his office will be analyzing achievement data and HW 2025 survey data, as well as planning the second year of the New Teacher Induction Program.
- Mr. Louis Frontario provided the Business Department Report. The Transportation Office recently held a forum for non-public school transportation coordinators. On May 29 he attended a seminar on Capital Construction Projects. Mr. Frontario also recently attended the Community Awards at HHS and the PTA Installation Dinner. He thanked the PTA for all of the work they do each year on behalf of the schools and community.
- Dr. Debra Lo Verde provided the Special Education report. The Friendship Games with neighboring schools was a wonderful experience for all involved. The students enjoyed the track and field events and the camaraderie with students from nearby schools. She attended the Best Buddies Plant Sale and commented on the delicious basil. Dr. Lo Verde and her staff are in the midst of completing more than 600 annual reviews. She is serving on the RTI Committee with Dr. Secaur and assisting in the development of the plan. She is looking forward to celebrating student success at the upcoming end of year events.
- Dr. Ed Fale provided an update from Human Resources. His office is currently finalizing hiring for the 2019-2020 school year. He has completed his observations at each school and commented on the high quality teaching and learning taking place in all buildings. He is looking forward to attending the end of the year events. His office continues to work with IT to identify software programs what will allow HR to reduce paper.
- Ms. Rachel Miller reported on behalf of the Student Advisory Council. Elections were recently held and each of the new officers introduced themselves. Plans are underway for the new school year, including selecting a theme for Homecoming.

- The PTA Report was presented by Robyn Kelstein. The SEPTA Friendship Games were a huge success, with six schools participating. The Autism Walks raised more than $600. FECC is planting book houses throughout the community. The HES Field Day was a great success. The 5th grade trip to Medieval Times was held on June 12. The OES International Game Night was very well attended and their Field Day theme was a rodeo. The WMS Adventureland trip was held and next year they will invite staff from all buildings. The HHS bricks are up and look wonderful. The HHS prom and graduation will close out the school year.

Board Committee Reports

- Mrs. Menashe reported on behalf of the Special Education Committee. The Committee recommends the approval of both the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education.
- Mrs. Simon reported on behalf of the Communication Committee. The committee met this week and reviewed the realtor brochure, graduation videos and speeches, the website, 2019-2020 calendar, summer recreation brochure and District survey. The committee will meet again in September.
- Mrs. Gates reported on behalf of the Policy Committee. At the last meeting the policies for annual review were discussed. She offered a special thank you to Mrs. Pat Frayne for all of her hard work on the committee.

Comments from the Public

- Mrs. Deborah Adler spoke about the recent division among community members during the school election. She suggested that thought is given to activities that can bring members of the community together and restore harmony. Mr. Greebel thanked Mrs. Adler for her comments and mentioned the possibility of forming a committee of public and non-public school residents.
- The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:00 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Wednesday, June 26, 2019 5:00 PM: Work Meeting for the July Organization/Regular Meeting, WEC

Tuesday, July 2, 2019 5:00 PM: Board of Education Organizational Meeting, WEC

Tuesday, July 2, 2019 5:20 PM: Board of Education Regular Meeting, WEC

NOTE:

All agendas and supporting documentation for the June 12, 2019 meeting can be found by clicking HERE!

The June Construction Update can be found by clicking HERE.