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Executive Board Meeting Summary

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Consent Agenda

Minutes and financial matters were approved along with the following personnel items:

- ☐ Requests for contracts for 8 educational support personnel (ESP) and 1 licensed staff
- ☐ Resignations/retirements by 7 ESPs
- ☐ See last page of summary for list of professional vacancies

Public & Executive Board Comments: No comments were made.

Recognitions

Student Recognition – Students Taking Academic Responsibility Seriously (STARS): The Board recognized Austin Cleaver, a student from Gavin District #37, as November's STARS student. Austin attends the Educational Life Skills class at Woodland Middle School. *Pictured with Austin (l-r) are: Austin's dad and brother; Austin's mom, Teacher Ronnie Carbonara; and Board President Joanne Osmond.*



Employee of the Month: Sarah Kraus, Paraprofessional in the Educational Life Skills class at Woodland Middle School, was recognized as November’s employee of the month. Pictured with Sarah (l-r) are: her husband; Teacher Ronnie Carbonara; and Board President Joanne Osmond.



Closed Session: The Board entered into closed session to discuss the appointment/employment of a new superintendent.

Old Business

A. FY17 Audit Report: Ms. Watson reported that the FY17 audit report has not been finalized. It should be ready for approval in December.

New Business

A. Contractual/Itinerant Rates for FY19: The Board approved the proposed billing rates for contractual and itinerant services for the 2018-19 school year.

B. Closed Session Minutes/Recordings: The Board approved Administration’s recommendation regarding the confidentiality of closed session minutes and the destruction of verbatim recordings.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.

Program/School Reports

A. Announcements / Wins: The following items were reported on at the November meeting of the Supervisory/Administrative Team.

- The STAR (Strategies for Teaching based on Autism Research) workshop was held in the Bay Room on October 24 and 25. Over 40 SEDOL and member district teachers and related service staff were in attendance to receive training on this evidence-based, comprehensive curriculum for students with autism.
- The Lake County Resource Fair was held on November 3. This is a collaborative effort between SEDOL, Mother's Trust Foundation and the Lake County ROE. There were 130 participants and the feedback was very positive.
- John Powers Center celebrated Red Ribbon Week from October 23–31. Students participated in fun themes for the day, such as pajama day, crazy hair day and mustache day (*We mustache* you not to do drugs!).
- Laremont School hosted its annual Homecoming Dance on October 20; many alumni were in attendance.
- Laremont School hosted a craft/vendor fair on October 21. The fair featured 30 vendors and raised approximately \$1,500.
- The Laremont students participated in a Halloween parade and trick-or-treating event with Laremont administration, SEDOL administration and many family members in attendance.
- The girls' Positive Peer Culture class at Cyd Lash Academy is working with an SAB class at Gages Lake School. Every Tuesday the girls and their staff plan activities for a class of elementary SAB students. The program will expand to a second class after Thanksgiving, and the girls hope to include a transition class next semester.
- The circus came to town at Cyd Lash Academy for spirit week activities, which included dress up days in pajamas, sports teams, superhero day, and crazy sock and hat day. The week ended with a carnival for which classrooms created a carnival style game and then hosted three different classrooms. Classes competed in a spirit contest and a door-decorating contest. Fun was had by all.
- One of the all girls' classes at Cyd Lash Academy is teaming with Laremont social workers to provide social interaction and academic support in a Laremont class. Part of this experience includes pre-teaching to the girls about disability and post reflection meetings to discuss their reactions to the work. All parties have been excited about the initial impact this has had on the students.
- Twelve of the Cyd Lash Academy middle school students made honor roll or high honor roll for the 1st quarter. That's 40% of the students enrolled in the middle school program at that time. Since then 3 more students have enrolled in the middle school program, and Cyd Lash staff are looking forward to next quarter's honor roll celebration.

Dr. Moline congratulated President Osmond on receiving the *Scouting ... Vale la Pena! Service Award* from the Northeast Illinois Council, recognizing outstanding service by an adult or organization for demonstrated involvement in the development and implementation of Scouting opportunities for Hispanic/Latino youth.

- B. In Memoriam: Administration was very sad to report that Jayden Boyce, a student at Laremont School since August 2012, passed away on November 13. Jayden was 11 years old and was a resident of Beach Park District #3.

Other Business

- A. Quorum for December Meeting: Administration asked Board members about their availability for the next meeting on Thursday, December 21. There were enough Board members planning to attend to ensure a quorum.

With no other business to be considered, the meeting was adjourned.

Professional Vacancies for 2017-18

- 1 Speech Pathologist (Various Locations)
- 1 LASSO-3 Teacher (Laremont School)
- 1 Adapted PE Teacher (.4 FTE – Various Locations)
- 1 ED/BD Teacher (cover leave at Cyd Lash Academy)
- 1 Special Needs Registered Nurse (Laremont School)
- 1 Certified School Nurse (Gages Lake School)

Executive Board Meeting Schedule *SEDOL Office Bay Room unless noted otherwise*

- Thursday, December 21, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, January 25, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, February 22, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, March 22, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, April 12, 2018 – 9:30 a.m. *Special Meeting to Review Tentative Budget*
- Thursday, April 26, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, May 24, 2018 – 9:30 p.m.
- Thursday, June 28, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, July 26, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.

Governing Board Meeting Schedule *Laremont School Gym unless noted otherwise*

- ~~Wednesday, November 29, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.~~ **Cancelled**
- Thursday, January 25, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. **Special Meeting – Appoint New Supt**
- Wednesday, March 7, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 6, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.