



## **Central Middle School Spell Bowl Team-State Finalists:**

## **Northside Middle School Spell Bowl-State Champions:**

School principals spoke of the spell bowl competition and highlighted hard work of the students and their accomplishments. The spell bowl teams and coaches were introduced and congratulated by the board and cabinet.

## **Pre-K Longitudinal Data and Update:**

Mr. Phillips, Director of Title Services, and Mr. Yates, Director of Pre-K, shared information on the Pre-K program that includes 330 students at nine locations. There are 19 full-day, full-week Pre-K classrooms. The curriculum is Reggio Emilia-inspired and aligns with Universal Design for Learning (UDL), and Project Based Learning (PBL). Cohort data for the Class of 2025, current fourth graders that attended Pre-K in 2011-2012, was reported. Assessment data showed that when the students were in second grade, as a whole, they outperformed the students that did not attend a BCSC Pre-K program. Breakout group data was shared, and it was noted that all groups had scored higher than the students that did not attend a BCSC Pre-K except for the Hispanic students. A Parent Engagement Liaison has been added to the Pre-K program to support better communication with the Hispanic population. Mr. Phillips and Mr. Yates added that the Pre-K message moving forward was that BCSC is ready for expansion of the high quality program and the data proves that the program has long-term positive results for kids. Mr. Yates added that one example of this was a Pre-K student that read a section of the BCSC Mission to the board that evening did not speak at the beginning of the school year.

The following information was shared in response to questions from the board.

The Pre-K program has added an English Language Learner Parent Engagement Liaison and additional professional development for all staff as a response to the Hispanic student assessment scores.

The cohort group will continue to be tracked as they progress through BCSC.

BCSC is serving fewer Pre-K students than in the previous two years because the local matching grant dollars expired. There are less students being served, but the days of instruction has increased to five full-days per week. Several applicants could not afford the cost of Pre-K showing there is a great need for scholarships.

Preparations are being made to expand and implement the community-wide On My Way Pre-K program when additional funding is available. A program stipulation of one teacher to twelve students has been implemented at Southside.

Maintaining Early Education teachers is a concern as they are the lowest paid. BCSC supports them by assuring there is room for growth in the corporation.

## **eLearning Days Update:**

Mr. Williams, Coordinator of Instructional Technology, shared that an eLearning Day will take place on the sixth day of school cancellation. No eLearning Days were used last school year. eLearning Days are supported by 1:1 devices and the itslearning curriculum platform. Teachers will have lessons available on itslearning by 9:00 a.m. and teachers will hold office hours from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Attendance will be calculated by student completion of assigned learning objectives. Mr. Williams shared the free community WiFi sites available and noted that Columbus East High School, Northside Middle School and Southside Elementary School would be open for students on eLearning Days. Lunch will be served at the schools.

eLearning communication has increased through the following: eLearning Day Community Website; parent guides and videos; eLearning Day hotline and email; a segment on the *BCSC In Action* television show and teacher professional development.

The following information was shared in response to questions from the board.

If a student is unable to connect to WiFi at home or unable to travel to a free WiFi location, they will not be penalized. Teachers will be flexible and students will have three days to complete assignments. Parents have also completed surveys and identified prior to the eLearning Day that they have no connectivity so teachers can offer other assignment options.

If the sixth day out of school is approaching, several BCSC personnel will be scouting the weather reports. If surprise inclement weather would hit and students do not have their devices at home, teachers would be available and the three-day window to complete assignments would also be in place.

## **PUBLIC DIALOGUE**

No one spoke at this time.

## **STUDENT AND STAKEHOLDER FOCUS (3.0)**

### **1) Comments of Individuals and Delegations:**

Alex Engelbert, a third year teacher in his first year teaching at Columbus North High School, praised the corporation for their professional development efforts. He encouraged the board and cabinet to continue to invest in professional development as he has found it to be a great tool to help teachers master their craft. He noted that he has appreciated the UDL training and other professional development opportunities. Mr. Engelbert shared how impressed he had been with the collegiality at Columbus North.

### **2) Board Commendations:**

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer commended Columbus East High School senior, Cortney Vanliew, who was named a Wendy's High School Heisman National Finalist for being a high achieving

student athlete. Ms. Vanliew is a swimmer and volleyball player.

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer commended Mt. Healthy Elementary School teacher, Monica Notestine, for being named the Arc's 2016 Educator of the Year. This award recognizes an educator who has demonstrated excellence in teaching students with developmental disabilities and has positively influenced the attitudes and thinking of other educational professionals.

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer commended Columbus North High School Principal, Mr. Clark, and additional administrators for their quick action in regards to the fire in the auditorium.

### **MEASUREMENT, ANALYSIS, AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT (4.0)**

#### **3) Technology Department Annual Report:**

Mr. Jamerson, Director of Technology, shared an update on the Technology Department that included comparisons from 2000 to the present. He highlighted how the multi-media classrooms, ubiquitous WiFi and digital citizenship support UDL. The on-demand learning environment is reinforced through the itslearning platform, 1:1 student devices and online course development. Mr. Jamerson shared that the 2017-2020 Technology Plan will bring virtual reality into the classroom to expand on deeper learning and multiple means of engagement and expression.

The following information was shared in response to questions from the board.

The Technology budget in 2000 was \$2.8 million, and the budget is now \$4.3 million.

In most cases the students are very careful with their devices, but there is always room for improvement. The students' families are charged for damages.

#### **4) School Attorney Report:**

No report was shared.

#### **5) School Board Member Reports:**

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer shared that the Education Hall of Fame Nomination Committee met and chose the 2017 winner. She noted there were several great nominations and that the choice was difficult. The winner will be notified in January and recognized at a board meeting in February.

#### **6) Cabinet Reports:**

No reports were shared.

## **EDUCATIONAL PROCESS FOR BOARD ACTION (6.0)**

### **7) Requests for Approval: (Dr. Roberts)**

Dr. Roberts reviewed the following items for the Board.

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of November 14, 2016 (attachment)
- b. Supplemental Contracts (attachment)
- c. Field Trips/Professional Leaves
- d. Claims (attachment)
- e. School Board Policy 6111-Internal Control Standards and Procedures (attachment)
- f. 2017 Tax Anticipation Warrants (attachments)
- g. Placement of Car Statue on BCSC Property (attachment)
- h. Approval to Advertise Bids for E-Rate Category 2 Equipment (attachment)

Dr. Roberts shared a presentation on the approval of the placement of the car statue on BCSC property. The statue was commissioned by Arvin Industries to commemorate the grand opening of the former Arvin Headquarters, and this placement will bring it back to its original home. The statue, “When I Was Your Age” has been reconditioned by Faurecia and they want the statue to be placed where everyone can see it. The proposed location is in the grassy area on BCSC property just outside the roundabout on 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

The following information was shared in response to questions from the board.

The placement of the car statue will be close to the BCSC property line. Vandalism would be a concern. The plan is to have a protective covering, additional lighting and decorative fencing. The car statue does include a man with an Arvin air pump to inflate the front tire.

Mr. Jensen shared that the E-Rate Category 2 Equipment bids are for wireless improvements of infrastructure in school buildings.

Mr. Abrams made a motion to approve the reviewed items, and Mrs. Verbanic seconded the motion.

Upon a call for the vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

## **FACULTY AND STAFF FOCUS FOR ACTION (5.0)**

### **8) Request for Approval of Human Resources Recommendations:**

Dr. Sylva requested approval of the human resources recommendations as presented. Ms. Heiny was absent due to illness.

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer made a motion to approve the human resources recommendations, and Mrs. Verbanic seconded the motion.

Upon a call for the vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

**BOARD INPUT/REVIEW**

Mr. Abrams thanked Mrs. Verbanic for her service to the Board of School Trustees and the community the last four years. He noted it had been a pleasure to work with her and he appreciated her good probing questions. He thanked her for always being professional and for having a good sense of humor. Mr. Abrams said Mrs. Verbanic would be missed and he encouraged her to stay involved in community activities as she is a true asset.

Mrs. Verbanic noted that it had been her pleasure to serve on the board.

Dr. Roberts, on behalf of the Cabinet, thanked Mrs. Verbanic for her service.

Dr. Shedd shared that board members had made contributions to the School Foundation in honor of Mrs. Verbanic.

President Shedd shared that the next school board meetings would be January 9 and 23, 7:00 p.m. at Schmitt Elementary School. The first January meeting will be in the gymnasium at Schmitt so there will be space to recognize the State Finalist Columbus East Football Team.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ President