

Parkside Elementary School Best Practice – Cultural Responsiveness:

Mrs. Hack noted that cultural responsiveness plays an essential role in considering and responding to different cultures. Columbus is changing, and work is happening daily in the schools to celebrate diversity by being culturally responsive.

Mr. Smith, Parkside Principal, thanked the board and cabinet for the opportunity to share how Universal Design for Learning (UDL) intertwines with cultural responsiveness in the classroom. He noted that the Parkside first grade teachers will present how they are committed to meet their student's needs.

Mrs. Voelz, Parkside Assistant Principal, shared that the Parkside staff is committed to each student and they are aware and sensitive to the fact that students learn and respond differently. Through the UDL lens, they continue to change instruction approaches to meet the individual needs of students.

Parkside first grade teachers, Kelly McIntyre, Kelly Cole, Meredith Coleman, Laura Gallion and Meri Knight, shared the “why” and “what” of being culturally responsive as meeting the needs of their students by responding differently through instruction. The UDL connection of engagement, expression and representation was shared. First grade students shared the “how” of cultural responsiveness through two examples. “Super Apple” is an opportunity where students celebrate their similarities and differences by sharing their life stories. Students also performed the “Phonics Dance”, a research-based method to teach phonics and increase reading and writing skills of each student. In closing, Mr. Smith shared data on the changing demographics at Parkside Elementary. He noted that the diverse experiences that students bring to Parkside make it a better place.

PUBLIC DIALOGUE

No one spoke at this time.

STUDENT AND STAKEHOLDER FOCUS (3.0)

1) Comments of Individuals and Delegations:

No one signed in to speak.

2) Board Commendations:

Dr. Shedd commended CSA-New Tech Project Lead the Way Facilitator, Joshua Sayers, for winning a stipend to do research as Purdue University. He will use this experience to enhance the high school engineering curriculum.

Dr. Shedd commended Eden Zaborowski, Northside Middle School seventh grader, for qualifying for the State Geography Bee. She is in the top one percent of geography students in

the nation.

Dr. Shedd commended Samantha Cooksey, CSA-New Tech student, for blogging on how project-based learning transformed her thoughts about education and made her want to be at school. Dr. Shedd commended the CSA staff and principals for their great work.

Dr. Shedd shared that BCSC's Universal Design for Learning (UDL) efforts were spotlighted in an article in *Education Weekly*. She added that UDL is included in new Federal Legislation and that once again, BCSC is ahead of the curve.

Mrs. Verbanic commended the Columbus North High School Instrumental students for the awards received at the ISSMA competition. Forty-two soloist and 13 ensembles received gold ratings.

Mr. Stenner shared that the BCSC UDL homepage links to some great articles and also to information on the UDL Spotlight recipients. He noted that it was great to see UDL being promoted across the corporation.

MEASUREMENT, ANALYSIS, AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT (4.0)

3) Food Service Annual Report:

Dr. Sylva noted that Mrs. Millspough, Food Service Director, would be sharing an update on the excellent Food Service Department.

Mrs. Milspough shared that the number of students eating the plate lunch had decreased, but more were choosing the a la carte option. At the secondary level, there was a nine percent overall increase of students eating in the cafeteria. The summer feeding program shows an increase in participants for both breakfast and lunch. The department added Seconds/Food Rescue Tables where uneaten packaged food is placed. Students may have seconds and the remainder is donated to Love Chapel and BCSC high school food pantries. From August to December, 1,963 pounds of uneaten food had been saved from the landfill. Approximately one ton of food has been donated since August. Federal law mandates equity in school lunch prices. Schools that charge less than \$2.78 for paid lunches are required to adjust their weighted average lunch price. The increase is capped at ten cents. Mrs. Millspough requested a five cent increase for elementary, secondary and adult lunches. The proposed increase would bring the cost for an elementary lunch to \$2.50, a secondary lunch to \$2.60, and an adult lunch to \$3.15. The board will be asked to approve the increases at the next meeting.

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

The federal mandated lunch price increase is capped at ten cents. The department looked at what it costs to produce a meal and determined to increase the price five cents. The national lunch price average goes up each year; the average amount is always being pursued.

BCSC meets the federal regulations for food prepared and served to students. A challenge for next year will be the sodium guidelines. There are no regulations on what students can bring from home; this would be guided by school rules.

4) School Attorney Report:

No report was shared.

5) School Board Member Reports:

No reports were shared.

6) Cabinet Report:

Mr. Jensen shared that we are close to not having to worry about eLearning Days for this school year. He commended Nick Williams, Coordinator of Instructional Technology, for his work on eLearning Days and for all his efforts in the buildings to educate everyone on the process. Mr. Jensen noted that classes will resume on March 23rd, as the corporation has three snow make-up days.

Mrs. Hack shared that Kindergarten Roundup began that night and five-year olds can continue to enroll for the 2016-17 school year.

EDUCATIONAL PROCESS FOR BOARD ACTION (6.0)

7) Requests for Approval: (Dr. Quick)

Dr. Quick reviewed the following items for the Board.

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of February 22, 2016 and Minutes of the Executive Sessions of February 16, 2016, February 17, 2016, February 19, 2016 and February 26, 2016 (attachment)
- b. Supplemental Contracts (attachment)
- c. Field Trips/Professional Leaves (attachment)
- d. Claims (attachment)
- e. To Select Substitute Management System (attachment)
- f. 401a Annuity Plan Resolution (attachment)

Mr. Stenner made a motion to approve the items as described by Dr. Quick. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer.

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

The changes to the 401a annuity plan are the responsibility of Met Life.

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

FACULTY AND STAFF FOCUS FOR ACTION (5.0)

7) Request for Approval of Human Resources Recommendations:

Ms. Heiny requested approval of the Human Resources recommendations as presented.

Mrs. Verbanic made a motion to approve the Human Resources recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Abrams.

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

Ms. Heiny introduced Shane Yates as the newly appointed Director of Pre-K.

Mr. Yates shared that he first knew Dr. Quick and Ms. Heiny as a student at Taylorsville Elementary School. He thanked the board and cabinet for the opportunity, and noted that his path had been filled with countless people that have inspired him to dream big and follow his passion. In turn, he plans to inspire children and adults in his new position.

BOARD INPUT/REVIEW

President Shedd shared that the next school board meetings would be April 11 & 25, 7:00 p.m. at CSA-New Tech High School.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

_____ Secretary

Attest: _____ President