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Board Meeting Report

April 18, 2019 - Recognition



MISSOURI SCHOLARS 100 ... Liberty High School senior Michael Coyle, and Timberland High School seniors Sofia Angel and Nate Beattie (pictured) were all recognized for having been selected to Missouri Scholars 100, a statewide program that honors 100 of Missouri's top academic students in the graduating class of 2019. Missouri Scholars 100 is a program sponsored by the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals. Schools across Missouri are invited to nominate candidates for this state-wide recognition. The selection is based primarily on a formula using the student's grade point average and ACT or SAT score. Each student nominated had to first meet the criteria of an "Academic Decathlon," which included ten events, designed to test the academic strength of the student.



TIMBERLAND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL ... The Timberland High School Student Council (STUCO) was recognized for having been elected President of the Missouri Association of Student Councils for the 2019-2020 school year. This is the highest honor a council can receive in the state. The Missouri Association of Student Council's mission is to provide programs and resources that develop positive student leaders and advisors who will promote a quality school and community environment. Timberland STUCO has been elected Gateway Council President among schools in the greater St. Louis area four times in the past 10 years, but this is the first time in school history that the group has secured the top office in the state. As state president, Timberland students are now responsible for hosting the State Convention at their school next March.



DIANA JANIKOW ... Timberland senior Diana Janikow was recognized for receiving a Gold Key award and an American Vision nomination for her painting called "Heritage Lost" in the 2019 Scholastic Art Competition. Art students from across the state

submitted 1,600 pieces for the Regional Competition and the top 124 received Gold Key awards. Diana's work has been submitted to the National Scholastic office in New York to be judged with the other Gold Key winning pieces by artists from across the country. In addition, Diana's work was one of five pieces selected as "Best-of-Show" out of the regional Gold Key winners and will be submitted as a nominee for American Visions medals adjudication at the national level. The National Scholastic Art Show is the most recognized and prestigious high school art exhibition in the nation. Past winners at the national level include Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, Robert Redford, and Joyce Carol Oates. Diana, who is from Ukraine, shared that her "Heritage Lost" piece is a self-portrait that depicts the moment she realized she no longer remembered how to speak Russian.



AMAZING SHAKE ... Fifth graders Alisyn Maupin and Kyla Humphrey from Stone Creek and sixth graders Bonnie Faye Cella and Catherine Hunn from Peine Ridge were all recognized for participating in the Amazing Shake™ National Competition held at the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta. The four students all traveled to Atlanta for the national competition in February, after winning at the school and District levels. They are the first students to represent the State of Missouri in the national competition at the Academy. The Amazing Shake is a learning opportunity for young students that places an emphasis on teaching students manners, discipline, respect, and professional conduct. Prior to the competition, students learn the nuances of professional human interaction as they are taught skills such as how to give a proper handshake, how to "work a room," how to give a successful interview, and how to remain composed under pressure. At the national competition, Kyla finished 119th, Bonnie finished 115th, Catherine finished 85th and Alisyn finished in the top 80 out of nearly 300 top competitors from across the U.S.

Personnel

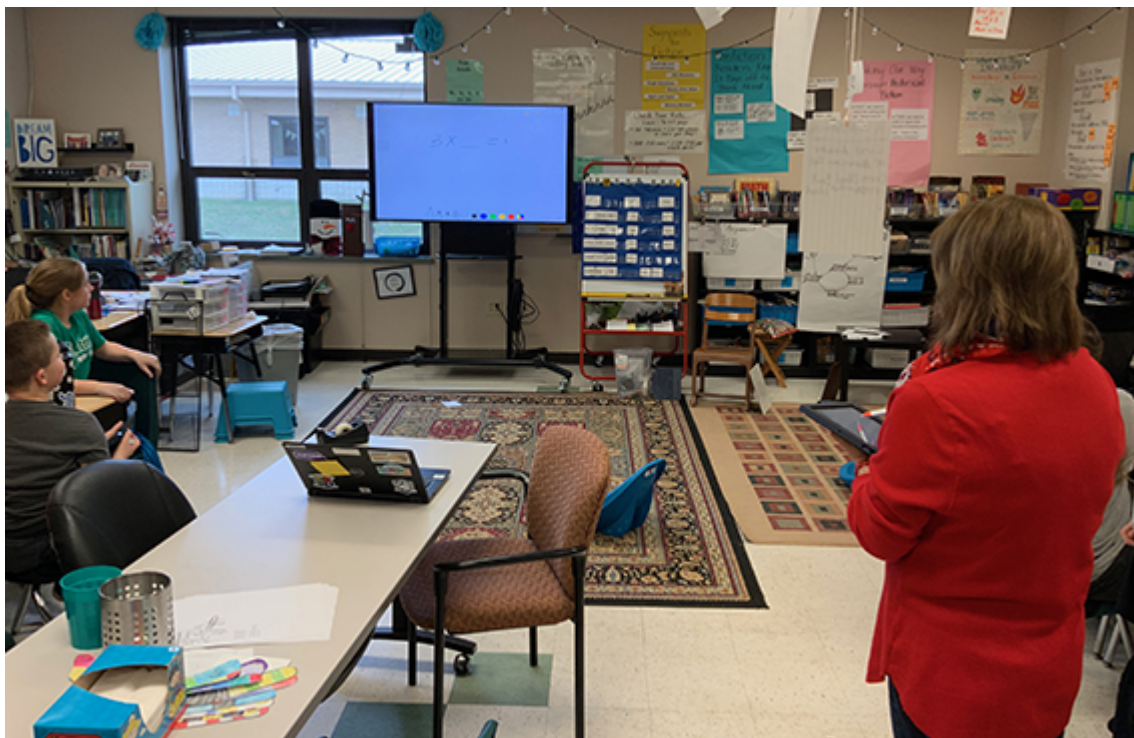


The Board of Education has approved the hiring of Laura Parn as Executive Director of Student Services for the 2019-2020 school year. Mrs. Parn, who has served as principal for the last two years at Duello Elementary, is replacing Dr. Laura Smith who has taken a position outside of the WSD beginning July 1. Prior to becoming the principal at Duello, Mrs. Parn was an assistant principal at Boone Trail Elementary and Green Tree Elementary, and served as an AP in the City of St. Charles School District as well. Mrs. Parn also was a Math Coach and a 4th and 5th Grade Teacher previously in the WSD. She holds a Masters in School Administration from Lindenwood University, a Masters in Teaching, Learning and Teacher Education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Greenville College.



The Board of Education has approved the hiring of Erik Bruner as the new Assistant Director of Intervention Services at Pearce Hall for the 2019-2020 school year. This is a new position created to provide increased intervention support for students throughout the District. Mr. Bruner has been serving as the Program Leader and Teacher in the Anabranh program at Pearce Hall for the past three years. Prior to joining the staff at Pearce Hall, he served as a secondary english and special education teacher at Great Circle. Mr. Bruner holds a Masters of Education from Washington University in St. Louis with a concentration in Applied Behavior Analysis. He is in the process of completing his Masters in Educational Leadership.

Consent Agenda Items



FLAT PANEL TVS FOR CLASSROOMS... The Board approved purchasing approximately 250 flat panel displays and carts over the course of a year for the next 3 years, with the option to extend for 2 more years from Staples.

NEW BOARD POLICIES... The Board adopted the [following new policies](#):

Policies 2745: Electronic Data Breach
Policy 2825: ACT Administration
Policy 4565: Teacher Post-Retirement Option
Policy 7235: Prevailing Wage.

Superintendent Reports

Tanya Kirkpatrick, Coordinator of the Chautauqua Program, presented the [Before and After Care Program Evaluation](#).

Cheri Thurman, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, presented the [Special Education Program Evaluation](#), which included details about programs and services provided to our students and an update on goals the Student Services Department had for the school year.

Old Business



CHILD NUTRITION ...Susan Raster, Director of Child Nutrition, [presented an update](#) related to the move away from the National School Lunch Program. She shared that participation is up but that it has not been enough to offset the cost of moving away from the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). She said that her department is currently operating at a significant deficit and that she recommends the District should return to the National School Lunch Program next year. A motion by the Board was tabled and direction was given to provide the Board next month with additional details around what it would look like to make adjustments and continue to opt out of the NSLP versus returning to the NSLP.

New Business



BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE ... The Board approved the [2019-2020 Board Meeting Schedule](#).

Next Special Board Meeting: May 1, 2019

Next Regular Board Meeting: May 16, 2019