

BOARD BRIEFS

Todd Terrill, Superintendent

April 27, 2016

Celebrations

Pam Kirk, a physical education teacher at Hibberd, introduced her dog, Kona, who is a certified therapy dog. Ms. Kirk described the various ways in which Kona is involved with students. Those activities include Tail Waggin' Tutors at Charles, Life Skills, and Reid Hospital. Students Madeline Stults and Abby Chamberlain were present to demonstrate tricks that they've taught Kona.

Old Business

Climate Audit

Ms. Morgason provided an update to the progress of the Climate Audit. An information letter to all staff was sent via email and the survey link will be live on April 28th. She and Mr. Reynolds recommend that the survey be translated to Spanish and have communicated this with Dr. Balch. Mr. Reynolds also shared about the focus groups and how to sign up. Lastly, Mr. Reynolds has been working with Bridget Hazelbaker, Communications Coordinator, in advertising to community members and stakeholders.

Student Letter

Ms. Robinson followed up regarding the student letter that the Board received addressing the need of vaping and e-cigarettes to be included in the policy handbook. Currently, in our board policies, there are four areas that address this topic, two of which specifically note e-cigarettes. Ms. Robinson will reply back to the student's letter. The board then discussed where we are in the process of updating the policy handbook through ISBA and the need to restart the policy review committee.

Benefit Package Review

Mr. Slifer mentioned beginning the process of reviewing the benefit package and starting a committee. Mr. Slifer, Ms. Derengowski, and Ms. Robinson volunteered to be on the committee.



Action Items

- Donations in the amount of \$12,835.
- Third Grade Academy Proposal from Every Child Can Read Inc.
- Request to Advertise- Copier Bid
- Sabbatical Request

Preview Upcoming Meeting and Events

The next board meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 11, 2016. The work session will include a discussion of the high school renovation. The three areas of discussion will include the future vision for RHS, educational spaces needed, and flexible use of spaces.

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week. Mr. Terrill thanked the teachers for their hard work and investment into the lives of students. He thanked them for making a difference. He also reminded all of the annual Celebration of Excellence at 3:10 p.m. on Tuesday at Civic Hall.

High School Prom will take place on Saturday, April 30th from 8pm-11pm in the Tiernan Center. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kirsten Bunner at kbunner@rcs.k12.in.us. After prom will take place at Legends Lanes from 11:30pm-2am.