

BOARD BRIEFS

Todd Terrill, Superintendent

February 8, 2017

Celebrations/Reflections

Kelley McDermott, REA President, introduced RCS's EL teachers Sara Williams, Katie Strohm-Morales and Sara Frakes. English is not the native language to an increasing number of our students. This creates unique challenges; the EL teachers are a great resource for the students, classroom teachers and parents. The EL teachers also serve as interpreters for our parents that sometimes need help communicating effectively with our schools. Approximate number of students identified as EL in K-12 is 360.



Dixie Robinson, Board President, presented Ron Cross with a plaque in appreciation for 40 Continuous Years of Legal Service to Richmond Community Schools. Click on the link for Teacher of the Month Videos and More [RCS Videos](#)



Public Commentary

Ms. Louise Ronald spoke to the board in support of Public Education and Richmond Community Schools.



Board Reports/Old Business

Rob Tidrow, Chief Operations Officer, gave the board an update on PowerUp. Topics covered were planning and design, hardware and infrastructure, professional development, curriculum and content, and next steps. PowerUp is RCS's 1:1 initiative; 5-12 grade students will receive laptops to take home, K-4 classrooms will receive ipad carts in their classroom, and each school will receive one laptop cart for 4th grade to aide with transition to 5th grade. The eLearning expo (public) is July 18th & 19th. Camp Canvas (staff) will be held on June 1st and 2nd.

Work Session

CR Richardson Building

A work session discussion concerning the CR Richardson building took place. Topics included costs, revenue, support time, upcoming projects, and other topics. After discussion the consensus of the board is to keep the CR Richardson building at least through the process of Master Planning.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Upcoming Meeting and Events

February 9, 2017 - 9th Grade Orientation 6:00 p.m. at Civic Hall. Tours will be available for parents and students. Clubs and Athletic teams will have tables set up in Tiernan Center showcasing what the High School has to offer.

Adjournment/Bell Ringer

Randy Hollingsworth, boys and girls Varsity Tennis Coach, was voted "Indiana Coach of the Year" for boy's tennis by the

Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association (IHSTeCA).

Eight coaches in Indiana are chosen as "District Coach of the Year". From those eight, Randy was chosen for the top honor of "Coach of the Year" for the state of Indiana.

This year, Randy led the boys team to a 20-4 season and the first semi-state title in the programs history.

Mr. Hollingsworth is also a First Grade teacher at Starr Elementary School.

Congratulations Randy!

