

BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Allen Bourff, Superintendent

October 12, 2011

REPORTS

Summer School Report: Mark Millis presented information on the 2011 Summer School for grades K, 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 as well as the Third Grade Academy, the Earlham College Leadership Academy, and Richmond High School summer classes. Information included 2010-2011 data comparisons, attendance data, staff and student reflections and deltas, the Earlham College Academy for Middle School Students, Richmond High School data, and looking ahead to 2012. Pam Hilligoss, Summer School Principal, discussed successful changes made to the program this year that included a later start time and theme-based courses.

Teacher Hours: Dr. Bourff stated that the basic teacher day will remain at the same seven and one-half hours for this current school year. The Tuesday release days for professional development schedule, parent-teacher conference schedule, and schedule of evening events that teachers are expected to attend were shared and discussed.

WORK SESSION

Master Planning: Dr. Bourff stated that the first focus group session will take place at the Richmond Art Museum on October 13th at 6:30 p.m. The session will begin in McGuire Hall with presentations by Dr. Bourff and Ron Maze. Groups of five to six people will be assigned to each table with a facilitator. Each group will have three questions to discuss and there will be an opportunity to discuss other concerns also. The second focus group will meet in November to discuss options and a recommendation will be made to the Board in December. Dr. Bourff noted that information regarding class sizes and an Elementary Resource Allocation chart was at Board member places. A discussion followed.

ACTION ITEMS

Teacher Mini Grants: Approval to award the following Teacher Mini Grants for October 2011:

- Tina Michaels-Test Middle School: *Kids Investing in the Community and their Own Futures*
- Dr. Karen Kimball-RHS: *Richmond Legacies: Built to Last*
- Kristen Brunton-Logos: *LEGOS for Logos*
- Amy Miller-RHS: *Friendly Fresh Foodies*
- Natalie Hatton-Crestdale: *Nature and Creativity Camp*

Latch Key Program Agreement Revision: Approval of the recommendation to approve the Latch Key Program Agreement revisions with additional language.

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of September 28, 2011.

Human Resources: Employment, Extra Duty Employment, Resignations, Extra Duty Resignations, Termination, and Resignation Correction.

State High Ability Grant: Approval to apply for the Indiana Department of Education, Division of Exceptional Learners for the State High Ability Grant. The amount awarded to RCS this year is approximately \$45,000.

Filing of Reports: Approval of the recommendation to approve and file the Adult Education Report.

Richmond Community Schools Master Plan



Public Input

Master Planning Work Session

Thursday, October 13
6:30—8:30 p.m.
Richmond Art Museum
350 Hub Etchison Parkway

Join the Conversation!

- Overview of the status of RCS facilities
- Enrollment trends
- Projected financial challenges
- Small group discussions

If you are able to attend, please call Pam Lipps at 973-3335 or email pamli@rcs.k12.in.us.



SNAPSHOTS OF SUCCESS

United Way: President Baumgartner presented Scot Quintel, United Way President, with a check for \$21,821.75 representing the amount donated by Richmond Community Schools employees. Dr. Bourff recognized Pam Carr for leading the campaign this year.

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