

The Border

A Summary Report of the April 10, 2018 CFSD Governing Board Meeting



CFSD Star Award

The governing board honored the Star Award recipient. Board Member Carole Siegler presented Ravindu Vithanachchi with a certificate and star pin in recognition of his outstanding performance taking 1st Place at the Catalina Foothills School District 2017-2018 Spelling Bee; 2nd Place, Pima County Spelling Bee; and 4th Place, Arizona Spelling Bee.



Outstanding Achievements!

Superintendent Mary Kamerzell shared the following student and staff achievements.

Canyon View

Jax Larcom, CV 3rd grader, was a poetry winner at the Tucson Festival of Books Young Authors contest.

Ventana Vista

Ventana Vista's Odyssey of the Mind team won second place in regional competition. Team members are Ethan Bialis, Arianna DuPont, Audrey Kirk, Natalie Liu, Ezra Mandel, and Tessa Strickland. Their coaches are Dede Alexander, Tiffanie Bialis, and Lisa Meder.

Orange Grove Middle School

Orange Grove's "mathletes" team won the Southern Arizona MATHCOUNTS competition. Team members are Natian Kuo, Simon Rubin-Toles, Noah Wellman, and Alexandra Zega. Their coach is Chris Newton, OG math teacher.

Ian Britanik and Julia Faltin, OG 8th graders, were selected by audition for the All-State Honor Band. Their band teacher is Dustin Chilson.

Esperero Canyon Middle School

Esperero's Science Olympiad team won state and will move onto national competition. Team members are Francesca Barela, Jerry Barela, Maria Cazzato, Marina Couto, Zachary Cramton, Krista Dewanta, Aditi Ghosh, Bhargav Ghosh, Rohini Ghosh, Emily Kamp, Alex Piviouk, Luke Usie-Cooper, and Kulindu Vithanachchi. Their coaches are Anne Neuenschwander and EB Kamp.

Catalina Foothills High School

The CFHS Winterguard came in 1st place at the Mt. View Winterguard Show on March 17. Winterguard members are Katarina Bennett, Amalie Bergmann, Emma Blakely, Katherine Boesen, Emelie Bregman, Alza Coulter, Stephanie Cuneo-Mims, Caitlin Dooley, Allison Fagan, Brooke Fagan, Emma Finkelstein, Miko Fleming, Josephine Gilley, Lynn Highton, Kristina Jones, Cayleigh Manley, Caitlin Matthews, Sarah McMurry, Anna Montoya-Gaxiola, Gabriela Ruth Moreno, Benjamin Newton, Alana Petersen, Jordan

Rios, Reese Royer, Dylan Sadowsky, Maya Schaan, Trianna Schurig, Anya Servidio, Victoria Smith, Grace Stone, and Andrea Villarreal. Their director is Ramon Sepulveda, CFHS instrumental music teacher.

The following CFHS Choir students qualified for the Arizona All State Choir to be held at the U of A on April 19-21: Claire Adams, Jessica Crocco, Ari Dettman, Inge Pham-Swann, Mira Raju, and Jeremy Wang. Their choir teacher is William Mattison.

The CFHS Concert Chorale earned "Superior with Distinction" at the Arizona State Choral Directors Association Festival in Mesa.

The CFHS DECA team competed at Nationals on March 2-3. Miriam Arden, Samantha Dickson, and Gabriela Grodzki will advance to International Competition in Atlanta, Georgia, this month. The DECA team coach is Jason Reinhardt, CFHS Business/Marketing teacher.

Miriam Arden, CFHS junior, won the Southern Arizona Shakespeare Competition and received an all-expense-

paid trip to New York City for the national competition on April 22. Her theatre arts teacher is Carson Wright.

The CFHS Speech & Debate team competed in the state tournament with many members of the team reaching semi-finals and finals. The team took 3rd place. Joshua Cohen won 1st Place in Lincoln Douglas Debate. The team's coach is Angela Hill, CFHS English teacher.

Sam Beskind was named Region Player of the Year for boys basketball. He also made First Team All-Region. Coach Doug D'Amore received the Region Coach of the Year.

Nicole Conway earned First Team All-Region for girls basketball.

CFHS's National Signing Day will be April 11 for the following athletes, their sport, and college/university: Connor Cosgrove, soccer, Pima Community College; Chloe Gavino, tennis, New Mexico State University; Gaylen Lopez, football, Pima Community College; Sam Mulay, swim, Eastern Illinois University; Richelle Sandin, cross country, New Mexico State University; Devin Smith, football, Ripon College, Abby Watson, tennis, Trinity University, San Antonio.

Catalina Foothills School District

The winners of the CFSD 2018 Poetry Contest include (winning poem noted first, followed by the honorable mentions): Kindergarten - Ellie Schubert, "The Pony Needs Me"; Bishop Wagner, "I have 99 Pokeman Cards"; 1st Grade - Jacob Colman, "My New Bike"; Carolina Alfaro, "My Favorite Thing to Hear Is"; Jaevia Dugan, "I Like Cakes"; 2nd Grade - Ava Holt, "My Finder Has a Heartbeat"; Ryler Jones, "Blue Island!"; Clare Smith, "How to Be a Paintbrush"; 3rd Grade - Ivy Buffalo, "The Invasion of the Caticorns"; Taryn Smith, "The Colors of the Rainbow"; Ben Pershing, "Payson"; 4th Grade - Dashiell Chavez, "Senses"; Naya Moukabary, "Age"; Ethan Bialis, "The Curious Incident of Time"; 5th Grade - Chihiro Kazui, "Fear I Am"; Lily Marr, "Curious"; Jake Toole, "Calm"; 6th Grade - Jordan Andrews, "Reflection"; Genevieve Berry, "Stereotyping Girls"; Noah Sagar, "Sunrise"; 7th Grade - Allison Carr, "Spider"; Rowa Brack, "Two Red Shoes"; Allison Carr, "Dreams"; 8th Grade - Cole Yaskanich, "The Day the World Woke Up"; Natasha Myer, "Mask"; Melina Leonard, "The Psychic's Dream"; 9th Grade - Canyu Xia, "Evening"; Romit Banerjee "17"; Ember Wilson, "Dear America"; 10th Grade - Maya Benita, "Love Takes Logic's Head"; Emma Blakely, "Distance"; Chloe Fidel, "Soft Whispers and Velvet Shadows"; 11th Grade - Emma Burkhardt, "Deadliest Gift"; Conner Wagner, "Drought"; 12th Grade - Donovan Guard, "Plot"; Nyah Williams, "Our Faded Love"; Maya Morken, "The Tale of Time".

Community Schools

Sabrina Romero, Sunrise's CARE site manager, was selected as this year's Arizona Community Education Association Program Leader of the Year. She will be honored at the AZCEA awards banquet on April 20 in Chandler.

Approval of Revisions to Policy IKAB Report Cards/Progress Reports (second reading)

Associate Superintendent Mary Jo Conery presented the recommended revisions to the policy. This policy revision places an emphasis on a student's progress in achieving goals as stated in a student's individualized education program (IEP) for a student who qualifies under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). There were no recommended changes to the policy from the first reading on March 27. The board approved the policy revisions, as presented.

Approval of Revisions to Policy GCC Professional/Support Staff Leaves and Absences (second reading)

Assistant Superintendent Denise Bartlett presented the proposed revisions to the policy. In a paragraph under Family Illness, the phrase "who resides with such employee and" will be removed. Proposition 206 does not stipulate that members of the immediate family must live with the employee to use short-term leave for the care of family members. There were no recommended changes to this policy after the first reading on March 27. The board approved the revisions, as presented.

Approval of Professional Salary Scheduled for 2018-2019

Dr. Bartlett presented the 2018-2019 professional salary schedule. The proposal included increasing the beginning base salary to \$40,000 and supporting one vertical step movement for current certified employees returning next year. The cost of the increase to the Maintenance and Operations (M & O) budget is \$640,686.00. The governing board approved the salary schedule and step movement, as presented.

Approval of District Contribution of Cafeteria Plan of Employee Benefits

Dr. Bartlett presented the proposed benefit renewal options for qualifying employees for 2018-2019. Dr. Bartlett reported that this year the district conducted a Request for Proposal (RFP) process for all benefits. It was recommended that the district award medical coverage to Blue Cross Blue Shield direct. The proposed district – sponsored plan, Classic Gold, is the same plan offered during 2017-2018. There will be a premium rate decrease from the current \$5,520.00 to \$5,257.00 for the employee-only plan. The recommendation was to continue to underwrite the cost of that plan for eligible employees. The district will also once again offer the opportunity for employees to

purchase a “buy up” plan, Co-Pay Gold, or opt for a lower cost plan, Value Gold.

Dr. Bartlett reported that all other offerings under the district’s cafeteria plan of benefits would be at their current or decreased rates: Employer Dental Services or Delta Dental, Delta Dental Vision, Basic and Voluntary Employee and Dependent Life Insurance, Voluntary Short-Term Disability, and United Pet Care. P & A Administrative Services, a third-party administrator, will continue to provide COBRA and Flexible Spending Account management with no increase in cost. The governing board approved the \$5,257.00 district contribution and the list of benefit providers, as presented.

Approval of First Round of Certified Contracts for 2018-2019

Dr. Bartlett presented a list of professional staff proposed to be offered contracts and addenda for the 2018-2019 school year. This was the first round of contract offerings for next year. The governing board approved the issuance of these contracts, as presented.

Fiscal Year 2019 Maintenance and Operations Budget Proposal

Dr. Kamerzell presented the administrative proposal for the FY 2019 Maintenance and Operations (M&O) budget. This budget recommendation maintains all student programs and services at their current level as well as the district staffing formula that defines the student-to-teacher ratio in district schools. There was also a proposed new budget allocation to increase the district’s elementary counselor staffing by 2.0 FTE positions. The proposal originates from the district’s K-12 counseling program review. The budget proposal also included increasing the M & O to support an increase to employee compensation, and begin to replenish the district insurance fund. Dr. Kamerzell also reported on the district’s 10-year enrollment history. This year there was an increase in resident enrollment, fifty-eight and a half percent (58.5%) of district students live within the boundaries of the school district, and forty-one and a half percent (41.5%) attend district schools through Arizona’s open Enrollment Program.

2018 Arizona Legislative / Governmental Activity

Board members discussed information about the debate scheduled on Senate Bill 1467 which expands the corporate tuition tax credit scholarship program to students who have never attended a public school. Dr. Kamerzell reported that SB1467 had been retained earlier in the day. Also discussed was the petition circulating for a statewide teacher walkout.

Consent Agenda Items

The governing board approved the following consent agenda items.

- March 27, regular governing board meeting minutes
- March 27, executive session meeting minutes
- Expense voucher memorandum
- Field trip request memorandum
- Fund raising request memorandum
- Personnel memorandum
- Gift and Donations memorandum
- Approval of 4th quarter tax credit eligible fees memorandum
- Approval of change order for BWS Architects to design a traffic circulation revision at Manzanita elementary school memorandum
- Approval of award to The Groundskeeper for professional groundskeeping services identified as RFP#18-04-23 memorandum
- Approval of early award guaranteed maximum price to Concord for long lead items for the high school’s restoration and field improvements identified as RFQ#18-05-20 memorandum
- Approval of early award guaranteed maximum price to Kappcon for long lead items for Manzanita elementary school’s restoration and field improvements identified as RFQ#18-04-18 memorandum

Upcoming Board Meeting

The next regularly scheduled governing board meeting is **Tuesday April 24, 2018, 6:30 p.m., at the Professional Learning Center at Valley View Early Learning Center.**

The tentative agenda is:

- Approval of Second Round of Certified Contracts for 2018-2019
- Fiscal Year 2019 Maintenance & Operations Budget Discussion
- Pima County Board / Superintendent Collaborative Meeting Report
- Consideration of Middle School (Chinese) and High School (Spanish) World Language Courses (first reading)



Please welcome new CFSD staff members:
Eva Lankes, PE Teacher, VV
Emma Brannon, Elementary Program Coordinator, CS