

A Summary Report of the January 8, 2019 CFSD Governing Board Meeting



Approval of a Student-Initiated Resolution of The Catalina Foothills School District Governing Board to Declare Support for Safety and Well-Being

CFHS Student Body President Peris Lopez initiated a resolution for the governing board's consideration. It seeks additional funding from the Governor and Legislature towards mental health support in Arizona schools. In part, the resolution language underscores that all students deserve access to services supporting and enhancing their physical, mental, and emotional health; and that the responsibility for keeping our community healthy is a shared responsibility and cannot be borne by public schools alone. The CFSD Governing Board unanimously approved the resolution. It will be sent to Governor Ducey and Arizona legislators.

Election of Governing Board President and Vice President

The governing board members elected Amy Bhola as board president and Amy Krauss as vice president for 2019.



Outstanding Achievements!

Superintendent Mary Kamerzell shared the following student achievements.

Esperero Band

After a successful audition, the Esperero Canyon Middle School 8th Grade Band, led by Band Director Cory

Walavich, was selected to play at the Arizona Music Educators Conference in Mesa, Arizona. The event takes place February 1-2 at the Mesa Convention Center.

Community Service Projects

2018 Holiday Community Service Projects, by school...

Canyon View 5th graders raised and donated 1,440 books to Literacy Connects, which will give them to children in need. For the fourth straight year, the Canyon View SAB partnered with CODAC to donate hundreds of gifts, including books, toys and household items, for Tucson families in need through the Adopt-A-Family program.

Manzanita packed and donated 440 food totes to families of a local school.

Sunrise Drive CARE students made 30 gingerbread houses for children at TMC.

The Ventana Vista Student Council led a toy drive to brighten the holidays for patients at Banner Children's Hospital. Students in Girls on the Run led a pet food drive for families in need over the holidays. Students also partnered with CODAC to support the Adopt-a-Family program.

Esperero's National Junior Honor Society collected paper supplies for the Sister Jose Women's Center pantry from November 13 through November 20. These items helped homeless women and their children in Tucson. Items were collected as a tribute to Hedwig Dennis, CFSD teacher and wife of Bill Dennis, ECMS teacher. The ECMS Student Council collected items for several organizations...The 6th grade collected diapers and baby toiletries for the Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona. The 7th grade collected for homeless veterans and the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System, including Harkins Theatre gift cards for patients in the Community Living Center. The 8th grade collected clothing and toys for Casa de los Ninos.

Orange Grove's Student Council and SAC led a holiday drive for Youth on their Own, gathering blankets, hygiene supplies, gift cards and other items for homeless youth in Tucson.

The High School FFO solicited clothing donations to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters. CFHS National Honor Society members donated over 500 hours of work to community service projects during the first semester.

Approval of Proposed Revisions to CFSD's K-12 Counseling Program (second reading)

Associate Superintendent Mary Jo Conery presented the proposed K-12 school counseling program model. There were no recommended revisions from the first reading on December 11. Dr. Conery reported that there was an evaluation of delivery services in three areas: academic, social/emotional, and career. Within these areas, the team identified and assessed what services exist and what services need to be restored, enhanced, and/or improved. Dr. Conery reviewed the development of the systematic programming that will be provided to support each student's academic, career, and social/emotional development and achievement. The "Foundation" for the K-12 school counseling program consists of standards and indicators and a delivery service model for the elementary, middle, and high schools. Dr. Conery reported that the recommendation to restore a half-time FTE (full-time equivalent) counselor at each middle school and add a full-time FTE at the high school of which half would be a career counseling focus funded by Career Technical Education/Joint Technical Education District (CTE/JTED) is needed to fully carry out the delivery of services. Dr. Conery requested that the board give early consideration of the proposed increase to school counseling FTE for the 2019-2020 school year to enable the district to recruit and interview high quality counselors from a larger pool of applicants. The board approved both the revisions to the K-12 program and the increased FTE, as presented.

Consideration of Changes to High School Courses and Programs for 2019-2020 (first reading)

Dr. Conery presented the first reading of the proposed changes to high school courses and programs for implementation in the 2019-2020 school year. The changes included course titles and descriptions for World Languages: Spanish - Ancient and Modern Civilizations, Communication and Culture, Honors Hispanic Culture Through Film, Community Service Experience Abroad-Spanish, and Summer Experience Abroad-Chinese; English - Creative Writing: Story Development, and Art and Meaning. Dr. Conery and Director of CTE/JTED Cari Burson reviewed proposed changes to the CTE/JTED Programs and Pathways: Bioscience and Sports Medicine, Career Exploration/Preparation; Fine Arts - Theatre; and the addition of a Computer Science program. The board will review the proposed course changes again on January 22.

Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Annual Conference Business Meeting Report

Board member Carole Siegler shared information from the ASBA Delegate Annual Business Meeting held on December 12. She reviewed the slated candidates for ASBA offices and the six nominations from the floor to serve as Secretary. She reported that the two by-law changes failed due to lack of total affirmative votes.

2018 Arizona Legislative / Governmental Activity

Board members discussed information regarding the introduction of a bill by Arizona State Legislature House Member Mark Finchem calling for a code of ethics for Arizona educators that would prohibit teachers from discussing controversial issues in public district and charter schools. Also discussed was The State of The State address by Governor Doug Ducey scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2019.

Consent Agenda Items

The governing board approved the following consent agenda items.

- December 11, 2019, regular governing board meeting minutes
- December 11, 2019, executive session meeting minutes (confidential)
- Expense voucher memorandum
- Field trip request memorandum
- Fundraising request memorandum
- Personnel memorandum
- Gift and Donations memorandum

Upcoming Board Meeting

The next regularly scheduled governing board meeting is **Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 6:30 p.m., at the Professional Learning Center at Valley View Early Learning Center.**

- Super Volunteer Recognition
- Approval of Changes to High School Courses and Programs for 2019-2020 (second reading)
- Consideration of Revisions to Policy JLCD *Medicines/Administering Medicines to Students* (first reading)
- Consideration of Revisions to Policy JLF, Regulation JLF-R, and Exhibit JLF-E *Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection* (first reading)



Please welcome new CFSD staff members:

Jennifer Moore, 4th Grade Teacher, VV
Cherah Bentley, Office Clerk, VV
Barbara Islas, EA Inclusion, KinderPlus, MZ
Austin Rose, EA Inclusion, CFHS