

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting

March 18, 2020

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public at tonight's meeting – no public comment.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Principal, Mr. John Engelman, was not at tonight's meeting, so Mr. DeLong reported on the following:

- Attendance report – 95.2%
- Discipline report – 18 detentions
- On Feb 25, we rewarded MAP scores:
 - 90% score – students received ice cream (34 students)
 - All 3 tests with 90% - students received ice cream & Kit Kat candy bar (8 students)
 - 99% on all 3 tests – ice cream and chocolate (1 student)
- RVC Math Competition – GSW 1st place – RVC Champs for 7th year
- Adam Leigh – Coach of the Year – Varsity Girls Basketball Coach

BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT: Mr. Josh DeLong presented the following:

- Trees cut down by the parking lot area (between GSW parking lot and neighboring houses) – cut down 4 Mulberry trees, which were making a mess on student vehicles. Future Tree Service of Gardner did the work for us.
- Flag poles – new ropes will be installed by Future Tree Service of Gardner, using their boom truck.
- Baseball light on flag pole – light was put on the flag pole by the baseball field
 - Thank You to Danny Landry and Joel Maxard
- Gym Colors – painting will start this summer: The glossy bottom tile will be orange, a thick black stripe will be in the middle, with white on top. The original mural will stay put for now. The art class students may “update” the mural in the future.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. DeLong presented on the following:

- GAVC Director Award winner for February
 - Niko Alvarez – Culinary Arts. Niko is a Junior at GSW and this is his 1st year at GAVC.
- Janet Brown – stepping down from Auditing Services. Janet has been our long time auditor. GSW and BES were both using her services. She will stay on until June 2020. We need to start looking for a new auditor.
- Exploring a Speech Team for GSW HS – this is currently in discussion and we are still exploring the idea. We have reached out to GSW staff and current GGS sponsor.
- COVID-19 update – changing daily.
 - E-Learning Plan - has been discussed and teachers have started working on.
- SEL Screener – GSW should have one to test and flag a student for social / emotional issues.
- Teacher's Lounge – under construction at the current time. Ms. Dallio has taken on the project of updating this area. With the help of several students, they have already painted the cabinets white, built a new wall, put up dry wall and will be painting the walls soon. She has added new furniture, pillows, etc.

BOE MEMBERS REPORTS:

Board member, Cindy Gerber, discussed the idea of offering Chrome Books to students if school will be out long-term. We need to make Chrome Books accessible for students to check-out of GSW and take home to do their E-Learning / school work. We would need to create a contract for the student / parent to sign before allowing them to take home.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Approve AFLAC for Voluntary Supplemental Insurance Vendor
- Approve IHSA Renewal
- Approve Non-Tenured teachers, as presented

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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