



October 26, 2011 meeting

Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

Serving 3,484 students living in portions of Tinley Park, Mokena, and Frankfort

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Board planning meeting for 2012-13 to focus on goals for student achievement

Each February, the Board of Education and District administration meet for a day-long session to plan for the following school year. Forecasts are presented on topics such as student enrollment, staffing, and budgeting based on the Board's goals for student achievement. Prior to the upcoming meeting on February 4, members of the Board will be presented detailed reviews of initiatives that have been developed over the last few years including Response to Intervention, the Gifted and Honors program, technology integration into the curriculum, and school climate/safe learning environments. Administrators have begun to review the goal and structure of the initiatives, the use of assessments and district testing, communication needs, and use of personnel and instructional materials pertaining to these initiatives. The goal is to ensure that instructional minutes and human and material resources are being maximized. Efficiency reviews of busing, building capacities, and the junior high encore program will also be shared.

Summit Hill District and School Report Cards are now available online

Every year the Illinois State Board of Education releases School Report Card data in compliance with Section 10-17a of the Illinois School Code. The Report Card details student demographics, district finances, class size, academic performance by content area, race, IEP status, and income status, and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), the academic standards that school districts are held to as part of the No Child Left Behind Act. Summit Hill's District Report Card is available by clicking [here](#). Individual School Report Cards are available on each school's home page. In terms of overall student achievement, the percent of District 161 students meeting or exceeding on all state standardized tests increased from 91 percent to 92.1 percent between the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school years. Those percentages are well above state averages which were 76.4 percent and 76.5 percent respectively. The District met AYP goals in all areas except for the level of achievement in reading for students with disabilities. Planned improvement has been developed to target this area.

In other matters, the Board

- accepted gifts from Arbury Hills STARS in the amount of \$1,620; Dr. Julian Rogus RESCO in the amount of \$8,303.60; Frankfort Square SCO in the amount of \$3,113.89; Indian Trail SCO in the amount of \$939.30; Mary Drew SCO in the amount of \$5,868; Walker SCO in the amount of \$3,328.24; Walker Student Council in the amount of \$1,119.14; and Summit Hill Jr. High SCO in the amount of \$964.05;
- recognized Summit Hill Jr. High teacher Michelle Ferrer on the completion of her doctoral studies;
- recognized Summit Hill Jr. High student Victoria Nyder who was named the October 2011 recipient of the Kiwanis Student of the Month award;
- recognized Summit Hill Spartans Cross Country team members Kyle Gravitt, Noah Healy, Brian Galassini, Kyle Bechtold, Chris Curtin, George Lang, Jensen Venskus, Carly Marchal, Lauren Williams, Bianca Galassini, Renee Murphy, Ana Warkocki, Jacqueline Lenz and Delaney Hoger for participating in the IESA State Cross Country Meet;
- heard a presentation from the Walker Horticulture/Garden Club which included recognition of Tracey Lesh, Ed Lesh and Danny Brodinski for their commitment to the Ric Carlson Horticulture Room at Walker School and also Garden Club parent volunteers Karen Stevens, Susan Pohrte and RoxAnne Coad for their care of Walker's Horticulture Room and Mary Drew gardens;
- heard a preliminary estimate of the proposed 2011 tax levy;
- was informed that the committee to review the Gifted and Honors program was being formed and that applications for teacher and parent participants would be made available next week;
- was informed of the status of the Grades K-4 social studies adoption;

- was informed of the District's status in becoming licensed to utilize school kitchens at Walker and Summit Hill Jr. High beyond their milk distribution permit;
- was informed of full compliance of the Regional Office of Education's safety review; and
- heard that there currently are 3,484 students enrolled in District schools.

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