

A Summary Report of the February 11, 2020 CFSD Governing Board Meeting



Shay Wong; Sunrise Drive - Xeevara Quiambao, Elsie Bazarnic, Liliana Ruiz; Ventana Vista - Orian Vogiatzis, Sophie Al Nassif; Esperero - Bryan Zahng, Siena Mayfield, and Greta Moore.

Catalina Foothills High School (CFHS) Pomline

The CFHS Pomline won a state championship over the weekend. They were named 2020 Varsity Pom (large) State Champs and took 2nd Place in Varsity Jazz. The members of the team are Irma Almada, Raven Blackstone, Courtney Brett, Alexa Dorf, Callie Gooding, Kylene Harrison, Caroline Kenerson, Megan, McHorney, Annalise Mendoza, Emily Mokhtarian, and Megan Mokhtarian. Their coaches are Brooke Beckler and Miriam Frieden.

CFHS Chess

The CFHS Chess Team won the 2020 State Grade Team Championship. Three of the team members finished in the top seven over all. Quinn Hudson won clear 1st place with a perfect score of 5-0. Matthew Coy tied for 3rd place and finished 4th. Jonathan Martinez finished 7th. The Team is coached by Robbie Adamson.

CFHS DECA

Twenty-two (22) high school DECA students won numerous awards at the DECA District 3 Competitions where 11 schools and 300+ students competed. These students will also be going on to state competitions February 21-23 in Phoenix: Maddie Ballis, Principles Hospitality and Tourism (PHT), Overall Role Play Medal and 1st place Role Play; Melanie Dasch, PHT, 2nd place Role Play; Sage Furrer, Principles Marketing (PMK), 2nd place Role Play; Katie Nguyen, PMK, Overall Role Play Medal & 1st place Role Play; Evan Kamp, Principles of Business Management (PBM), Overall Role Play Medal & 1st place Role Play (100%), Ximena Leon, PBM, 2nd place Role Play; Mya Breitweiser Finance (BFS), Overall Role Play Medal & 1st place Role Play; Om Chabra, BFS, 2nd place Role Play; Olivia Leonard, Accessories and Apparel Merchandising (AAM), 2nd place Role Play; Ashley Lamb, Travel and Tourism Team Decision Making (TTDM T1), Overall Role Play Medal & 1st place Role Play; Izabella Ortiz, TTDM T1, Overall Role Play Medal & 1st place Role Play; Alex Tretschok, Entrepreneurship Team Decision Making (ETDM T1), Overall Role Play Medal & 1st Place Role Play (99%); Lauren Vaz, ETDM T1, Overall Role Play Medal & 1st place Role Play (99%);

Super Volunteer Recognition

The governing board recognized Travis Dover as a super volunteer. Board Member Amy Bhola reviewed the volunteer efforts of Travis, who is a freshman at Catalina Foothills High school and alumnus of Sunrise Drive. Travis's idea was to support students' sense of belonging and to offer sensory experiences for all students, at Sunrise Drive by creating a colorful sensory path on the playground. Travis's support of the district exemplifies the part of the CFSD mission of "a caring, collaborative community."



Outstanding Achievements!

Superintendent Mary Kamerzell shared the following student and staff achievements.

Catalina Foothills School District (CFSD) Spelling Bee

Esperero 7th Graders Bryan Zhang is CFSD's 2020 spelling bee champion. Esperero 8th Grader Greta Moore is the 2nd place winner. Both Bryan and Greta will move on to compete in the Pima County Spelling Bee on February 15.

Congratulations to all CFSD school winners who moved onto the district competition: Canyon View - Taryn Smith and Milo Smith; Manzanita - Alex Yetka, Colin Gooden,

Isabella Estrella, Buying and Merchandising Team Decision Making (BTDM T1), Overall Role Play Medal & 2nd place Role Play; Mariah Rocha, BTDM T1, Overall Role Play Medal & 2nd place Role Play; Charlotte Bellows, Hospitality Services Team Decision Making (HTDM T1), 2nd place Role Play; Jenna Derman, HTDM T1, 2nd place Role Play; Allison Chuang, HTDM T2, 2nd place Role Play; Tess Singer, HTDM T2, 2nd place Role Play; Eddie Uche, Marketing Management Team Decision Making (MTDM T1), 2nd place Role Play; Joseph Vouvakis, MTDM T1, 2nd place Role Play. Other award winners: Emily Chinnock & Elana Nenadic, MTDM, 3rd place Role Play; Jordann Mars, PBM, 3rd place Role Play; Kennedy Sata-Williams, Restaurant and Food Service Management (RFSM), 3rd place Role Play. The Team's teacher/coach is Jason Reinhardt.

Robotics

The CFHS team, Foothills Pioneer Robotics, took 1st Place and the Inspire Award at the Chandler Robotics Tournament. Team members are Jerry Barela, Josh Barlow, David Berk, Joseph Cohen, Braeden Cantor-Goldner, Danil Clayton, Delaney Endean, Nik Gruber, Mohamed Katbah, Dexi Lin, Gianluca Tenino, Josh Tint, Jeremy Wang, Noah Wellman. Their coach is Charlotte Ackerman.

Two CFSD Community Schools' robotics teams took home top awards at the Arizona FIRST Lego League statewide championship. Middle School Team 5155 City Shaders, 3rd Place Robot Performance and Mechanical Design Award: As'id Badereen, Connor Belokovski, Ingrid Benito, Landon Chang, Dante Franco, Majja Hildebrand, Rory McGuire, Luke Sadalla, Zacarias Young. Elementary Team 5156 Red Light Redemption, 6th Place in Robot Performance and Gracious Professionalism Core Values Award: Conner Bates, Casey Berk, Henry Bonomolo, Zak Gruber, Maxwell Palermo, Zoe Wung, Seth Rojas, Bryan Zhang, Cyrus Zhang. The Teams' coaches are Charlotte Ackerman and Mark Hays.

The Purple Paper Eaters, a community robotics team of Esperero and Ventana Vista students won the Research Presentation Award. Team members are Ethan Bialis (EC), Zeke Bialis (VV), Arianna DuPont (EC), Sienna Mayfield (EC). The Team's coach is Tiffanie Bialis.

CFHS Yearbook

The high school's 2019 yearbook was chosen to be part of the 2019 Herff Jones Portfolio - The best of Herff Jones. The publication showcases the best of the best yearbooks from across the country. Yearbook teachers are Kim Gassman and Shireen Behzadi.

Keep Engaging Youth in Science (KEYS) Program

Five CFHS students have been awarded a KEYS internship with the University of Arizona: Megan Bime, Aidan Gee, Becky Han, Eli Lifkowitz, and Margo

Nicholson. KEYS is a summer opportunity for motivated Arizona students with a strong interest in bioscience, engineering, environmental health, or biostatistics. They will work side-by-side with top university faculty in laboratories.

Speech & Debate

At the Wildcat Cup, the CFHS speech & debate team took home an armful of medals. Foothills 'closed out' Dramatic Interpretation, winning all three top spots: Dannielle Muller, Eliana Siegel, and Tahreem Amber Qureshi finished 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place (in that order). The teams of Migel/Martin and Cantor-Goldner/Sunder took 1st and 2nd place in Duet Acting (in that order). Bella Wexler came in 1st Place in Prose. Yusuf Rahman finished 2nd in Congress, and Daniel Meles took 7th in Congress. The teams of Banerjee/Tint and Guise/Rahmer finished 2nd and 4th respectively in Duo Interpretation. Romit Banerjee finished 3rd, and Daniel Meles was 5th in Humorous Interpretation. Danielle Muller and Josh Tint placed 3rd and 4th respectively in Oral Interpretation. Walter Rahmer placed 4th in Original Oratory. Max Sigsworth came in 5th in Impromptu Speaking.

Theatre Arts

CFHS theatre arts students won numerous awards at the Southern Arizona Theatre Festival (SAFT). SAFT is part of a Regional AZ State Thespians Society Festival, which is part of the International Thespian Society. Twenty-three of our students participated in the all-day competition, winning the following team and individual awards: Tech Challenge - 1st Place, CFHS Backstage 2, 2nd Place, CFHS Backstage 2; Sewing Machine Thread - 1st Place, CFHS Backstage 1; Light Hang - 1st Place (and state record), CFHS Backstage 2, 2nd Place, CFHS Backstage 1; Knots - 1st Place, CFHS Backstage 2, 2nd Place, CFHS Backstage 1; Cable Coiling - 2nd Place, Backstage 2; Individual Certificates of Recognition: Jade Arrington, Acting; Maya Benita, Stage Management; Zuleyl Castro, Acting; Carys Lynch, Acting; Danielle Muller - Musical, Stage Management, and Sound Design; Annie Roche, Dracula Costume Design; Ellen Sipos, Costume Design; Jackson Sparrow, Acting; Lexi Tofel, Acting and Musical; Alex Zega, Lighting Design. Their teachers are Norm Testa and Amy Byroad.

Approval of Changes to High School Courses and Programs for 2020-2021: Science and Career & Technical Education Pathways (second reading)

Associate Superintendent Mary Jo Conery presented the second reading that highlighted the changes to the Career & Technical Education (CTE)/Joint Technical Education District (JTED) and high school science programs. For CTE/JTED Bioscience Pathway – Chemistry: Introduction to Biotechnology, Applications in Biotechnology, and Advanced Biotechnology; Computer Programming

Pathway: Computer Programming, AP Computer Science A (2020-2021), and Advanced Computer Programming (2021-2022). For the high school science; Science Pathway – Grade 9 – Biology, Honors Biology, Grade 10 – Chemistry or Honors Chemistry or Chemistry: Intro to Biotech or Physical Science; Grade 11 – Physics or Honors Physics or Astronomy or Field Science or Applications of Bio Tech or Earth & Space Science. Dr. Conery reported that the necessary changes to the programs and courses were based on the new science standards adopted by the State Board of Education in October 2018. The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) is requiring districts to teach to the new science standards by the 2021-2022 school year when the new state science test will be administered to all 5th, 8th and 11th grade students in the spring of 2022. All recommended revisions were unchanged from the first reading on January 28. The board approved all the proposed course changes for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented.

Consideration of Revisions to Policy IHA and Exhibit IHA-E, Basic Instructional Programs (first reading)

Dr. Conery presented the proposed revisions to the district's current policy and exhibit. She reported that A.R.S. 15-219 and A.R.S. 15-501.01 require districts to include dyslexia training and screening. The proposed training will help teachers to understand and recognize indicators of dyslexia and begin instruction that will meet the needs of students. Dr. Conery reviewed language in the policy and exhibit that addresses the requirement of the district to make sure that on or before July 1, 2021, one kindergarten through third grade teacher in each school has received the training. The board will review the proposed policy changes again on February 25 for a second reading.

Consideration of New Policy IHAMD, Instruction and Training in Suicide Prevention (first reading)

Dr. Conery presented the new policy in response to the Arizona Legislature passing Senate Bill 1468 that added statute A.R.S. 15-120 which requires school districts to start instruction and training in suicide prevention in the 2020-2021 school year. She reviewed the language in the new policy that replicates the major points of the new statute. Dr. Conery also reported that the district has provided suicide prevention and awareness training in all schools since December 2019. The board will review the proposed policy changes again on February 25 for a second reading.

2019 Arizona Legislative / Governmental Activity

Board members discussed Senate Bill 1224, Empowerment Scholarships. If passed, the bill will expand the state's school voucher program to allow Native American students to use the scholarships to pay tuition at out-of-state public and/or private schools within 2 miles of the state border. Also discussed was the

Arizona House's rejection of a measure to prohibit 'social promotion' in schools. If passed, it would have required, rather than allow, a teacher to retain a student if the student failed to meet criteria for promotion.

Consent Agenda Items

The governing board approved the following consent agenda items.

- January 28, 2020, regular governing board meeting minutes
- 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, February 25, 2020, 6:30 p.m., at the Professional Learning Center at Valley View Early Learning Center.**

- Deep Learning Showcase: From Arizona to Zimbabwe: Multiage Minisociety Project, Manzanita Elementary School
- Approval of Revisions to Policy IHA and Exhibit IHA-E, *Basic Instructional Program* (second reading)
- Approval of New Policy IHAMD, *Instruction and Training in Suicide Prevention* (second reading)
- Class Size Report
- Pima County Board / Superintendent Collaborative February 17 Meeting Report



Please welcome new CFSD staff members:

Leah Chevalier, EA Inclusion, CFHS
Jeannie Hamblin, Office Clerk, VV
Katherine Kemp, EA Inclusion, CFHS
Jean Rogier, Administrative Assistant, MAC
Lucus Walker, EA Inclusion, CFHS