

Flambeau Students Headed to New Orleans

At January's Board of Education meeting, the School Board voted unanimously to give final approval of the band and choir trip to New Orleans. The School Board initially considered the New Orleans opportunity in April. Since April, Mr. Michael Pechman has joined the district and has been working with Mr. Rick Slembarski to plan and organize the trip for students. The overall cost of the trip has increased since initial approval was given, however donations and fundraising has offered significant cost reduction to the students. Slembarski shared with the Board that they will continue to pursue additional funding to subsidize the cost of the trip. The trip to New Orleans runs from April 11 to 16, 2018.

Another discussion that took place at the January Board meeting was regarding the progress that Flambeau is making towards achieving goals set by the Board and administration. Amongst the goals discussed was the alignment of curriculum throughout the school. Nearly all of the math and science classes have been added to the program, along with the topics, units, and learning targets to provide details on these classes. Superintendent Schley also shared the status of goals on the teacher/parent communication and use of best teaching practices in the classroom. Some of the data was not yet available as work is still being done to evaluate what is happening in each classroom. Schley made a positive note when discussing the District's goal to develop external partnerships. The vision for the District has been to have ten partnerships established, which, after evaluation, it was found that the District has far beyond ten developed.

Recognition given at the Board meeting included Mrs. Sandi Mudgett, Mr. Michael Pechman, and Mr. Rick Slembarski for their efforts in coordination the holiday music programs for Flambeau. The Board also recognized the Tough Cookies Robotics Club, who presented at the December Board meeting. Board President Gasior also shared information regarding the third grade class field trip to Artisans to see the Flambeau cancer benefit t-shirt in production.

Other action taken at the January Board meeting included the approval of the Festival of Nations and Minnesota Science Museum field trips. The Board also approved the adoption of several policy updates and the annual Board meeting calendar, reflecting the continuation of monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.