

Student Policies a Main Consideration at September Flambeau School Board Meeting

At the September meeting, the Flambeau School Board discussed several policies that have been new or considered in the 2017/18 school year. The first policy discussed was the High School service learning graduation requirement. Superintendent Schley presented information that shows the impact that service learning has on student achievement. Schley asked the Flambeau School Board to look at service learning as an instructional approach that engages students through relevant curriculum work. Schley presented on integrating service learning hours through academic curriculum, which would provide a structured time for students to think, talk and write about their participation throughout the service learning experience. A recommendation to increase the number of hours was approved by the Board, changing from 20 hours to 40 hours.

Also discussed at the September meeting is the new cell phone policy being implemented by the Middle and High School. Principal Cahoon shared that the policy has been implemented, and communicated with students and families. Feedback on the new policy has been positive, with distractions being eliminated during educational times and providing students with increased respect for their policies.

Lastly, a promotion policy for 4th and 8th grade was shared with the Board. Cahoon presented information regarding the requirements that students must complete to be promoted to 5th grade and high school. A promotion policy is required by the state, although the details of the policy are school-specific.

Numerous donations and community contributions were recognized at September's meeting. Tailgate parties have been taking place to benefit the Flambeau Forever Foundation, the choir and band New Orleans trip, as well as the family of Hannah Riel. Appreciation was also given to those who have been donating to Flambeau's new backpack meal program. Several local organizations, individuals, and churches have been contributing items and monetary donations to jump-start this program to provide weekend meals to families in need. Principal Ross stated that the momentum of this program is really taking off and he sees it as being another positive way that Flambeau is helping out families in the community.

Other action taken at the Board meeting includes the hire of Dan Kopacz as JV Boys Basketball Coach and Head Baseball Coach, the hire of Jeremy Allard as Assistant Volleyball Coach, as well as the approval of the FFA World's Toughest Rodeo field trip, FFA National Convention field trip, and the Griak Cross Country Invitational trip.