

Bard Briefs



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE **OCTOBER 10, 2019** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

► Superintendent and Board Recognition

The Superintendent and Board recognized student and staff accomplishments at school sites and the District. The entire list can be found in the agenda packet here: <https://powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Board-Images/BoardAgendas/2019/10-10-2019-Board-Agenda.pdf>

- Superintendent Phelps highlighted the 64 Poway Unified students who were named as semi-finalists in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program. A full list of names can be found here: <https://powayusd.com/getmedia/1f35e34e-9d92-4bc5-8dc5-c20e37e13177/PRESS-RELEASE-NMSC-Semi-Finalists.aspx>

► Excellence in Education Series

For the first video in the 2019-20 Excellence in Education Series, which is produced by Studio 701 interns, students highlighted examples of wellness and mindfulness being practiced in elementary, middle and high schools throughout the District. To watch, click here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r6_BZEPj5I

► Student Board Representative Reports

New this school year, PUSD wanted to expand student representative reports to include students not just from high schools, but middle and elementary schools as well. This month, we heard reports from Abraxas, Del Norte, and Mt. Carmel High Schools, and Chaparral Elementary School.

- **Sage Brandt** (Mt. Carmel HS): Link Crew hosted freshman orientation and welcome back rally, first play Humble Town starts tonight, marching Sundevils took 1st place sweepstakes trophy at RB Band tournament, fall sports doing well, homecoming Sept 20-21 including 970 students who attended dance, Start with Hello week, hosted district peer counselor suicide awareness training with Stan Collins



- **Davis Rodriguez** and **John Edmonston** (Chaparral ES): Chaparral is a great learning environment, with so many kind people who work there, students feel very comfortable asking questions, recently held assembly on growth mindset, students participated in Start with Hello week, school had huge success with direct donation program, PBIS school with positive behavior emphasis, No Place for Hate school, upcoming family movie night, first international fair, and fun run

- **Alexis Long** (Del Norte HS): homecoming this Saturday, float parade on Friday, Tuesday mornings holding college application workshops, PSAT next week, Principal's Council created for juniors and seniors, student senate with students from each homeroom, humanitarian committee putting together Unity Day for freshman, preparing for red ribbon week, Link Crew attended district conference, mental health awareness week, band hosted 22 Austrian exchange students

- **Jamie Sousa** (Abraxas HS): six transition students have been hired directly by employers, 62 are working at volunteer sites, and 29 working at paid jobs, students are also working on a Transition library, and starting coffee cart business, leadership held a successful 1st quarter blood drive, planning craft event at Brookview, Halloween costume catwalk, Abraxas garden donated over 1,000 lbs of produce over the summer, hosted Innovations Academy for other schools to learn about sustainability, 2nd annual college and career fair, this is Jamie's last report, he is graduating in December

► **Public Comments**

The Board heard comments from the public regarding:

- Dyslexia awareness and continued interventions
- Concern over school sites disbanding their PTAs
- Successes and challenges at SAI model schools

► **Approval of CSBA Board Policy 4119.24, 4219.24, 4319.24**

- On September 12, 2019, the Board was presented with CSBA's new policy on appropriate adult-student interaction as a first reading. Board Policy 4119.24, 4219.24, 4319.24 has been reviewed by staff and bargaining union leadership, and approved by the Board. The full policy can be found on pages 104-106 <https://www.powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Board-Images/BoardAgendas/2019/10-10-2019-Board-Agenda.pdf>

► **Approval of resolution authorizing the District to apply for the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust for California School Bus Replacement program**

► **Local Indicators – California School Dashboard**

- PUSD has met all required local indicators for priority areas identified in the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF): basic services, implementation of state academic standards, parent engagement, school climate, and access to a broad course of study.

► **Approval of 2019-2020 Special Education Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Members**

The Special Education Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is an advisory group to the school District on the subject of Special Education. Members of this group are appointed by, and report to, the Board of Education. The list of appointees can be found in the board agenda, page 120.

► **Update on the Technology and Innovation Department's Strategic Plan**

- Data & Privacy: a new web content filter, video cameras, refined password policy, phishing emails
- Robust Infrastructure: 24,239 student mobile devices, 28,465 desktop machines for overall ratio of 1.3 students per device, increased speed, additional wireless access points, 5-year modernization plan
- Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment: PUSD digital citizenship, innovation labs and future-ready classrooms, redesigned Tech & Innovation website
- Personalized Professional Development: professional development and support, summer tech camps and tech campapalooza, District Office tech cafes, the Voyager Program (in 17 K-12 schools for 2019-20)
- Community Partnerships: League of Innovation, grant funding, representing PUSD at conferences

- **Future meetings: Thursday, November 14, 2019** in the District Office (6:00 p.m.)
Thursday, December 19, 2019 in the District Office (6:00 p.m.)

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