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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE **AUGUST 12, 2021** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

► The Board Agenda for the August 12, 2021 Board of Education Meeting can be found here: <https://www.powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Board-Images/BoardAgendas/2021/08-12-2021-Board-Agenda.pdf>



► “Tiny House” Open House

The Career Education Department hosted an open house for Board Members, staff, and families to show off the “Tiny House” built by students during the summer building and construction class. Students accomplished all of this work over the course of four weeks!

► Welcome, Winnie Xu!

Westview senior Winnie Xu attended her first meeting as Student Board Member. Welcome, Winne! Get to know

Winnie in this news article from the Pomerado News: <https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/pomerado-news/news/schools/story/2021-08-11/winnie-xu-to-focus-on-students-mental-health-during-poway-unified-board-term>

► Superintendent and Board Recognition

Superintendent Phelps and the Board recognized student and staff accomplishments at school sites and the District:

- Superintendent Phelps thanked **ESS** and **Preschool** staff for their efforts to provide quality care and learning to students year round. She thanked **Facilities and Maintenance** staff for all of the summer projects to get our campuses ready and **PSS** for their nonstop hiring. Additionally, she highlighted the work that **CTAAE**, **Student Support**, **Special Education** and **Learning Support/Summer School**, **Tech & Innovation** staff and administrators contributed to offer expanded learning opportunities to students and staff.

► **Student Board Reports do not take place when school is on summer break.**

► Public Comments

The Board heard comments regarding:

- Support and criticism of PUSD Ethnic Studies/Literature curriculum
- Support and criticism of CDPH school opening guidance, specifically masking

► Presentation: District Summer Programs

With additional funding through the AB86 Expanded learning Grant allocation, Poway Unified was able to expand learning opportunities with the following summer programs: K-8 Summer School, Youth Enrichment Program (YEP), Career Technical Education (CTE), High School Summer Bridges Program, 9-12 Summer Learning, and Extended School Year (ESY). Staff presented an update to the Board on these programs.

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of our summer programs! Please enjoy this video highlighting the different examples of summer expanded learning: <https://spark.adobe.com/video/m8jqXbAQV5LLC>

► California Department of Public Health (CDPH) School Opening Guidance 2021-2022

The California Department of Public Health has provided updated guidance for the opening of schools in the 2021-2022 year. Staff reported the updated mitigation requirements to the Board, which include:

- All school workers (including staff and volunteers) are required to show proof of vaccination or submit to weekly COVID-19 testing
- All students and adults are required to wear masks indoors in a K-12 setting, regardless of vaccination status
- Masks are optional for all when outdoors in a K-12 setting
- Schools do not have the discretion or authority to change this mask mandate, and must enforce the requirement (*ref. Health and Safety Codes 120125, 120140, 120175, 120195, 131080*)

Per the CDPH: “Schools should limit nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations with people who are not fully vaccinated.”

Additional recommendations for Volunteers at PUSD Schools:

- Essential volunteers include PTO/PTA/Foundation for necessary programs
- Volunteers provide support in work rooms, non-classroom spaces, or from home
- No direct contact with students, No in-classroom volunteers at this time
- Masks required indoors while on campus
- Must show proof of vaccination or a negative test within the week

The Consent Calendar was approved in its entirety.

Future meetings: Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. (District Office)

Thursday, October 14

Thursday, November 18

Thursday, December 16

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