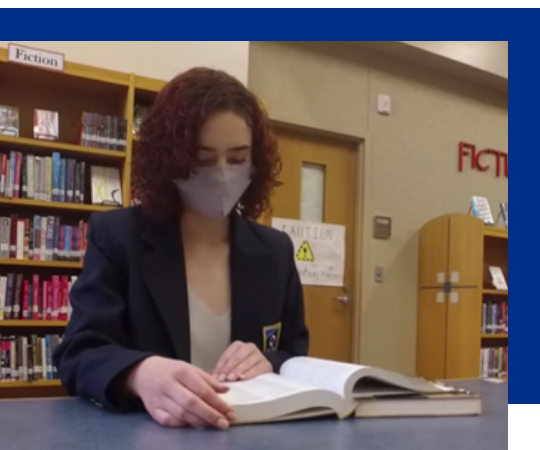


THE BELL RINGER

GAVEL-TO-GAVEL MEETING UPDATES

SNAPSHOTS OF SUCCESS: KATIE BARNETT

The latest #SnapshotOfSuccess features a FHS student who made it big at the DECA International Career Development Conference. Senior Katie Barnett was the only Tiger to qualify for Finals, where she placed 6th in the (inter)Nation for her Start-up Business Plan after being crowned State Champion in the category. The Tigers sent a total of five students to ICDC. Hamilton Southeastern High School DECA had 27 Royals take part in ICDC, and three qualified as Finalists (Top 20 in their event). Sophomore Suhita Chintalacharuvu placed 7th in the (inter)Nation Finals in Human Resources Management. [Click here](#) to watch Katie's story.



POLICY UPDATES

Executive Director of Staff and Student Services Kim Lippe presented the following policies for a Second Reading and Board Approval:

- K01.00 **School-Community-Home Relations Goals/Priority Objectives**

- J07.08 **Reporting Child Abuse**
- G03.07 **Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of Certified Staff**
- G02.07 **Drug-Free Workplace**

HSEngaged TAKE TWO

Board members heard from Director of School and Community Relations Emily Pace Abbotts about a new way to get the community informed and involved with HSE Schools. HSEngaged was slated to start last fall, but due to COVID, it was never launched. Abbotts says the goal of HSEngaged is to give participants a deeper understanding of the district. Participants will learn about all facets of the HSE including business management, academic programs, student services, operations and more.

They will have the opportunity to:

- Gain first-hand, "behind the scenes" knowledge of how HSE Schools functions.
- Experience the unique, student-driven learning style.
- Participate in an extended dialogue with leadership on education issues.
- Develop an understanding of how decisions and programs are implemented to foster a culture of educational excellence.

Engagement class participants will assist in sharing HSE Schools' vision throughout the community and will be invited to continue to engage with the district through future project team and input gathering opportunities. There are eight class sessions (August-April) that will (cont.)

meet from 8:00AM-9:30AM or 11AM-12:30PM on one Thursday of the month. Candidates interested in participating should be sure their schedule allows them to make a commitment to the program. Applications will be open to the community in June and participation will be limited to 20. Abbotts says the limitation is to allow the cohort to be small enough, so they can visit classrooms and get all their questions answered during each 90 minute session.

WALK ZONE STUDY REPORT

As requested by the School Board, the feasibility of creating walk zones to buildings was studied. Director of Staff and Student Services Ryan Taylor led the charge and examined the issue. Studies had previously been done to look at the potential cost savings by reducing the number of buses needed to transport students close to their schools by creating "walk zones" back in 2003 and 2015. According to Taylor, not much has changed since then - with one of the biggest hurdles being safety and that not all neighborhoods currently have continuous walkways to schools. Taylor also told the Board even if walk zones were established, the likelihood that buses would still need to go into the neighborhoods would be the same.

JR.HIGH/HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULES

Board members unanimously approved the bell schedules for next school year. Both high schools will continue following a 'block schedule.' In addition, FCJ and HIJ will pilot using a 'block schedule' for the the 2021-22 school year. A seven-period schedule would be in place at the other junior high buildings. [Click here](#) to review the schedules.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

As part of the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Allen Bourff updated the Board on the enrollment of students in the virtual program for 2021-22 school year. As of Wednesday evening, a total of 109 (cont.)

students have chosen to remain virtual. That breaks down to the following:

- **55** K-6 students
- **16** 7-8 students
- **38** 9-12 students

Registration for the virtual program will close at 11:45pm on Sunday, May 16. Bourff also reviewed some frequently asked questions about the virtual program. An [information webpage](#) has been created for parents.

High School commencement will once again be held at the State Fairgrounds. Bourff told the Board that both schools will split their graduating class into two groups to allow for social distancing. The ceremonies will not have all the traditional pomp and circumstance, but will still be a memorable event for the Class of 2021.

REMINDER:

The next School Board meeting will be held on June 9, 2021.