

Bard Briefs



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE **MARCH 8, 2018** 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/2018/03-8-2018-Board-Agenda.pdf>

Among those highlighted include:

- 34 students were selected for internships at Northrup Grumman's High School Involvement Internship Program (HIP). The 8-week summer program gives aspiring engineers the chance to experience hands-on, on-the-job experiences in STEM careers and provides internship credit.
- Oak Valley, Black Mountain, Mesa Verde, Meadowbrook, and Design39Campus placed in the top 10 of the regional San Diego Science Olympiad. The students competed in subjects ranging from technology and engineering to physical science and chemistry. They will advance to the 2018 Southern California State Science Olympiad Tournament on Saturday, April 7, hosted by Caltech and Polytechnic School.
- The Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) announced the winners for the 2018 "Honoring Our Own" awards. Poway Unified has awardees in six categories, the most from any school district: Corrie Amador, Pam Garramone, Lynn McConville, Christine Paik, Katie Salo, Debra Schwarz

► Excellence in Education Video Series

This month's episode highlights PUSD's peer ambassador program, which brings positive high school role models into elementary schools to teach character counts and healthy lifestyles.

WATCH=> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1XFBEEZ_FT_w

► Student Board Representative Reports

For the 2017-18 school year, the six student representatives will alternate months, with three attending each board meeting. This month we heard reports from Abraxas, Del Norte, and Mt. Carmel. The students from Poway, Rancho Bernardo, and Westview will give their next reports at the April 19th meeting.

Michael Sarmiento (Abraxas HS): Transition program students working at 30 different employers, including Lake Poway, Home Goods, Walgreens, and Armstrong Nursery, Transition formal will be held March 10th for 100 current and former students, leadership class hosted third blood drive of the year, created cookbook in conjunction with Transition cooking class, construction class built new planters for the garden as well as solar power, garden project is now trying vertical gardening thanks to grant

Nicole Labrador (Del Norte HS): Junior AVID class took field trips to UC and Cal State universities, Advanced Placement information meetings to plan next year classes, Ms. Mitchell recognized as teacher of the year, DECA team did well at state, hosted heart screening with Eric Paredes foundation, Global Awareness week, celebrated Black History month, successful winter formal Polar Express, Dodgeball and staff basketball competition, color guard hosted West Coast winter guard, cheer division champs, boys soccer CIF champs

Megan Vildibill (Mt. Carmel HS): School hosted week-long visit for WASC council and highlighted the Sundevil Way, busy time of year for performing arts department, choir put on Valentine's Day concert, spring musical Cabaret coming, senior class hosted Mr. Sundevil pageant, students starting new trimester, seniors looking forward to graduation

► **Public Comments**

The Board heard comments from the public regarding:

- Concerns over school safety and better communication between administrators, teachers, and parents
- Concerns over lack of mental health curriculum for middle schoolers
- Strategic committee forming for Visual and Performing Arts plan, and invitation to upcoming Poway Band and Orchestra Festival in April
- Need for updated assessments of school site safety issues
- Concerns over new facility use fee schedule

► **National School Breakfast Week 2018**

The Board approved a resolution proclaiming March 5-9, 2018 as national School Breakfast Week. PUSD has a school breakfast program at eight schools: Mt. Carmel, Poway, and Westview High Schools, Meadowbrook Middle School, Los Penasquitos, Midland, Pomerado, and Valley Elementary Schools.

► **PUSD Robotics Day**

The Board proclaimed April 27, 2018 as PUSD Robotics Day.

► **Comprehensive School Site Safety Plans**

The Board approved the Comprehensive School Site Safety Plans. Each school reviews and updates its Comprehensive School Site Safety Plan in cooperation with local law enforcement agencies, community leaders, parents, staff, students, administrators.

► **Presentation on Options Based Active Shooter Events**

Presented by Jim Crittenden, Program Specialist for Student Safety and Well Being with the San Diego County Office of Education. Commonly known as “run, hide, fight” training. Currently not recommending full training for students, only staff. There are numerous considerations in switching from lockdown only drills to incorporating options based training. Currently some District and Site administrators have been trained in armed intruder training, next steps would be to identify training teams for each site level and begin training at school sites.

► **Second Interim Financial Report**

The Board certified that PUSD will be able to meet its financial obligations for the current fiscal year and subsequent two fiscal years and authorized the adjustments to the budget as presented. You can view the report here: <https://powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Board-Images/BoardAgendas/2018/03-8-2018-Board-Agenda.pdf> (pages 56-68)

► **Initial proposal from the Board of Education to Poway Federation of Teachers (PFT)**

No Board action this evening, there will be a public hearing on the District’s initial proposal at a later meeting.

► **Adoption of California School Board Association Board Policies**

4040, 5131, 5131.2, 6163.4: Regarding Employee Use of Technology, Student Conduct, Bullying, and Student Use of Technology. The new policies can be viewed here: <https://powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Board-Images/BoardAgendas/2018/03-8-2018-Board-Agenda.pdf> (pages 80-100)

► **School Site Video Surveillance Systems**

The Board authorized the use of the competitive negotiation process to identify a potential supplier of a school site video surveillance system. Board members also heard an update on the submittal of a grant application to the County of San Diego Neighborhood Reinvestment Program. If awarded, the grant will fund new video surveillance systems at Black Mountain Middle School and Mt. Carmel High School.

► **Federal Gun Control Action**

The Board approved Resolution 44-2018 Support for Federal Gun Control Action, calling upon the United States Congress and the California Legislature to prioritize the protecting of students and school employees by passing legislation that more effectively regulates access to firearms in the interest of public safety.

► **Future meetings**

Regular Meetings:

Thursday, April 19, 2018 in the District Office (6 p.m.)

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