

Superintendent's Report

DR. FRED RHODES

Recognizing Achievement

Each year, the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation chooses 12 Oklahoma students out of around 100 applicants to be Sir Alexander Fleming Scholars. The program dates back to 1956 and was named after the British scientist who discovered penicillin and also visited Oklahoma City to dedicate OMRF's first building.

These 12 scholars are usually college students or seniors in high school and spend eight weeks of their summer working with the Foundation's Scientists on research projects. Those projects include everything from cancer to cardiovascular diseases. This year, Putnam City is honored to have PC West Senior Abigail Sifuentez as one of the Fleming Scholars. Abigail has been hard at work with OMRF and I can't wait to be able to share more about her research with everyone soon. Congratulations to Abigail for her selection as a Fleming Scholar!

We're also busy preparing for the upcoming school year. It's hard to believe, but Convocation is just four weeks from this Thursday. We're so excited to welcome back our incredible teachers and we are finalizing the program for Thursday, August 4th. I'm happy to report tonight that we'll be joined at Convocation by Oklahoma County District Judge, and PC North graduate, Heather Mendoza Coyle. Judge Coyle is the first District Judge of Hispanic Heritage in Oklahoma and she's going to share her Putnam City success story with all of us.

Comments by Board Members

Jay Sherrill allowed Putnam City Foundation President Jessica Sherrill to introduce Alyx Picard, the Foundation's new Executive Director.

Steve Burger welcomed Alyx to the Putnam City Foundation.

Gail LoPresto also welcomed Alyx to the Putnam City Foundation.

Charity Avery congratulated PC West Senior, Abigail Sifuentez for being honored as one of the Fleming Scholars. Charity recently visited PC West and highlighted how great the parking lot construction looks and how the new parking spaces will be very well used.

Judy Mullen Hopper recently toured the new PC West Arena. She mentioned how amazing the new arena is and highlighted different areas of the new construction including the storm shelter. Judy gave a shoutout to our Summer Recharge teachers and how they built relationships with students.

Board Actions

The Board approved revisions to the District Policy EE: Enrollment. The updated policy will be sent to staff and updated on the District's website.

Approval for the Multi-Media Communications Specialist job description was granted by the Board. This position will allow the District to improve internal and external communication.

The Board approved the job description for a Title IX Investigator. The responsibilities of this position include, receiving and responding to all reported violations of Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, and other anti-discrimination laws.

The District is using ESSER Funds for both of these positions.

Following an Executive Session, the Board appointed two new High School Principals.

Tami Taylor was appointed Principal of Putnam City High School. Ms. Taylor has served as an Assistant Principal at PC High since 2017. Her history at PC High dates back to 1999 when she was an English Teacher for 14 years.

Edward Smith was appointed Principal of Putnam City West High School. Mr. Smith has served as an Assistant Principal at PC West for the past 2 years. Before that, he was an Administrative Intern at Putnam City Academy.

Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 05, 2022, 5pm

Location: Administration Building

Next Meeting: Monday, July 18, 2022, 5pm

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Present: Superintendent Dr Fred Rhodes, Deputy Clerk Tina Losawyer, Judy Mullen Hopper, Charity Avery, Steve Burger, Gail LoPresto and Jay Sherrill