

Board President Report **December 22, 2016**

Mr. Potosnak thanked Dr. Presley for her service as a board member and thanked his fellow board members for their dedication and cooperation this year. He briefly spoke about some of the Board's accomplishments this year, including the groundbreaking at the Claremont Road School site, a successful graduation ceremony at the Franklin High School facility, expansion of academic programs and opportunities including the re-opening of the Bunker Hill Environmental Center, expanding G&T opportunities, successful athletics and fine visual and performing arts productions, the one-to-one chrome book initiative for our 5th graders and a more productive board meeting format, with one board meeting per month.

Focus on Franklin

Franklin High School

I am pleased to announce that Kaelyn Baucum, an 11th grader at Franklin High School, has been included in the slate of candidates for the 2017 New Jersey Association of Student Councils as an executive member. We wish her continued success in her pursuit of a position on the Council.

Another success story at FHS is senior Mauricio Molina who, along with three of his fellow Warriors, recently auditioned for the Central Jersey Music Educators Association Region Band. Over 600 of the best band students from schools in central New Jersey auditioned. In order to audition, students must prepare a very difficult college-level solo, learn all of the 12 major scales, and perform a sight reading passage. Just to audition is a big accomplishment and Mauricio was accepted on trombone and finished in 3rd chair!

Board Meetings

Beginning with the Re-Organizational Board Meeting on Thursday, January 5th, all of our regular board meetings will take place in the cafeteria of Franklin High School. This is where we have held our summer meetings in recent years. This change will give us an opportunity to highlight that beautiful facility.

Strategic Plan

On December 14, 2016, the Strategic Plan Committee met to further discuss some common themes expressed at the first community workshop. Our consultant will be presenting the work of this steering committee at the next community workshop. Please join us on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria of Franklin High School.

Franklin's Finest

On Saturday, January 7, 2017, we will host our annual Franklin's Finest: Curriculum Expo and District Showcase. Join us at 9 AM at Franklin High School to hear from our supervisors, teachers and students about our programs, initiatives and extra-curricular activities. Then stay for performances by our talented students. More information about the event can be found on the district website.