

P.G. Super News

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Important Dates:

March 30
Budget Work
Session

April
National Poetry
and National
Autism Awareness
Month

April 2
International
Children's Book Day

April 4
Core Committee
Public Forum;
Final Grading
Period Begins

April 7-14
Easter Break

April 9-15
National Library
and National
Volunteer Week

April 16
Easter

April 16-22
National Student
Leadership Week

April 17
Patriot's Day

April 22
Earth Day

School Board News

The School Board held its regular meeting on March 13, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.

Presentations

⇒ **Andrew Derer**, Math Science Innovation Center Coordinator for Special Programs, spoke on MSiC's 50 year celebration on April 29, 2017 from 6:30—9:30. He also spoke on the history of MSiC and the services, programs, and activities offered. He invited all to attend the 50th celebration where the unveiling of Science on a Sphere will occur.

⇒ **Cheryl Simmers** presented a PowerPoint presentation that showed the electricity and carpentry students working as they renovated the 40-year old board room at Rowanty. She is proud of Rowanty's current and former students who had a hand in the renovation. Using students in-house and the partnership with local vendors saved the school money. To promote and expand the needs for career and technical education, **Ms. Simmers** will attend upcoming events at Moore Middle, Clements Junior, and Prince George High School events and Rowanty students will participate in Walton School's Math/Science Day. Rowanty's job fair is April 6. The culture at Rowanty has grown to be a supportive, interdisciplinary environment that provides education and work-based learning that will give students an opportunity to build a resume and career in their fields of study. She thanked her staff for sharing the vision to help students accomplish their goals and make them successful.

⇒ **Ron Rhodes** report 197 work orders had been completed over the month. His department is assisting **John Brockwell** with the computer initiative program. He commented on the buses and vehicles that have GPS units. Not all vehicles are GPS equipped and he requested additional equipment to complete the fleet if funding is available. Spring sports are getting ready to start and all scoreboards are operational at this time. He also updated the Board on the water sewer problem/resolution at North and operational cameras at Clements Schools.

Public Comments

- * **Francoise Bonnell** made comments on the MYP/IB program. She asked the Board to re-evaluate and review true assessments before throwing the program out. She also commented on a *Richmond Times Dispatch* article and comments made by a Board member.
- * **Sheila Minor** indicated the need for a speedy decision on the MYP/IB program to prevent the 5th graders from getting lost in the gap if a decision is not made quickly. She also spoke on the Appomattox Regional Governor's School student slots. She understands the transfer policy but requests the Board to consider funding one or two more student slots to attend ARGs.
- * **Sharon Jadrnak** asked the Board to look at the pros and cons of the program, re-evaluate and reverse their decision from December. She asked the audience for a show of hands of those who were in support of the MYP/IB program, in which approximately 20 people raised their hands.
- * **Carla Winters** also spoke on the support of the MYP/IB program, stating the program is a benefit to children to improve writing skills, math skills and expands overall outlook. The students in the IB Program have supported the Czech Festival committee by being greeters, and their participation affords the students a learning opportunity to be in this type of environment and provide community service.

School Board Comment

- **Kevin Foster** announced the county Core Committee meeting on March 15 at North Elementary to discuss and plan new and renovations of school facilities. He commented on the smooth transition of **Clarence Thweatt**, Interim Transportation Coordinator, working well with staff. **Mr. Foster** and **Mr. Stevenson** attended a joint chair/vice chair meeting with their county counterparts and they discussed the school division's financial needs and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

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Action Items

- 2017 Summer School Enrollment and tuition rate of \$400 for summer school courses for credit
- 2017 VSBA Business Honor Roll Recipients: Sebera's, Bank of Southside Virginia and Roma's Restaurant
- 2017-18 District Calendar
- Adjustment to 2016-17 School Calendar: Friday, April 7 and Friday, May 26, 2017 are now holidays for the district
- Approved **Sherri Jones** to Facility Core Committee

Discussion Items

- ◆ MYP/IB Discussion
- ◆ New Policy IKFD—Alternative Paths to Attaining Standard Units of Credit
- ◆ Policy GCE—Part-time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment
- ◆ Policy JECB—Admission of Non-Public Students for Part-time Enrollment
- ◆ District Salary Study
- ◆ Timeline for Grading Scale Consideration
- ◆ Financial Report for February 2017

Superintendent's Report/Info Items

- Reports: February 2017 Bus and School Suspensions; 2016-17 Expulsions and Reinstatements; Current Enrollment as of March 8, 2017; 2016-17 Year-to-Date Building Use Requests; Student/Employee Emergency Monthly Report via School Messenger
- Letter from Cenergistic—Feb. 13, 2017
- Email from Deborah Bogese in support of a 2-year PG Pals Program
- The ARGS Dragon's Lair—February Edition

UPCOMING EVENTS

- VSBA Southside Region Spring Forum—Hanover High School, March 13, 2017
- VSBA/WVSBA Hot Topic Conference—Wytheville—March 15, 2017
- NSBA Annual Conference, Denver, March 25-27, 2017
- VSBA Hot Topic Conference—Charlottesville, April 20, 2017
- 1st Annual Prince George Alliance for Education Golf Tournament, Prince George Golf Course—May 17, 2017
- VSBA Conference on Education—Richmond Marriott—July 18, 2017

Student Recognitions

- Appomattox Regional Governor's School:
- ≈ International Championship of High School A Cappella ICHSA Mid-Atlantic Quarter Final—1st Place: **Richie Bishop, Jessica Beaudet, Glen Meza**
 - ≈ District Choir and District Band: **William Kessler**
 - ≈ Scholastic Silver Key Recipient: **Anisa Isaac** "Message to my Melanin" poem
 - ≈ Display at Naval STEM Expo and feature in "Seapower" Magazine: **Bain Kvasnicka**
 - ≈ ARGS First Robotic Team—World Championship: **David Crowder, Crew Cox**
 - ≈ Annual American Society of Civil Engineers Popsicle Bridge Competition: **Crew Cox**
- Prince George High School:
- ≈ All District Band: **Elijah Brazier, Treyvion Greer** (John Redling—Band Director—Moore), **Samantha Sargent, Jonathan Rowell** (Michael Warnock—Band Director—PGHS)
 - ≈ All District Choir: **Madison France, Chris Ganoë, Caley Grant, Mark Hutson, Jamison Jones, Mykaela Minor, Josiah Randles, Kylee VanElsacker** (Janet Jarrett—Choir Director—Clements)
 - ≈ Auto Tech Skills/USA District 12 Competition—1st Place: **Micah Banty**
 - ≈ Prince George Wrestling Conference 12 Region / State Competitions: **Aaron Freidhof** (126 lb. weight class 7th in state), **Jakob Kennedy** (160 lb. weight class—5th in state) (**Glen Thomas—Coach**)
 - ≈ Indoor Track Team Conference 12 Region / State Competitions: **Tarik Samuel** (300 meter—2nd in state), **Aman Bivens** (55 meter—4th in state), **Keith Brown** (55 meter—2nd in state), **Jacques Elliot** (55 meter hurdles—9th in state), **Maliki Gurley** (shot put—5th in state), **Keith Brown, Joseph Kemp, Aman Bivens, Tarik Samuel** (4x200 meter—1st in state / 4th in nation),
 - ≈ Junior Beta Club State Competition: **Riley Ann Collins, Heath Antis, Haley Collins, Marissa Moore, Ben Stoke** qualified for National Convention; and Rapid Response Challenge 1st Place: **Ashley Ann Allen, Karlie Evans, Marissa Moore, Gracie Thompson, Emma Baker** (Vanessa Keeler / Stephanie Miller—sponsors)
 - ≈ Virginia DECA State Leadership Conference: **Sara Radford** (2nd place state/qualified for national; **Beth Christy**—Sponsor)
 - ≈ Fort Lee Adopt-a-School Initiative—**Chaundra Taswell** (School Liaison Officer): **L.L. Beazley-A Co**, 244th Quartermaster, 23rd Quartermaster Brigade; **David A. Harrison-HHC**, 23rd Quartermaster Brigade; **North-U Co**, 262nd Quartermaster Battalion; **William A. Walton-C Co**, 16th Ordnance Company; **J.E.J. Moore-US Transportation School**; **N.B. Clements-C Co**, 262nd Quartermaster Battalion; **Prince George High School - R Co**, 262nd Quartermaster Battalion (**Captain Hahn and First Lieutenant Lee**)


NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, April 17, 2017
@ 6:30 P.M.



HAPPY EASTER

Spring Break
April 7-April 16