

**Superintendent's Letter
Tuesday, March 21, 2017**

Wilson School District Strategic Vision Planks

*WSD Vision Plank 1 – Improve upon or expand Wilson's portfolio to advance student success.
WSD Vision Plank 2 – Grow Wilson regionally or nationally.
WSD Vision Plank 3 – Increase organizational agility and capacity.
WSD Vision Plank 4 – Creative development of existing and new infrastructure.
WSD Vision Plank 5 – Create a flatter organizational structure for stakeholder collaboration.
WSD Vision Plank 6 – Control for fiscal accountability.*

Among the actions taken by the Board at its regular meeting on Monday, March 20, 2017 were the following:

WILSON GOOD NEWS – Mr. Ehrlich, Board President

- **Congratulations to Wilson West Middle School** for winning the "Outstanding Cool Video" award at this year's inaugural Berks County's "What's So Cool About Manufacturing?" contest. Sponsored by the Manufacturing Resource Center, the WSCM program paired 19 Berks and Schuylkill County middle schools with local manufacturers. The goal was to produce a short video that demonstrates the positive attributes of modern production firms and increase awareness of potential career paths in the manufacturing field. Video entries were judged by an expert panel of local industry and educational leaders. Thanks to the generosity of their manufacturing partner, Sweet Street Desserts, West's students produced a high-quality video that demonstrated an accurate perception of the "coolness" that is occurring in local businesses. To view all video entries and a list of award winners, check out the website, dreamitdoitpa.com. The West team consisted of 8th graders - **Cole Chmielewski, Samantha Cobaugh, Aidan D'Souza, Nicole Pasterczyk, Veraj Patel, McCord Peterson, Emily Spatz, and Lizzie Thomas. Teacher advisors were Belinda Davison, Frank Reese, and Christine Yoh.**
- **Wilson Southern** and Cambridge-Lee were featured in the Reading Eagle article to kick-off the video voting for the entire county! There is a great shot of our Southern students interviewing CEO Andrea Funk. VP of Operations, Chris Wilhite, is in the shot also. Our featured kids, from left to right, are Hannah Katein, Jenna Zepp, and Madison Katein. Summer Light is at the bottom working another camera. Also, James Figura and Sean Geltz are behind the scenes, but not in this particular shot. March 7th was the awards ceremony. With only 7 possible awards for all participating schools from Berks and Schuylkill counties in the "What's So Cool About Manufacturing?" contest, Wilson came out winners! Wilson Southern Middle School, who teamed up with Cambridge-Lee Industries, won the "Outstanding Educational Value" award. The video was completely produced, directed, filmed, and edited by **Southern students Jenna Zepp, Summer Light, Madison Katein, Hannah Katein, James Figura, and Sean Geltz. Kristi Szczepkowski and Michelle Campbell were the student advisers** throughout the competition, which began at the start of the school year. Way to go Wilson Southern, we are proud of you!

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATION – Mr. Wetherhold

Lions Club International Peace Poster News

- Congratulations! The Spring Township Lions Club's sponsored entry created by **Karen Mendoza** has been chosen as a merit award winner in the 29th Annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Approximately 600,000 children from 60 countries participated in this year's Peace Poster Contest. The posters were judged at club, district and multiple district levels before reaching the international level, at which point they had been narrowed down to 116 posters. Based on creativity, originality and portrayal of the theme, "A Celebration of Peace," The Spring Township Lions Club entry was chosen as one of 23 merit award winners. As such, Karen Mendoza will receive \$500 and a certificate of merit.

The 23 merit award winners are from Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Greece, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Multiple District 300 Taiwan, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Thailand and the United States (Pennsylvania). The grand prize winner was announced at the *Lions Day* with the United Nations on Saturday, March 4, 2017. All Merit posters and information about the grand prize winner is currently posted on the [Peace Poster section of the LCI website](#).

4.0 Ratified/Approved the following: (Consent)

4.1 Ratified the out of state/overnight field trips

5.0 Superintendent's Report (Motion Carried)

5.1 Unpaid Leave

Stefanie Kistler, Learning Support Teacher, Shiloh Hills, 5/18/17 (1 working day)

5.2 Resignations

Michelle Musseman, Secretary to the Elementary Principal, Green Valley, eff. 6/29/17

Nicole Pagan, Discovery Teacher, Cornwall Terrace, eff. 3/16/17 (was previously approved as 3/24/17)

5.3 Child Rearing Leave

Ashley Huff, Grade 1, Whitfield Elementary beginning approximately 7/26/17 and ending approximately 9/21/17

Abby Kalejta, Math Teacher, High School, ending date changed to 1/22/18 (was previously approved for 8/1/17)

Kelly Kuhn, Orchestra Teacher, West and High School, beginning approximately 6/13/17 and ending approximately 7/25/17

5.4 Change of Status

Spencer Kelly, Hourly Teacher, Whitfield to Long Term Sub, Discovery Teacher, B, CY 1, \$44,000 (prorated), Cornwall Terrace, eff. 3/16/17 (replacing Nicole Pagan who is resigning)

Cindy Strickler, Van Driver to Substitute Van Driver, \$12.75 per hour, eff. 3/20/17

5.5 Support Staff

Kim Iaccarino, Substitute School Bus Aide, \$9.87 per hour, eff. 3/9/17

Anna Marie Seyler, Food Service Worker, Spring Ridge, \$9.87 per hour, 18.75 hours per week, eff. 3/16/17 (replacing Margaret Trexler, who resigned)

Sarah Tibbetts, Substitute Van Driver, \$12.75 per hour, eff. 3/6/17

Dustin Yoder, Substitute School Bus Aide, \$9.87 per hour, eff. 3/21/17

5.6 Hourly Teacher

Kimberly Smith, Spring Ridge, \$19.22 per hour, 17 hours per week, eff. 3/17/17 (replacing Kim Duffy, who had a change of status)

5.7 Substitute Teachers eff. 3/21/17 (unless otherwise noted)

Anna Berzins

Lillie Geiger, eff. 3/8/17

5.8 Extracurricular

Elizabeth Capitano, Volunteer West Track Coach

TJ Daley, Volunteer HS Boys Volleyball Coach

Tony Dodds, Volunteer High School Track Coach

Stephen Goeltz, Volunteer High School Track Coach

Lyndsay Woods, Age Group Water Polo, \$9.00 per hour

6.0 Consent Items (Consent)

6.1 Accepted with gratitude the following donation:

a) \$19,110.00 to Green Valley Elementary from Green Valley Home & School Association to be used for Reading Workshop Kits for the 2017-18 school year.

Roll Call

7.0 Human Resources (Motion Carried)

7.1 Approved the Superintendent Search Agreement.

8.0 Pupil Services (No Items)

9.0 Technology & Media (No Items)

10.0 Operations (Motion Carried)

10.1 Approved proceeding with Option 2A at a cost of \$160,480.00 with money coming from Capital Reserve for the bleacher work and Press Box/Concession Stand through the KPN Agreement, as recommended by the Facilities and Extracurricular Committees.

11.0 Finance (Motion Carried)

11.1 Approved to remove Curt Baker's name and replace with Cynthia Mierzejewski's name as an authorized signer on all District bank accounts.

11.2 Approved the budget transfers dated February 16 through March 13, 2017.

12.0 Curriculum and Staff Development (No Items)

13.0 Transportation (No Items)

14.0 Food/Cafeteria (No Items)

15.0 Child Care (No Items)

16.0 Extra-Curricular (No Items)

17.0 Policies (Second Reading – No Vote Needed)

17.1 Second reading of the following revised policy:
Pol. #806 – Child Abuse

18.0 Miscellaneous (No Items)