

MEMO TO: BOARD MEMBERS

FROM: JOHN SIMPSON

DATE: APRIL 6, 2017

RE: STUDENT ADVISOR TO THE BOARD

Following the approval of Board Policy JFBB and Board discussion regarding the topic of a student advisor, I met with Dr. Clark and members of his Students as Allies group. After listening to the thoughts and feedback from the students, this is what Dr. Clark and I are proposing:

- Two students (juniors in 17-18) would be selected to serve as advisors to the Board. Only one student would be able to actively participate at Board meetings, but the other may choose to attend. Selecting two students would:
 - ensure student coverage and participation at Board meetings, and accommodate for student activities, work assignments, and illness,
 - lead to a more representative student voice as they would be able to reach a broader audience at the high school and possibly the lower levels (preK-8th), and
 - enable students who might differ from one another, for example an extrovert and introvert, to utilize one another's strengths in support of the responsibilities of the position.
- Applicants for the position of student advisor to the Board would need to submit a one to two-page essay which includes their interest in the role, skills they possess which would contribute to their effectiveness in the role, and the value they would add to the Board and school district.
- Finalists for the position would interview with Dr. Simpson, Dr. Clark, two high school staff members, and two high school students (current juniors).
- The student advisors would begin participating in their stated role at the start of the 17-18 school year.

In their role as advisors to the Board, students would be expected to:

- Consistently attend board meetings (ideally one at each meeting)
- Review board materials in advance of board meetings
- Meet regularly with Dr. Simpson and Dr. Clark
- Represent the voice of students, not exclusively themselves, on matters related to the high school and/or school district
- Contribute to meetings
- Become aware of the Sunshine Law and learn basic parliamentary procedures

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION.... None required.