

BOARD BRIEFS

May 3, 2022, Board Work Session
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Ascent Classical Academy Resolution

The D51 School Board voted unanimously Tuesday evening to grant permission for Ascent Classical



Academy to work directly with Colorado Charter School Institute. Ascent would like to open a charter school within D51 boundaries and asked the board for permission to work with the state to potentially open a new school, which they have done in other parts of the state. District 51 is the exclusive authorizer for charter schools opening within its boundaries, so it was necessary for Ascent to receive this permission from the board in order to work with CSI on its charter process.

Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation

May 2-6 is Teacher Appreciation Week! Read the Board's proclamation [here](#).



Fruita Monument Mission Abroad Club

This student-led club started three years ago and immerses students in different specialities and skills in the medical field. Club members are headed to Peru for a two-week medical mission trip later this month. Students will get to observe medical care in a Peruvian hospital, teach basic hygiene, and participate in community outreach and cultural immersion.



Fruita FFA Presentation

Fruita FFA students earned a bronze in vet science and golds in floriculture and milk quality at the State FFA Convention May 1-2 in Ft. Collins. In addition,



Fruita FFA President Ryer Roberts won the employment skills contest and will represent Colorado at Nationals in October. FFA students encouraged the Board and audience members to visit their plant sale from 10 to 2 this Saturday at the Fruita 8/9 greenhouse.

FMHS ProStart

Fruita Monument High School's ProStart team won the state ProStart Student Invitational & Sysco Denver Hospitality Cup Competition in Aurora earlier this year and will compete in the National ProStart Invitational this weekend in Washington, D.C. ProStart is a nationwide program that teaches high school students culinary techniques and hospitality management skills using industry-driven curriculum and hands-on experience. The board recognized ProStart students Avelyn Benefield, Kiley King, Elizabeth Potter, and Taylor Schimek and their teacher, Cheryl Tennant, for their accomplishments at the state level and wished them well at Nationals.



Central High PTECH

Central was the first high school in D51 to have a state-sanctioned PTECH (Pathways in Technology Early College High Schools) program. Since 2019, CHS students have been able to earn an associate's in Welding, Mechanical Engineering Technology, Machining, or Mechatronics. Newer pathways at CHS include Fire Science, Construction Technology, Land Surveying and Geomatics, Early Childhood Education, Pharmacy Technician, Construction Electrical, and Electric Line Worker. While students take courses at WCCC for their associate's, CHS also offers chemistry, math, and English concurrent enrollment classes and multiple Advanced Placement courses.



Board Meeting Rules Discussion

Board members discussed making changes to board policy for behavior during audience comments. Current policy does not allow clapping during or following audience comments. The board will seek a change to the policy to allow clapping.

Note from School Board President Haitz



Hello D51 and Mesa County Community!

As stated above, we had the pleasure of listening and learning about what many of our students are doing in D51. The Board was very impressed with all of these students.

I encourage the community to reach out to any of these clubs and organizations to help donate as they have many needs to operate their organizations/clubs by contacting their schools.

The Board of Education is working on the continued process of reviewing our policies. At Tuesday's Board work meeting we discussed allowing clapping by the audience at the public meetings. The board will do a first and second reading in regard to the public comment and conduct policy. We will also be reviewing our bullying and discipline policies in the coming weeks. At the Board Coffee last Saturday, Mr. Jones and myself spent some time listening to our D51 Librarians and appreciate them sharing the importance of librarians. Additionally, we heard from teachers and paraprofessionals that had some concerns about out-of-control behaviors they are seeing in students.

The Board is excited to attend the graduations in the next couple of weeks. Congrats to all our graduates and their families.

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