

Board Recognition - June 7, 2004

Community

The Board recognizes the following RISD community members and staff for serving on the Budget Review Team. Team members volunteer valuable insights to central administrators and board members regarding spending priorities and budgetary decisions.

Former Budget Review Team members include:

Pat Altschuler, Mary Andrik, Jennifer Armour, Rob Armstrong, Dr. Brantley, Tonya Bredehoeft, Velisa Brooks-Clemons, Denise Brown Penna, Steve Bruneman, Rhonda Carriker, Dave Casey, Mary Cohen, Ann Crumpacker, Betty Daigle, Randy Duhon, Sherry Goldberg, Joe Gray, Betty Hart, Gail Hefton, Roger Holland, Tracy Humphreys, K. Jonas, Carol Kent, Jana Kerr, Nancy Knudsen, Melinda Kuicaid, Terri LeBleu, Ken Link, Dayna Lovelady, Erick Luck, Daniel McKay, Scott McKnight, Cindy Miegel, Mandy Miller, Dr. Cindy Montgomery, Renetta Montgomery, Lee Moore, Marva Morrow, Mike Murphy, Sherry Nelson, Jack Norman, Pat Onley, Jeannine Owens, Kelly Penny, Dave Peters, Carol Reed, Beverly Renkes, Kay Savay, Jim Scott, JoAnn Seberger, Lecie Shelton, C.J. Smith, Barbara Smith, Lori Stanley, Glenn Starkweather, Diana Stein, Ann Stroth, Steve Swayze, Carl Tinch and Peter Warshaw.

The Board recognizes the following RISD community members, students and staff for serving on the 2003-2004 Religious Practices Committee. This committee advises central administration and the Board of Trustees on issues concerning religious practices, and its work helps increase awareness of the importance of religious liberties in our schools.

Religious Practices Committee members include:

Tasnim Benhalim, Brenda Boston, Dave Casey, Dejanira Castillejos, Mohamed Elmougy, Pat Epstein, John Feekin, Sherry Goldberg, Rich Golio, Marlene Gorin, Muneeb Haq, Gail Hefton, Leroy Howe, Chuck Johnson, Randy Johnson, Mackie Kazdoy, Carol Kent, Amanda Ling, Cecil McDaniel, Dianne Maio, Dr. Mike Mamminga, Simeon May, Ted Moulton, Michael O'Hern, Carol O'Neil, Kim Quirk, Kalpana Rao, Adam Raskin, Larry Robins, Tom Savay, Manpu Shih, Suzanne Siegel, Lamont Slater, C.J. Smith, Revathi Srinath, Bettye Stripling, Nita Thomason, Leslie Topa, Ted Walker, Joan Walne, Edith Weiser, Rawan Elashi, Greg Hill, Linda Igbini, Rachel Kuhr, Taylor McCabe, Ashley Peavler, Sarah Simmons, Andy Warner, and Frank Kemerer.

Staff

The Board recognizes Lake Highlands Freshman Center's Janet Gardner for being named as one of the Great 100 Nurses for the 2004 school year by the Texas and American Nurse's Associations.

The Board recognizes the following RISD teachers who have attained New Jersey Writing Project Certification. This rigorous certification allows them to be New Jersey Writing Trainers. These teachers include:

Linda Attaway from Springridge Elementary; Kim Dumaine from Northwood Hills Elementary; Pam Ellard from the PDC, Valerie Finke from Forest Meadow Junior High; Bridget Goree from Liberty Junior High; Kim Humphrey from Richardson High School; Janeen Karm from Richardson Junior High; Judy King from Springridge Elementary; Marilyn Moore from Richardson North Junior High; Barbara Ramsey from Jess Harben Elementary; Anne Stone from Pearce High School; Kelsey Temple from Parkhill Junior High; and Eva Wallace from the PDC.

In addition, the Board recognizes RISD Elementary Language Arts Director Gaitha Castleman and Secondary Language Arts Director Judy Wilson for completing extensive training to support these teachers.

The Board recognizes Dr. Jackie Shepperson from Instructional Technology for being selected as a member of the Editorial Board of Technological Horizons in Education Journal, the foremost national publication dedicated to covering the application of technology to the learning process.

The Board recognizes the following RISD staff members for being named to the Texas Educational Support Staff Association Executive Board for the 2004-2005 school year:

Pat Crawford from Forest Meadow Junior High will serve as the Fall Conference Chairman and Elections Committee Chairman.

Carol Marlar from the Lake Highlands Freshman Center will serve on the Elections Committee.

Kay Sanders from Purchasing will serve on the Elections Committee.

Elaine Simmons from Communications will serve as the Parliamentarian.

Linda Sockwell, from Westwood Junior High School will serve as the 2004-2005 state president.

Students

The Board recognizes members of the Richardson High School Robotics Team for winning the Best Engineered Trophy at the BattleBots IQ 2004 national competition in Minnesota.

Members include:

Tony Abate, Kevin Amador, Brent Bowers, Byron Burnham, Kyle Casper, Adrian Cleek, Nick Cunningham, Nate Diamond, Pranay Jain, Murtaza Joher, Jerrod Johnson, Justin Ju, Clayton Juarez, Calvin Kohler-Katz, Jon Lambert, Kevin Marr, Chance McCoy, John McKellar, Bryan Muehleman, George Nartey, Scott Pullen, Dale Roberts, Malcolm Roberts, Andrew Rojo, Logan Shellstrom, Whitney Shellstrom, Andre Taylor, Richard Tregilgas, Summer Whetzel, Tim Williams and Eric Winderweedle. Their sponsor is Max Morales.

The Board recognizes the following students for being named National Merit Finalists for the 2003-2004 year.

From Berkner High School: Deborah Huang and Anosua Mukhopadhyay.

From Lake Highlands High School: Matt Ashbaugh and Benjamin Halliburton.

From J.J. Pearce High School: Elizabeth Anderson, James Aton, Frank Barat, Alissa Bigger, Julie Burgess, Kathryn Holstien, Andrew Hsiao, Timothy Kraemer, Rebecca Lowenstein, Jay Schweikert, Rebecca Ticker, Michael Wan, Daena Wachta, Shing-Tong Yang and Ming Zhi.

From Richardson High School: Jessica Wilkin.

The Board recognizes Berkner High School student Mahlet Naga for receiving a Certificate of Excellence for outstanding community service from the 2004 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

The Board recognizes the Berkner High School TEAMS competition participants.

The varsity team, which placed second in the area competition, includes members: Anosua Mukhopadhyay, Christopher Cho, Blake Scaid, Nick Wachtler, Jake Bathman, Brian Stout, Scott Steger and Jacob Horning.

The junior varsity team, ranked first in Texas, and tenth nationally, includes members: Tyler Hughes, Eric Stout, David Gebhart, Christine Barron, John Brady, Charisse Jolly, Rachel Curto and Daniel Jumper.

The Board recognizes Richardson High School student Mindy Du for being selected for membership in the National Society of High School Scholars.

The Board recognizes the Pearce High School Academic Decathlon team for finishing third in the state competition in San Antonio. Team members include: Ming Zhi, Beth Anderson, Andy Ma, Andrey Selyunin, David Weiser, Patrick Landis, Rob Malcolm, Colin Hankinson and Drew Jacoy.

The Board recognizes the following Lake Highlands Junior High Academic Pentathlon team members for medaling at the Regional competition: Jasmine Bell and Ben Stewart.

The Board recognizes the following students for successfully competing in the Texas Lone Star Challenge District Competition. The Lone Star Challenge is a pilot academic competition for grades 4-6, and debuted in RISD in 2004.

From White Rock Elementary: David Burkhalter, Stephen Baker, Elliot Bucki, Megan Jodie, Curran Kelley, Susan Duncan, Alex Roth, Said Navarro, Sara Navarro, Jackson Harbour and Shannon Sullivan.

From Springridge Elementary: Bryce Bowers, Bryan Chen and Sebastian Grady.

From Hamilton Park Pacesetter: Lizzy McClinchie, Nathan Hogg, Vivian Ludford, Christopher Winkler and Abby Nagle.

From Merriman Park Elementary: Tyler Terrel, Jake McClendon and William Headrick.

From Moss Haven Elementary: Nathan Arnold, Brent Bono, Luke Coughlin, Jake Gaba, Garrett Johnson, Matthew Keath, Bridget O'Brien, John Putnam, Garrett Wingfield, Alexander Wittle, Ben Wolf and Alex Ziehm.

From Richardson Terrace Elementary: Dillon Dickson, Shogufa Kamin, Spencer Edmonds and Catherine Fan.

From Prairie Creek Elementary: Russell Houston, Kelly Morrison and Rachel DeVey.

From Dartmouth Elementary: Sylvianne Nguyen, Denise Lee, Alexander Flores and Bryan Co.

From RISD Academy: Danijel Leiner, Luis Pulido, Sharon Okeke, Maria Romero, Hugo Tenorio, Adriana Mariana, Jessica Ponce, Vy Nguyen and Christian Torres.

From Brentfield Elementary: Kendall Howen.

From Wallace Elementary: Joey Baily, Haley Courtney and John Powers.

From Arapaho Elementary: Riley Whitten, Michael Conley and Sylest Lofton.

From Forestridge Elementary: Queenie Tran, Raeesa Ebrahim and Ameesa Goyal.

From Lake Highlands Elementary: Joan Lew, Jim Caldwell and Conor Puckett.

From Northrich Elementary: Jessica Saucier, Bo Sripharphan and Daniel Kim.

From Forest Lane Academy: Joshua Dorsey, Taylor Peterson and Kamuai Thompson.

From Math Science and Technology Magnet: Alec Arceneaux, Mahir Moin, Tyler Unger, Jason Wardy, Bilal Quadri, Rahfin Faruk, Taha Akanala, Mark Fulbright, Paul Ngo, Conrad VanLandingham, Catherine Wilkins, and Andrew Fuerst.