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Central Fulton and Southern Fulton teachers gather at the Holiday Inn in Breezewood on Aug. 27 to partake in an Edcamp brainstorming session. The day allowed for teachers to discuss issues, explore fresh ideas, and share support.

Central And Southern Fulton School Districts Brainstorm

At daylong conference last week

By Cassidy Pittman
STAFF WRITER

Teachers and staff of Central Fulton School District, Southern Fulton School District, and the Fulton County AVTS teamed up last Monday at the Holiday Inn in Breezewood for a daylong 'Ed Camp' brainstorming conference with one goal in mind: to be better. For their students, for their school, and for themselves. Ed-camp is a movement that encourages building and supporting communities of empowered teachers. The idea to use this model was hatched by superintendents Dr. Tara Will (SFSD) and Michelle Hall (CFSD).

The day started at 8:50 a.m. with a large group activity focused on team building. Afterwards, attendees were split into brainstorming sessions to share ideas, exchange opinions, and trade success stories on teaching. Teachers were given the opportunity to pick their topics

and ended up with 34 sessions to attend. These ranged from music and art integration, writing in math, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) and Steam projects, Google classroom, student diversity, student motivation, counseling, and behavioral management. By the end of the day, the conference was abuzz with excitement.

At the end of the session everyone was asked to participate in a survey. One hundred percent of respondents (153 teachers and aides) wanted to have the districts collaborate again, and 98.7 percent wanted to do another professional learning day using the Ed Camp model.

"It has been great to meet and collaborate with fellow teachers we don't normally get to see. It allows us to get fresh perspective on teaching," said a junior high English teacher at Central Fulton during the conference.

"The biggest and best thing is how much knowledge we have in this room right now. We have math teachers that know a lot

about writing, we have history teachers who know a lot about music, and we should all really share like this with each other more," said Dayton Tweedy, Central Fulton teacher.

"We all know we can't control what happens at home, but we are their family when they are in school. And conferences, brainstorming like this, help us to be better at that," said Joe Hollenshead, Southern Fulton teacher.

"This was the BEST in-service I have attended in my 17 years of teaching," one teacher shared at the podium during the wind down of the conference.

"One of the best professional days I have attended and hope to do another," another praised.

"I think this was a great in-service where everyone should have come out of it empowered, positive, and ready to reach kids by teaching them, personally."

Another teacher commented, "The technology I learned about today was fascinating, I'm looking forward to trying Quizlet!"

Forbes Road School District was invited to attend but declined for unspecified reasons.

SFSD Approves New Staff, Classes

By Cassidy Pittman
STAFF WRITER

The Southern Fulton School District (SFSD) approved the following staff for the 2018-19 school year at their August monthly meeting last Tuesday.

Teachers: Megan Bigelow and Diane Yingling were approved as pre-K teachers on grant status for one year pending completion of all paperwork.

Substitute teachers approved were Deb Cooper, John McGraw,

Jamie Taylor, and Marley Elbin.

Substitutes: Kayla Messner was approved as a substitute paraprofessional and Connie Mellott, a substitute secretary.

Athletic coaches approved include Anthony Shives, junior high boys assistant soccer coach; Drew Wink, varsity boys soccer coach; Jeremiah Ashkettle, junior high assistant soccer coach; Tera Elder, junior high assistant volleyball coach; and Brett Foor, junior high assistant baseball coach. Board members accepted, with regret, a letter of resignation from Adam Hoopen-gardner as elementary girls basketball coach effective immediately.

The school board also OK'd the following mentor/mentee partnerships: Joe Hollenshead to mentor Henry McKenzie, Melissa Duncan to mentor Megan Bigelow, and Amber Goldizen to mentor Diane Yingling.

The following classes with an enrollment of 10 students or under were approved: 3-D Art (9),

Accounting 1 (4), advanced physics (8), AP stats (9), and interactive media (6). This does not include special education, remedial/recovery courses or v-tech class, and numbers are subject to change. Two nonresident students were approved to attend SFSD during the 2018-19 school year. Approval was also given to Policy 008.1, local board procedures, organization chart; and to Policy 210.1, pupils, possession/use of asthma inhalers/epinephrine auto-injectors.

Superintendent Will, currently serving as school safety coordinator, announced that she received the safety assessment and will review it with the safety committee in September. Jeff Hull highlighted that the elementary will be reviewing the pickup procedures for the first few weeks of school.

Transportation

Bus #6 was approved to

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Ayr Supervisors Warn Of Mail Fundraising Scam

By Cassidy Pittman
STAFF WRITER

Ayr Township supervisors learned at their monthly meeting Aug. 27 that fake fundraising mailers are being sent to Pennsylvania residents from a group called "Volunteer Firefighter Alliance" in Topeka, Kan. Township secretary Denise Mellott said that David Sanko, executive director of the Pennsylvania State Association, had notified the township of the scam in a letter.

Residents are reminded that it is best to give directly to the singular fire company (i.e. Hustontown, McConnellsburg or Needmore) and not through a wide-range service.

Secretary Mellott also told the supervisors that she had met with their solicitor, Stanley Kerlin, to research what is needed to be done for the Fulton County Municipalities Building Code Association (FCMBA) to dissolve. A draft resolution was then written and sent to solicitor Kerlin for final approval. The board then made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-8-28, dissolving the FCMBA effective Nov. 1. All other townships involved will also need to adopt a resolution of dissolution as soon

as possible.

A letter was also received from CES Engineering stating that JLG Industries is applying for a General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for construction activities concerning a test pad project. A municipal land use letter was submitted by Mellott.

A letter was sent to Jeffrey Grace regarding his Ag Exemption Land Use Permit for a 40-foot-by-100-foot building at 1575 Crossroads Rd. stating the permit had been approved, but that some future stipulations may apply.

McConnellsburg state police Sgt. Tim Cummings also attended the Ayr Township meeting last Monday evening to update the township supervisors about what is going on in the area.

In other news, Bob Peck met with township supervisors to review the township's insurance policy that was renewed Sept. 1.

In attendance were township supervisors Sonny Harr, Gary Hopkins, Thurman Nesbitt III, and township secretary Denise Mellott. Also present were Sgt. Tim Cummings, Marjorie Hudson, Dayton Tweedy, Bob Peck, Jeremy Fletcher, and Rich Strayer.

Commissioners

County Recycling Issues Persist

By Cassidy Pittman
STAFF WRITER

Director of Building and Grounds Brad Seville met with commissioners Stuart Ulsh, Pete Lynch, and Rodney McCray at their weekly meeting Aug. 28 to discuss issues with the county's recycling bins. During review of video surveillance, an individual was seen on camera throwing their trash outside of the designated recycling bins. Contact will be made with this individual to discuss the matter.

Also, because of the resignation of Conservation District environmental education specialist Greg Reineke as recycling coordinator, the commissioners have decided to make the recycling coordinator a county employee

position as it was in the past. The position will be advertised promptly.

During a meeting with Planning and Mapping Director Mary Kay Seville, the commissioners endorsed Resolution No. 13 of 2018, making Seville the designated agent for all required forms and documents for obtaining financial assistance from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Karen McFadden also met with commissioners to discuss the professional service proposal for the Fulton County Fairgrounds. Proposals were submitted by CES Engineering LLC for \$4,500 and the EADS Group Inc. for \$3,800. McFadden also had commissioners sign off on the 2018 general election ballot.

Amish Who Left Launch Nonprofit To 'Reclaim Our Story'

By Tim Stuhldreher
LNP NEWSPAPER

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) - Torah Bontrager says she was about 13 when she read about Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad.

The story of the former slave turned abolitionist electrified her. The oldest child of a strict Amish family in the Midwest, Bontrager recalls being constantly scolded and beaten, leaving her feeling

trapped and miserable.

She vowed to make a getaway herself, and someday to find a way to help other Amish left behind.

At age 15, she slipped away in the dead of night, beginning a sometimes harrowing odyssey that is depicted in her memoir, "An Amish Girl in Manhattan."

It eventually led her to Columbia University, where she earned a philosophy degree.

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