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# BIG WALNUT

## LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Board of Education Meeting Program

Date of Presentation: 4.20.2017

**Program Overview:**

Led by the vision of Mrs. Mandy Bailey, the kindergarten students have had the fortune of participating in monthly yoga opportunities that the instructor (Laura Coulson) is able to align directly with academic content. This opportunity has provided our students with strategies for self-regulation, incorporation of movement into learning and helps create a mindset that is conducive to personal growth. The program has helped their confidence grow, provided them with leadership skills, and taught strategies to navigate through the many waves they encounter on their school journey.

The presentation at the board meeting will consist of a quick explanation of the program, followed by a demonstration by the students and instructor. The demonstration will provide the audience with a few of the skills learned, a brief explanation of why they are beneficial, and when they can be used.

**Connection to the BWLSD Continuous Improvement Plan:**

This program is a partnership with a local community member that volunteers her time, aligning with our vision of an involved and supportive community.. Students are provided with strategies that set them up for success in the classroom and can select strategies that best suit their needs (academic, behavioral, social/emotional etc.). This individualized opportunity correlates with our 2020 vision of personalizing for each student and engaging them as learners in an active manner.

**Staff to be Featured:**

Mandy Bailey

**Students to be Featured:**

Lucas Erwin  
Lucille Sroufe  
Heath Branham  
Addy Kessler

(Mendi Priestas has invited students from her class as well, but I do not have their names)

**To further enhance your interaction with this presentation, potential topics for consideration are below:**

- What reactions have you heard from students as they work through the various components of this project? **(teachers/principal)**
- How is student understanding deepened in the core content areas through Project Based Learning? **(teacher/principal)**
- How has this project made you think about the subject differently? **(students)**

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Principal's Signature

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Jen Young, Director of Academic Achievement