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## **Scholastic Crimestoppers Update**

Preston Bass, Coordinator of Safety and Security, and Marty Siddall presented an overview of the Scholastic Crimestoppers program, the purpose of which is to provide anonymous tips regarding crime in the community. A student board oversees the program in Columbia schools, and students appreciate the opportunity to report crime anonymously; there is no monetary reward.

## **Professional Learning Communities: One School's Story**

Dr. Sally Beth Lyon, Chief Academic Officer, and Dr. Peter Stiepleman, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, provided an overview of professional learning communities. Amy Watkins, principal of Parkade Elementary School, and Carrie Freeman, the school's assistant principal, presented information on Parkade's experience with professional learning communities. The behavioral interventions this program supports have increased instructional time.

## **Consideration of District Uniform Contract Recommendation**

Ms. Quinley presented information on the intent and results of a request for proposals for a volume purchase agreement for athletic uniform wear, spirit wear, supplies, and equipment for the secondary athletic program. It was recommended the district contract with Nill Brothers for a three-year plan. The contract, which would require the school district to purchase only Adidas athletic program apparel, would provide \$72,000 of signing bonus catalog spending beginning July 1, 2011. It was moved by Ms. Mees that the administration be authorized to contract with Nill Brothers as recommended. The second was by Mr. Whitt. The vote was 6 yes—0 no—1 absent.

## **Board Member Appointments to Committees**

President Rose appointed Board members to Board of Education committees and other district-wide committees. Board members and administrators will serve on these committees as follows: