



2011-12 Point Loma Cluster Schools Foundation Board Elections and Information

OUR SCHOOLS

The Point Loma Cluster consists of 10 schools and over 6,400 students. Cluster schools include 7 elementary schools: Barnard, Cabrillo, Dewey, Loma Portal, Ocean Beach, Sunset View and Silver Gate (grades K-4); 2 middle schools,; Dana (grades 5/6) and Correia (grades 7/8) and Point Loma High School (grades 9-12).

ABOUT POINT LOMA CLUSTER SCHOOLS FOUNDATION (PLCS)

In 2006, a group of parents, teachers, and principals from each school engaged in a community dialogue which led to the desire to create a unified vision for the Point Loma Cluster. A strategic plan was developed which led to the formation of the Point Loma Cluster Schools Foundation (PLCS) serves in an advisory capacity only whose primary objective is to improve the communication and support our cluster schools enabling cohesive K-12 environment for ALL students. The PLCS serves as the representative body of 10 Point Loma Cluster Schools community to focus and communicate the vision, mission and goals of all stakeholders. The PLCS has received widespread support and participation and is consistent with the San Diego Unified School District's "Community Based Reform Model". The grass roots effort of the PLCS was the first of its kind in the district and is seen as a model for other clusters. The PLCS is a non profit 501c3 organization.

- **VISION** : The PLCS, through innovative practices and collaborative efforts, will be the model of educational excellence; inspiring passionate life-long learners, critical thinkers, unbounded achievers, and responsible global citizens.
- **MISSION:** It is the mission of the PLCS to inspire in each student a joy of life-long learning and inquiry about one's individuality, community, and the world. As stakeholders, our commitment is to sustain and support the best practices in education that empower each child with knowledge, skills and values necessary to become confident, self-sufficient adults and global citizens.
- **VALUES:** Excellence, Integrity, Innovation, Collaboration and Balance.

AREAS OF EMPHASIS: The five main strategic areas of emphasis adopted in the 2006 strategic plan are as follows:

Learning Environment: Supporting safe, caring, diverse and inclusive learning environments for all students in ways that engage and inspire students to become lifelong learners.

Learning Communities: Engage all stakeholders (*teachers, administrators, parents, and community members*) in the process of improving quality student learning, creating a seamless articulating curriculum, and preparing students for global competency.

Information Communication Technology Literacy (ICT): Promote, facilitate and support a cluster wide vision of 21st Century skills for teachers, staff, students, parents and community members.

Marketing: Marketing: The PLCS Foundation serves as the representative body for the 10 Point Loma Cluster Schools Community to focus and communicate the Vision, Mission and Goals of all stakeholders. Stakeholders include residents, families who CHOICE their students to Cluster schools, and VEEP families who attend Cluster schools. Marketing will include translation services for non-English speaking stakeholders for notices, meetings, and forums.

Finance: Fundraising, disbursement and oversight activities of the organization.

Power of PLCS

Utilizing regular and standardized communication systems within the 10 Cluster Schools to ensure all stakeholders have easy access to participation in the process of community based reform, PLCS members will represent their school communities to develop proposals in the best interest of the Cluster schools to be presented to the SDUSD School Board. The PLCS will work with the SDUSD School Board to effect positive change that is representative of the goals of one or more schools in the Cluster and in harmony with the PLCS Strategic Plan.



PLCS BOARD & Term (2011.12)

The governing board will be 40 members consisting of 1 principal, 1 teacher and 2 parents from all schools. Principals are appointed, teachers are to be elected by teachers from their respective school and parents are to be elected by parents at their respective school. The Board shall elect an Executive Committee of 10 Board Members.

- Board Elections: Schools shall 1 elect teacher and 2 parent representatives. Nominations shall be in spring and elections can be this spring (or EARLY fall if needed).
- Board terms are 2 years (except for year 1 where 50% will be 1 year terms)
- Board and Executive Committee meet every other month at 6:30pm during the school year

Voting Rights: The 40 member Board consisting of one principal, one teacher and two parents from each school shall have a total of 120 votes which shall be allocated 1/3 to High School Members, 1/3 to Middle School Members and 1/3 to Elementary Schools Members. See table below.

School Level	Total Schools	Members Per School	Total Members	Votes Per Member	Total Votes
High School	1	4	4	10	40
Middle Schools	2	4	8	5	40
Elementary Schools	7	4	28	1.42	40
Total	10	--	40	--	120

Note a quorum shall be 61 votes.

If you are interested in serving as a teacher or parent, please let your school current school representative know immediately or email us at plcluster@gmail.com.