

**Point Loma Cluster Council
Meeting Notes
April 9, 2007**

Attendance

Polly Traylor (Chair), Laurie Benham, Nicole Burgess, Teresa Drew, Marvin Estrin, Richard Glover, Margaret Johnson, Andrea Justice, Heather Lutz, Vicki Moats, Christy Scadden, Kris Spathas, and Matt Spathas.

Pt. Loma Cluster Strategic Plan

The first phase of the strategic planning process commenced on March 15th with key stakeholders gathering to brainstorm and identify core values and key elements for creating the vision and mission statements. Ken Majer, who also helped Silver Gate with their strategic plan, facilitated this critical first phase. About 40 people participated in open, honest, and thoughtful discussions. A consensus was reached on core values: "innovation", "excellence", "integrity", "collaboration", and "balance". Participants volunteered to serve on committees to craft values, vision, and mission statements.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 12th from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. The values, vision, and mission statement committees will have about ten minutes each to present their respective statements to the entire group for formal approval. Committees will be established around six key strategic areas, including finance, technology, marketing, learning communities, learning environment and stakeholder experience. The objective is to develop specific goals and tasks before the end of the current school year. It is desirable to maintain inclusiveness, and for at least one representative from each school to serve on each committee.

PLCC Unification Project: IKEA San Diego's "Teacher Appreciation Contest"

One lucky teacher will win a \$250 IKEA gift card and a \$750 IKEA classroom makeover. The contest is open to children ages 4 to 11 in grades Kindergarten through Fifth. Entrants submit a one page letter by April 30th stating why he/she believes his/her teacher should be selected as the winner. The PLCC will send information to each elementary school in the Pt. Loma Cluster so that no school is left out.

Barnard Elementary School

The School Board approved a staff request to create a Mandarin Chinese magnet program at Barnard Elementary School. Learning the language would be reinforced through visual and performing arts.

A-E Technology Initiative

The next step in the A-E technology initiative (applications, broadband, curriculum, device, and education) is to provide broadband accessibility for all students. Matt and the technology committee have been meeting with Councilman Kevin Faulconer, who is supportive, on obtaining funding.

School Safety

It was noted that recreational vehicles (RVs) are parked on Famosa Street near Correia Middle School. Given the opportunity for deviants to use these RVs to attack and molest students walking to and home from school, this presents a potential serious safety hazard. The PLCC feels that this is an important issue to be discussed with the San Diego City Council; that no recreational vehicles should be allowed to park near any school. The PLCC will speak with a strong unified voice.

Respectfully submitted, Marvin Estrin