

PLCC Minutes
Executive Board Meeting
March 4, 2008

Meetings Begins: 6:41pm

Visitors: Michelle Crisci (Loma Portal and PLHS parent, district employee),

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee

Teresa Drew

1. Changes discussed at February 13 meeting were made to the bylaws.
 - Additional change of meeting the second Monday in September was made to accommodate the school calendars.
 - Attorney suggested that we add a clause that states that: the board members can remove a director at any time, with a majority vote. This is already a CA law but some foundations choose to add to bylaws as well. Board Agrees.
2. There are three steps to processing the bylaws:
 1. File Articles of Incorporation (\$30) Teresa Drew will file at regional office. They will be back in approx. 2 weeks.
 2. Once articles are returned file for EIN (tax ID) number. (\$0)
 3. File for tax exempt status and file bylaws
 - \$750 if foundation is estimated to make over \$10,000 in 2 years
 - \$300 if foundation is estimated to make less that \$10,000 in 2 years.
3. Ideas for paying for tax exempt status:
 1. Ask each school for a portion of the money needed
 2. Ask for alternative ideas from general population (PLCS, PTAs)
 3. Executive Board each chip in and reimburse after we make money
 4. Community Outreach. Possibly the OB Town Council, Main Street Association, Lions Club, Optimists, or Kiwanis would help to pay.

Learning Communities

Christy Scadden

1. ELAC parent still needed. Teresa Drew will ask our OB ELAC parent
2. Gate/seminar meeting March 12 at 2:30
3. Need to have consistant meeting times for elementary schools.
4. Gate Parents meeting tomorrow March 4, 2008
5. ELAC outreach tomorrow March 4 at St. Judes. Goal for next year is to include all cluster schools ELAC populations in this event.
6. Special Education Meeting update
 - Goal was to get parents involved
 - Inclusion happening all over district. PLCC was hosting a parent informational meeting so parents would be informed, be aware of the impacts and learn how to participate and problem solve.
 - Some misunderstanding about PLCC's role in this Special Ed. movement at meeting and in some schools.

Learning Environment

Marvin Estrin

1. Learning Environment and Learning Communities are collaborating with certain overlapping groups.
2. Four special interest groups have been defined:
 - A. Traffic Safety—Carrie and Monty Swan are chairing this group. Input from all school concerning this issue and followed up by PLCC
 - B. Behavioral Expectations—Andrea Justice chair
 - Possibly create cluster wide behavior plan

C.. Go Green—Nicole Burgess and Polly Traylor

- Creating a web link on each school website that leads to the Go Green page (before April) Site will include curriculum help and student resources.
- Electronic Recycling at the Sports Arena this Saturday March 8
- Need team members from Dewey, Correia, PLHS and Dana
- Potential Partnership with the Urban Corp and our recycling program. We would receive 50% of the profit and it can be divided among schools appropriately.
- Money making opportunities: reusable bags, water bottles, reusable wraps, stainless steel bottles. Need EIN number and money to buy product. Potential partnership with new grocery store “Fresh and Easy”

C. Music and Performing Arts

- John Daley and the PLHS band are considering teaming with other music dept. in the cluster (facilitated by PLCC) to have a stronger voice for support for the arts, particularly during budget crisis.
- Marvin sent a letter to Lori Saldana’s office in support of arts in our schools and invited her to be part of the PLCC force.

D. Achievement:

- About ½ of students are achieving a 3.5-4.0 GPA.

E. College Board Partnership—Julie Kramer chair

1. Met VP for Western Region today and discussed the possibility of a “K-12 College Board Cluster” Polly Traylor, Julie Kramer, Carol Barry and Joanne Wahl were in attendance.
 - Their program called “Spring Board”
 - Would require a lot of professional development
 - Entry points would be 5th grade, 7th grade, and 9th grade.
 - Access for all classes.
 - Math and Language Arts Curriculum currently 6-12 (can be 5th)
 - Goes nicely with Correia’s AVID program
2. Some Questions and possible PLCC requirements
 - Balancing technical jobs/training with AP/college prep.
 - Asking for web enabled curriculum

Round Table

1. Suggestion: PLCS website should be the primary website for all school with links to separate schools from that website.
2. Public Relations/Opinion
 - Have monthly meetings announced in the Beacon
 - Website needs to be updated and must have pertinent information
 - Eblasts to include more relevant information
 - Next meeting will include a website tutorial

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Shelli Kurth