

PLCS Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2008

1. Behavior Expectations Update

Marvin Estrin

- A. Traffic Safety:
 - 25 responses via email to survey
- B. Behavioral Expectations needs:
 - Consistency of rules/values at school
 - Positive reinforcement
 - Communication
 - Discipline Policy/Consequences/Communication

2. GATE

Carol Barry:

- A. Review in GATE program has given ideas for changes:
 - GATE site plans are due mid year rather than earlier
 - Many variances between teachers rather than having standardized practices
 - Teachers to turn in lesson plans rather than being evaluated on the actual teaching of a lesson.
 - Potential Changes: To increase professional development and increase rigor, see differentiated instruction across all classrooms.
- B. Question: Since Dana is now testing 6th graders to see if they are ready for algebra at Correia, is there a pre-algebra class offered at Dana?
Answer: (by Linda Taggart) Some students are ready for the algebra class so rather than test at the beginning of the year at Correia they will test at Dana and start the year off in the correct class. There are some teachers that cover pre-algebra but there is not a "pre-algebra" class.
Comment: (by PLHS teacher) If students enter intermediate algebra in 9th grade then there are no math classes for them to take as a senior.

Elizabeth Nagy/Christy Scadden:

- C. GATE parent/student needs survey given at the recent GATE meeting find parents/students are concerned with:
 - a. Administrative support, future knowledge, challenge of the work vs. quantity, emotional support and motivation. Full report is available for review.

Bonnie Elias (Correia)

- D. Pilot Program Possibilities for ELL students:
 - Word Recognition Program with Harvard
 - Work program with University of Connecticut
 - "I Read" program through Cox

3. PL Cluster Band Update

Eleanor Snyder

- A. Band representatives from Dana, Correia, and PLHS
 - All the bands are award winning and getting better each year
 - The band program continues to grow each year with students and bands
- B. Music program goals are:
 - Continuity throughout the school years (4-12 grades)
 - Music Center at PLHS that is the premier music center in San Diego

4. Go Green Nicole Burgess

- A. Continue to need representation from all schools
- B. Urban Corp to begin recycling at participating schools

5. Bell Time Change Update

Polly Traylor

- A. Meeting 4/29 with the board
 - Board seemed receptive to revisiting schools with bell time changes more than 30 minutes.
 - Meet again on 5/15

Subcommittee Updates:

ICT

Matt Spathas

1. Intel Conference emphasized: Transformation and Collaboration
2. APEX Learning Curriculum
 - Real Time Assessment
 - 1 on 1 tutoring and help
3. Plan to launch pilot online curriculum at Dana with district support
4. Full report in ITC section on website

Learning Communities

Christy Scadden

1. ELAC: Meeting with ELAC advisor to increase cluster involvement in meetings
2. Special Ed: All cluster schools participating in changes to special ed. next year with cluster support in education parents.
3. UDL (universal learning designs) Gurus Rich Villa and Jacky Thousands are doing a professional development day