

PLCS Board Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2008

Introductions: See sign up sheet

Overview and history of PLCS

Cluster News

PLHS Career Technical Education Program (CTE)

Julie Zoellin Cramer

- Changes at PLHS include 4 vice principals to keep kids engaged and get them to graduate
- Beginning work on creation of music production program at PLHS
- Music in a cluster foundation. Prop S funding will help get funding for new music center and help fund CTE programming
- CTE will develop a new music curriculum along with a sports medicine strand

Proposition S

Jeff Olivero

- Go to sandi.net to find out exactly what will happen for a specific school if prop s passes.
- There will be a link sent out via eblast to the sandi.net information. Also on PLCS website www.pointlomacluster.com
- Last year there were stake holder's meetings to find out what school's needed. The ideas generated from that meeting formed the tasks supported by prop s.
- No increase in taxes. Continues the current tax agreement

PLHS Advanced Placement (AP) Grant

Jeff Olivero

- PLHS received an grant that help to support students taking AP courses

Dollars for Scholars

Linda Pendelton

- October 25 is a run/walk at SDSU to raise money for PLHS scholarships.
- Asks that schools send home/eblast fliers
- Journalism Dept. needs money to publish their publication of the school newspaper. Asking for community members that can donate cheap printing or could pay for advertising in the newspaper.

Subcommittee Reports

Finance

Teresa Drew

- Achievements: Bylaws written
- Waiting on 501C3 non profit status from IRS
- Grant writing seminar on 10/27—need a PLCS member to go represent the foundation.

Learning Communities

- Achievements: Cluster wide GATE, Seminar, special ed meetings. Teacher collaboration with GATE cluster teachers
- Planning a cluster wide ESL meeting in this area for the 08-09 year
- One special ed meeting already. Town Hall meeting next month
- One school presidents meeting this year—more to come

Learning Environment Marvin Estrin

- Focus: Behavior and Safety
- Behavior Management Plan in Correia (REACH)
- Dealing with safety issues getting to and from school. Met today with San Diego City Traffic Engineer.
- Test scores were up for PLHS, Dana and Correia.

ICT Diane Ryan

- Online math class (APEX) pilot in Dana-6th grade and Correia-7th grade.
- Part of the time is whole group instruction, part small group and part online curriculum
- First 6th grade in the western US to pilot this program
- Positive student response
- Classes were chosen by the teachers rather than the students. All levels of learners are involved.
- Dana has an open house tech night October 30th 6-8:30

The Future of APEX and Online Learning: Jeff Olivero

- Some kids are making up credits using this program. A virtual high school is opening at Mt. Everest. Some high school are requiring an online class to graduate.

Marketing Vicki Moats

- Looking for a graphic designer to donate some design time to our brochure

Go Green Nicole Burgess

- Walk to School Day—this Wednesday 10/7
- Urban Corp is partnering with cluster school in a recycling program. They are also recycling batteries
- Teachers look at www.chanelg.tv for fun videos on environmental awareness
- Eco Center for Alternative Fuel Education—recommended as a field trip for 4th -8th.

Roundtable:

- TB tests for all cluster school volunteers offered at Dana on 10/20 (morning) and read on 10/22. This is a free service provided by the district and set up at Dana for our cluster schools.

Elections:

Each school needs a parent and teacher representative by the next meeting.