

PLCS Foundation Executive Board Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2009

Finance

Teresa Drew

1. Motion by Christy Scadden to add Polly Traylor and Vicki Moats as check signers on the PLCS account. Second: Julie Cramer

Learning Communities:

Christy Scadden

1. Cluster Wide GATE meeting being scheduled
2. Open House for Special ED: Informational meeting for parents to address articulation and transition concerns. Special Ed leaders from all cluster schools will be there to address each schools particular difference.
3. PTA Leaders Meeting was a poor turn-out (only 2 schools) so most of the agenda will be revisited at the next meeting.

Learning Environment

Marvin Estrin

1. Character Development Programs
 - a. Dana, Correia, and PLHS all have character development programs in place. They are all slightly different due to the different ages of the kids.
 - b. Some cluster elementary schools character programs too. Many different programs with overlapping ideas.
2. Traffic Problems
 - a. Discussed cluster traffic issues with city. They are reluctant to change things due to liability issues.
 - b. Dana has a new no parking zone to try to give more room for moving vehicles.
3. Science:
 - a. Correia developing new science program. Dana and Correia both received science grants. Correia's program will be forming a partnership with the slough to make an outside classroom.
 - b. There is a science push in our cluster. PLCS to post new science information on "news" section on website.

Benchmark Assessments:

- a. Results given quickly for middle school and PLHS. Elementary schools don't get timely results but the district is working toward this goal.
- b. A board member wants to stop the benchmarks but that goes against the district goal of mastery of the standards.
- c. Controversial data to support testing. Teach, test, re-teach is the district standard. Redundant testing will be abandoned. Informative testing will continue.
- d. All schools required to have professional learning communities and instructional learning committees. This has made teaching more community based, more collaborative. Benchmark test scores are public.

Visual and Performing Arts:

- a. Awards given to PL musicians for making a difference in their community.

Discussion Items:

Principal Meeting:

1. Set up before spring break. Matt Lorden to set the date with principals and report back to Polly.

Budget:

1. PLCS would like to know about any big budget cuts that will impact any of the work the PLCS has done.

Small School Closing

1. Blue list and red list cuts. The blue list has already been approved. The red list has been voted on by principals. Board just received the principals' votes.
2. Small schools are on the red list. No choices have been made yet.

Foundation Meeting Presentation

1. Presentations at meetings: Jeff Oliveras next meeting, Mandarin at Barnard presentation,
2. April will only be an executive meeting due to Spring Break.

Librarians:

1. District may cut librarians from the block funding. Formal letter to SIO, CIOs and above to tell how PLCS use their "ibrarians" and how important they are to our strategic plan and our schools.

PLHS Meeting Update

1. New liason from PLH to cluster (Kris Spathas) Goal is to get the news from PLHS to cluster.

Strategic Plan Review

1. all committees to fill out form with:
 - a. Tasks accomplished
 - b. Tasks in progress
 - c. Tasks to do

Recruiting for PLCS

1. Must recruit new leadership for PLCS. Bring new faces.