

PLCS Foundation Meeting
March 2, 2009

Librarian Talk: **Barbara Forster, Marcia Abbott, Shannon Toyzan**

What they do

- Promote Reading and Writing
- Promote Literacy
- Blend digital learning with other learning styles
- How to find, use, and analyze information
- Be the bridge to access technology into learning
- Professional development with teachers specifically on technology
- Teach to validate online sources.
- District provides some online resources that are already validated

New Librarians vs. Old Style

- Use more digital resources rather than “real” book talks
- Piloting programs that use technology (like web lockers)
- Currently piloting “My Access,” that tutors writing and gives immediate feedback.
- Coordinate the technology in the school: evaluate data bases, how will kids and teachers use. How to use new technology in curriculum and use with standards. Teach the teachers (sometimes one-on-one).
- Collaborate with teachers, students and other staff
- Collaborate with other librarians in the cluster work together with the standards (for example citing sources: Easybib.com)
- School Plan for Student Achievement is often used to determine what technology is used and taught. Funding is another determiner.
- Much variation on student technology knowledge but they learn quickly. Often the variation is due to availability at home.

Web Lockers

- Online portfolio for each student to keep work. Students can access this from home or school. Some 4th graders and all 5th graders on up use them beginning at Dana.

Questions:

How many computers are needed in a typical elementary school in order to transition smoothly to middle school if we have library techs?

A. One to one is best. As many as will fit.

PLHS Update

Jeff Olivera

- WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) is happening next month. Determines accreditation. A group of people come to PLHS to evaluate what is working at the high school and what is not. All high school must do this. Usually every 6 years with a 3 year mid-term.

Budget Update

Jeff Olivera

- Next years projected shortfall is over 77 million.
- Items already approved to help overcome budget shortfall
 - Implement food service program changes
 - Expand/Extend high school lunch periods
 - Expand breakfast program
 - Minimum Days (revise program to give adequate time for lunch)
- Other items on a “blue list” still need to be voted on. Teachers and staff have had input.
- Block funding will be implemented with formula funding for important staff. This insures each school has the staffing that they need to run smoothly.
- Budget survey available online—each school to eblast survey.
- Class Size Increase is recommended but still being negotiated.

Finance:

Teresa Drew

- Online donations accepted in order to fund web sites.
Pointlomaclusterschools.com (ICT Communication)
 1. Silvergate parent upset by new Silvergate website that is not connected to cluster.
 2. Hopefully the PLCS can help fund next year so that all schools will feel comfortable with Educational Networks unified websites.
 3. Formula based funding will be affecting tech-support that is necessary (Jeff Olivera).
 4. In order to advocate for the new budget to allow for tech-support we must go to the board, advocate through SIOs, principals as a cluster and as the PLCS.
 5. Not having a tech-support person may ultimately cost schools money due to hardware, software problems.
 6. Tech support purpose: To make sure the technology is being used for educational purposes in the best ways for students
 7. Formula based funding vs. foundation funding. Foundations will be able to pay for additional support rather than district staff positions.
 8. Polly will attend the Silvergate FSG meeting this Wednesday to advocate for the PLCS & websites.
 9. Diane Ryan reported that the district is looking to propose a uniform website for the district. Her recommendation is that PLCS get involved in the decision making process for the website decision.

Learning Communities: Christy Scadden

1. Parent meeting at Barnard and next scheduled meeting with parent leaders will be April at OB. Shelli will send out an email with date and time.
 - a. what we've accomplished
 - b. what is in progress
 - c. what we need to do
2. GATE meeting in late spring.

3. Special Ed.: April 1. @ Dana. Special Ed Presentation of services provided at each school. Short presentations by each school's site reps
4. ELL: district staff willing to help on the team and still looking to have outreach meetings, but needing leadership

Learning environment: Marvin Estrin

- see report under learning communities

Marketing: Vicki Moats

1. April 28 Optimist Club presentation.
2. Finalizing brochure for PLCS

Go Green: Polly Traylor

- Need chair for Go green Earth Day event. Polly working with Kerry and ?? from Silvergate to coordinate efforts.
- One idea is to read themed books to the schools.
- Linda Pendleton brought up whether the district mandates a paper recycling program.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Kite Festival at OB 3/7
- Correia parent tour and orientation 3/13 1:30-3:00
- Correia - 3/5 Pastry's with Patty Ladd, 9:00, library
- PLHS info night & Correia association meeting 3/4, 6-8:30
- Parent tour at Dana, 3/5, 3:30-4:30

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.