

PLCS Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2009

1. Innovative Multimedia LA Curriculum

- Polly reported: Polly Traylor and Julie Cramer attended a meeting by Scholastic: Innovative Multimedia LA curriculum.
- Geared for 6-12 graders.
- Curriculum: Expert 21. Lessons are in Workshop formats. Uses Multimedia format. Multitier reading levels. Linked to career development. Workshops expose to career knowledge. Inquiry based. Several district reps also attended the meeting. SIOs and Carol Barry & Nellie Meyer have discussed this program as pilot at PLHS this summer. Not for sure...but probable. If successful...push into Correia and Dana.

2. .5 Principal Polly Traylor

- Confusion regarding the .5 principal issue. The issue is resolved and principals are restored to all schools. For sure it is restored to all magnets schools. Eddie Park indicated that it is at all schools. The bus transportation at magnet schools also restored.

3. Mandarin Chinese Program at Barnard Edward Park (Principal at Barnard)

- 1st year in SD. 14 years in LA Unified. 1st experience in elementary school.
- Came to Barnard specifically for Mandarin program.
- Implemented Korean in LA. Very enthusiastic for Mandarin program.
- 168 students at beginning of year at Barnard.
- Marketing plan: Contact Chinese community leader in SD. Families with Children from China (mainly adopted children). Informed the Asian and Chinese community. Chinese community has taken up advocacy and promotion for Barnard. Korean community radio and news has advertised to 50,000 San Diegan Korean populations. Big marketing push. Language awareness is a priority for the school. Enrollment 250 confirmed for next year – 09/10.
- Typical day: 45 minutes foreign language: mandarin.
- 5th grade added next year. 6th the following. The rationale is that the students will gain proficiency and continue to the language support.
- Partner signing agreement with SDSU, Confucius Institute supports teacher training in Chinese. Working on proposal to get all teachers to visit china next year. Culminating trip next year for 5th grades: go to china all expenses paid. Sister schools in China. Han Ban Organization partnership with Barnard.
- Assessment: haven't had a model in terms of assessment,. World language group from district is coming in to assess the program. This year is basically the implementation process. Kindergartners are progressing very quickly. Looking into an immersion program. Each child uses a mios (device). Next year 3-5th grades will have Lenovo laptop. Has all networking and processing capabilities. Goal: students will be globally ahead in all areas, particularly technology.
- Official curriculum map provided to SDUSD.

- “Passport through China” carnival coming up May 16, Saturday. 11-4 p.m. at Barnard. May is the Asian Pacific month. Panda Express coming in to do the food. Booths that emphasize the theme of the school. Japanese drumming. Korean fan dancers and drummers. Korean Martial arts demonstrations. Add to cluster eblast.

Tours every Wednesday at around 8:30. Personal tours. Campus can support about 300 students.

Next Year: Polly Traylor reports:

4. Christy Scadden will be next year’s president of PLCSF. We need to have the president of PTA/Foundations on the board of directors as reps from their school. In addition to the staff/teacher rep.
5. Ideas: alternating am/pm meetings. Offer food. Technology collaboration sites for staff and teams. Meetings with purpose. the staff fully involved in their interests and passions. At the principals’ meeting Diane Ryan will discuss collaboration, calendaring, PD, transitions within schools.
6. Polly and Christy will attend the principal’s meeting May 15.

Learning Community Christy Scadden

- Parent Leader meeting: Parent leaders reps will sit on board for the PLCS. Updating and revising the strategic plan to be more abbreviated. How are sites moving toward goals in Strategic plan? Parent leaders will look at the plan to make sure we are relevant and moving towards our goals. Discussion to get all the schools onboard with ednet websites.
7. Dana Textbook Update Barbara Forester:
 - Text books. 5th grade will use old text books. As well as 6th grade. Text books are a one time cost with online access. She is disappointed that we are not getting new text books.
 8. Marvin Estrin: blood drives at high school and local schools were great.
 9. Andrea Justice: eblast for PE teachers. 3 or 4 PE teachers from cluster schools. Silvergate, Jeff McCloud, is going to lead the Positive behavior program. He will contact all the PE teachers and implement a united program. Consistency within the elementary and on to middle schools. Andrea has contacted Play It Safe (self defense program) to organize some cluster wide education for self defense.
 10. ME: Correia: civics pilot program. Marvin will email the information or provide a copy.
 11. Clusterwide gate meeting before the school year ends. Towards the end of May.
 12. May 29th. Guys and Dolls @ Dana. May 29th Romeo & Juliette at Correia.
 13. Mark (Sunset View foundation): Technology night Wednesday, How to use the computer? How to use the computer as an aid to teaching? Two vendors came and spoke to SSV teachers re: online curriculum. Matt will put together a presentation to parents and staff re: how technology is helping in classroom. Intent is knowledge and excite the parents. Realistic expectations so that parents know what is possible and can ask for.