

## **PLCS Executive Board Meeting Minutes June 5, 2009**

### **Principal Meeting**

- Polly and Christy attended the beginning of the meeting.
- David Lorden stayed for more of the meeting where topics covered included the Manderine Chinese middle school program to PB Middle School. David Lorden stood up for the cluster to keep the Manderine magnet program within our cluster.
- Overall tone of meeting with very positive with principals on board to continue with meeting. Plan for 09-10 year for at least 2 meetings per semester with the first one being in the fall.
- Christy spoke to Diane Ryan after meeting. Principals wanted to focus on core subject areas for the next meetings. PLHS brought a person who talked about a special grant
- David Lorden suggests future meetings be workshop based focusing on our strategic plan.

### **Optimists Presentation**

- Polly Traylor, Christy Scadden, Teresa Drew, Vicki Moats presented cluster plan to the Optimists. Well received.
- Seems they want to donate money but have not voted on it yet.

### **Principal Criteria:**

- Build cluster wide criteria for our cluster with characteristics that a principal would need to lead a school in our cluster.
- Hope to get City Schools, SDSU, UCSD etc to buy into plan to lead us forward.
- Beginning of the plan available on google docs.
- Next step to get some feedback from the principal level.

### **Sunset View Principal**

- Hiring soon. First round interviews with SIO teams. SIOs send on to community schools the principals that they “approve.”
- Polly to forward our principal document to Sunset View so they are aware of what we are looking for.

### **Cluster Calendar**

- Dana and Correia’s big events for next school year are posted on the cluster calendar so elementary schools don’t overlap. Please forward to principals so they can plan accordingly.
- All sites to filter calendar items for Vicki.
- Vicki to write up criteria for cluster calendar and email to secretaries and principals.

### **Budget**

- Dismal.
- 4 less SIOs district wide
- Vice Principals being cut from many schools
- Lots of reorganization to cut costs

- Next Tuesday will have a more final budget

### **APEX**

- Dana thinking of getting rid of APEX. Teachers didn't feel like it was good or bad but a lot of work for the teacher. Teacher has to help kids at all lessons in the program and it time consuming and crazy.
- Matt talked with teachers/APEX/Principals
- Teachers don't know how to use the data that the program gives them. They need more training and passion.
- They are in transition. The fact that the test scores are indicating the classes are the same is a great sign since it is new and will get better more.
- Fell apart because of no devices, not enough teacher training, not the right teachers,
- To support the continuation of the program David Lorden can facilitate a meeting with both schools and cluster members to convince teachers to continue. Kids to comment on program.

### **Charter School Idea**

- Discussion: Julie proposition of cluster governance model that board member Richard Barrerra is suggesting.
- Taking PLCS charter may give us the freedom to take our cluster in the direction of our strategic plan with less difficulty

### **Motion:**

- Motion by Teresa Drew to explore taking our cluster charter.
- Second Polly Traylor
- Discussion: Julie proposition of cluster governance model that board member Richard Barrerra is suggesting.
- Friendly amendment by Julie Cramer to also explore San Diego School Districts cluster governance model.
- Both Teresa Drew and Polly Traylor accept this amendment.
- Motion carries.

Subcommittee for instep charter exploration: Matt, Polly, Teresa, Shelli, Julie

CC: Christy

### **Updating Strategic Plan:**

- Plan is three years old and could be revisited and updated.
- Matt Spathas suggests keeping the old plan and continue to do the work we are doing.
- All board members are requested to re-read the strategic plan to refamiliarize with our vision.
- Carol Barry Thank You Party: Polly to get a date from Carol and then pick a place and invite parents, principals etc.

