

**PLCS Executive Board Meeting
November 13, 2009**

Updates

- Scholastic Expert 21: Multimedia package for accelerating Language Arts (mostly 6, 7, 8 or remedial). Uses real world people (adventure photographer etc) that tie into real literature pieces. Gives students a “hook” to get excited about.
- Very positive response by all educators present at presentation.
- Read 180 is the program before Expert 21 and has gotten great reviews too.
- Scholastic wants to pilot this at PLCS. They want feedback and they want it to be successful and have access to teachers and teachers
- Principals/language arts teachers need to review at a high level presentation. Not a sales pitch. Tell us what we need to do. Check powerpoint presentation before use.
- Teachers must have ideas of what would quantify as a success.

Principal’s Meeting

- Special Education: Want to do a presentation for cluster schools
- I21: Want to provide more professional development for all sites but aren’t sure what that training will look like. They are working on it.
- Christy has detailed notes to share

USD Meeting: To discuss open letter that PLCS wrote.

- 30 people were there.
- Dialogue About:
 - Governance
 - New Superintendent
 - Where are we? Looked at the big picture
 - Studies and meetings funded by Rod Dammayer
- Next meeting December 17

Synapse:

- Julie met with a man who invented web software to promote social advocacy. Really interesting. Can vote, assign jobs, collaborate. Exciting. Called Synapse.

Budget:

- Christy talked to Bernie regarding anything new. He said they are now looking at cutting things that are not even on the list.
- If we do our own survey. What should it look like?
 - Should we separate teachers from parents?
 - Should we opine on their proposed cuts or shall we think of our own ideas and present? What is our vision? What is our unified response to the board.

Idea:

Advocate for Cluster governance. Micro district that has control of their own budget.

Reports

Learning Communities:

April Dorman

- Need more communications between groups.
- Seems some people don't like parents having a say in professional development and other learning communities.

Learning Environment

Marvin Estrin

- Looking a different character development plans/anti bullying plans
- Busted a 10 person cell phone stealing ring at PLHS

Point Loma Nazarene Field at Barnard

- Still some concerns. Discussion continues.

ITC

Vicki Moats

- Trained Cabrillo eblasters
- Got a Cabrillo tab on our PLCS site for Cabrillo until district site is up and running.
- Cluster eblast going out soon.
- Schools are asking to post fundraisers on our website. There is no equitable way to post at this time. No posting of individual fundraisers

Fundraisers

Karen Barton

- Many people have ideas.
- Lets gather information and then talk after holidays
- Need to fundraise for infrastructure. (\$10,000)
- Maybe we don't need to fundraise? What is our mission?
- Need to connect with teachers and principals.