

Point Loma Cluster Schools Foundation Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2010

Governance

Julie Cramer

- Discussion about governance with USD Center for Education Policy ad Law.
- Two ideas
 1. New governance structure
 2. Exploring education goals to constitute education reform
- Cluster governance where clusters get control over our budget.

PLHS Environment Club

Axel Cramer

- Started club in order to get recycling started a PLHS
- Done and To Dos:
 - Beach clean-ups
 - Recycling Bins
 - Clean Canteen
 - Reusable bags at lunch
 - Partner with Urban Corp (whole cluster uses them)
- They will be doing assemblies for lower grades
- Biggest club on campus (about 50 members)

Barnard

Polly Traylor

- Teachers from Confucius Institute on Mondays and Fridays from 2:10-3:00 to teach parents Mandarin.
- Mr. Park (Barnard Principal) traveled to China and found both Point Loma Cluster and Barnard got a lot of attention and interest in what we were doing.

Subcommittee Updates

Learning Communities

- GATE LC Meeting January 28 @ 6:30with Katie Peterson. Discussing Depth and Complexity Icons. Great system for shorthand quick thinking. Not all schools do it and can possibly grow. PTA/associations are volunteering to pitch in to fund— let us know if your school would like to help.
- Special Education: Continued and newly defined needs to benefit our cluster:
- Cluster specific professional development based around technology and universal design.
- Cluster specific management to support continuity with articulation training and technology (not the current model)
- RTI (response to intervention): research based intervention to support academic holes in any student learning.

Learning Environment

Marvin Estrin

- Effectiveness of cluster character development programs: All schools implementing and they are working

- Formal traffic safety study for PLHS
- Continuity in text books: books at Prime Time and Public Library so kids don't have to carry all books home.
- Initiation of VAPA SIG: how can we get the creative side of students working more. Grant money used to fund this program.
- "10 to Succeed" program at Point Loma High School

Ken Robinson speaking about creativity in schools. February 18, USD

Fundraising/Marketing

Karen Barton

- Three big ways to fundraise: Sponsorships, grants and major gifts
- First successful sale of an eblast add (Wine Pub)
- Looking for more eblast sponsors. Email Karen Barton
- Fundraising proposals for PLCSF: any suggestions email Karen Barton

Axel Cramer suggests having a benefit concert with Glen Fisher

ITC

Matt Spathas

- 5 year roll out of one to one computer device (mini laptops)
- Prop S money
- ATT wireless
- In conjunction with strategic plan curriculum/training so that they are used correctly in school. (sandi.net/i21)
- Ask Daryl Legates/ Ron Rhodey to talk about the 5 year roll out

Tech Night

Barbara Forester

- Family Tech Night January 7th 6:30
 1. Moodle, parent connect, promethean board etc, science teachers doing demos.
 2. Eblast at each school

Budget Survey

- 414 responses to date
- Please fill out survey if you have not already.
- Will compile results starting this week for board.
- Many good ideas. Interesting responses.
- Suggestions for presenting to the Board: target each member individually. Show them our results and talk to them specifically about.

District Website

- Sunset View is using new district website. Must go to training to have it.
- Not as robust or deep as what we are used to. May not be robust enough for middle or high school. We are waiting to see.

Questions:

Can we use data director to see if we can measure the success of our strategic plan?

Answer: This is a political question. Not everyone is ok with measuring performance with data.

It seems data is being used very specifically at school sites with teachers.

We need to get a cluster strand of this performance data to work with. That would be very powerful data. If someone would be willing to try to compile data about PLC it would be worthwhile.

District Foundation Guidelines:

- Follow district policy for volunteers. Nothing is solid yet.
- Written commitment due by January 31 if any positions will be funded for the following year.

Cluster Wide Reusable Bag

- Several different options
- Paper order form and an online store.
- 300 plus orders. School pays \$13 per bag. Schools set their own price: \$18-\$20
- Cluster or individual schools.