

## **PLCS Meeting Minutes February 1, 2010**

### **Special Reports:**

#### **Military Support in PLC**

**Robin Williamson**

- Navy School liason and Navy spouse.
- We support all military families from all branches.
- Dana launched “Military Kids Unite” Everyone is invited.
- Dewey’s beginning a program soon.
- PLHS went to training in Texas for a student run club on how to welcome all students called “S 2S” (Student to Student). For middle school it is called “J S 2S” (Junior Student to Student).
- Program teaches:
  1. how to welcome students
  2. Taken on tour
  3. Have lunch together.
  4. Check in with a counselor after awhile.
  5. Once a month a group setting with all the new students together.
  6. Revolves around food, fun and facts.
- Hoping the cluster can donate a small amount of money to the schools that are doing the program

### **Committee Updates:**

#### **Learning Communities:**

**Christy Scadden**

- GATE Meeting poorly attended but had good information about learning icons

#### **Learning Environment**

**Marvin Estrin**

- PLHS: Asking traffic engineers to see if we can use prop s funding to make things safer. Need to have more people at the meetings to make the decisions that effect the whole communities future.
  - At least 2 students have been hit at the Chatsworth and Browning Street. Loma Portal and PLHS are both effected.
- High achievers at Correia. A group of instructors came over from Japan to look at how we are achieving. Japan’s education looks much different but still works. Chinese teachers are coming too.
- Barnard is discussing different emersion programs to begin at the school. Parent meeting this Thursday. Possibly funding for kinder and first grade. The intern program at PLHS for the Mandarin program was very successful.
- Corriea doing intramurals. Trying to make the PLHS transition easier.
- Project Schools Making a Difference: program that points to the common things that make a difference. Correia chosen to participate this study.
- PLHS teachers teaching on Saturday, library is open.

#### **Fundraising and Marketing**

**Karen Barton**

- Mathnasium, Wine Pub, Lava Fitness have done Banner Ads
- Banner ads on website \$300
- Eblast add \$250
- District talking about advertising on website. District is defining guidelines.

**ICT** **Vicki Moats**

- Trained Cabrillo parents how to eblast.
- Continue biweekly eblast

**Governance**

Up 'til Now: Began cluster governance conversation when discussing how we can do the best for our kids. We have looked at many governance options but the governance we are talking about now is working as part of the district but having some budget autonomy.

- Looking Ahead: Timely conversation from a budget standpoint and a leadership standpoint.

**John deBeck:** Athletics is a perfect place for the cluster synergy to begin. Keep talking to each other as it may lead to some other things for this cluster.

**Cluster Governance Model:**

Our 2010 budget book says our ten school budget is 36 million dollars (not including district overhead)

We've talked about several different governance models: charter (for Correia due to program improvement), Cluster wide charter, create school district, cluster governance.

**We are ONLY talking about cluster governance now.** Possibly over program, budget etc.

Questions:

What part of the 25 million that may be our part of the district overhead can we use in a more effective way? John deBeck agrees. He also believes we should explore what part of the money is in the district tax base.

Can we get a cluster wide SSC?

Question for John DeBeck. Do you think they will give us control over some of the other monies?

A: No

deBeck continues: Categorical monies are non restricted. Strategy to get our share of the district money we would need to convince all the board members to believe that cluster governance is the way to go for their communities. Equity may be an issue

**Next Steps:**

- Get the facts
- Reach out to Community (multiple meetings in the day and night) Principals and parent president will be dictating these dates.
- Get ideas and feedback on leadership synergy and budget synergy

- Timeline (district timeline for 10-11 budget year)