

PLCS Executive Meeting Minutes February 19, 2010

Attendance: Polly Traylor, Shelli Kurth, Christy Scadden, Teresa Drew, Julie Cramer, Marvin Estrin, Matt Spathas, Karen Barton, April Dorman

Sir Ken Robinson Lecture:

- Great turnout from our cluster at the event. Very inspiring.

Girard Foundation:

- Julie went to a second meeting with Susan Wolking from Girard Foundation concerning funding for a Point Loma Cluster Budget Model. They sound very interested in funding with a very concrete and deliverable outcomes: better use of resources and identifying resources that are not being used. Possibly they could fund capacity training? We need some expertise and training. Girard did help fund High Tech High to help them get out from under the SD Unified Special Ed. Umbrella. We should hire an expert to help guide us.

Governance Model Outreach:

- Meetings have been going well. Most of the questions are about what it would look like. Lots of ideas/questions about technology, bell times.
- It would be better to not have parents leading the meetings. Having a professional speak would be better.
- Possibly have a teacher focus group to make them feel part of the process.

Subcommittee Updates/Planning

Finance:

- \$706.25 in the bank
- About \$700.00 in the online account
- Brochure online at IRS.gov all about a 501C3. we all need to read it.
- Mathnasium will run an add this month

Learning Environment/Learning Communities

- How do we meet each child where they are at? How do we bring GATE and AVID learning strategies in each classroom?
- There is a team leader at each site and GATE certified teachers. Principals may not be needed. Vertical and horizontal teaming to benefit the cluster.
- Visit Cabrillo to see what is going on with the K-2 GATE nurturing program. Maybe on a Thursday Cabrillo host a meeting. Lunch will get more teachers there. Call Mitzi and ask if she can coordinate with Mr. Suarez (Cabrillo principal).
- Science Meeting: Vertical and Horizontal teaming

Fundraising:

- Confirmed Mathnasium as a sponsor for the next three months. (ad commitment one per month at 50% discount or \$125 per ad). Revenue \$375. We are not doing editorial content, which everyone was opposed to. We just have an ad with link back to Mathnasium website.

To Do:

1. Find a professional to work with us and guide us through this process.
2. Vision of how to share the responsibility. We need more teachers involved in the autonomy process.
3. Email principals to be sure a teacher comes to the next meeting.
4. Begin a list on the website of things/position we need (CFO).