

PLCS Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2010

Business Reports

Governance

- **Reach-Outs:**
 1. Christy and Polly have been talking to school staff and parent groups all schools but Barnard, Cabrillo, Ocean Beach, and PLHS. Feedback has not been negative.
 2. La Jolla, Pacific Beach and Tierrasanta clusters have all contacted us to set up similar cluster foundations.

- **Consultant/Specialist**
 1. Looking to Girard Foundation for funding to find specialist to help us go forward with our cluster governance plan. Hope to fund the process with end results.
 2. Ideas: Harry Spence from Harvard works with USD as partners possibly to look at this as a learning community. Have small groups of stakeholders meet and talk.
 3. Larry Rosenstalk at High Tech High is giving principals tours so we can see what they are doing right. La Jolla High has an agreement with the district that let's them avoid tenure and seniority when hiring. These will be controversial subjects that will need specialist guidance.
 4. Committee of three to find outside consultant of Matt Spathas, Julie Cramer and Teresa Drew.

- **Questions/Comments:**
 1. Interested in the savings of special ed money that High Tech has achieved as well as the seniority/tenure with the teachers.
 2. High Tech can manage under "charter" system, so they have other ways of dealing with the district and how to deal with district funding. We can learn something from that.
 3. Making decisions through the district takes a long time to wait. Most of the time nothing happens. Having some control over decision making will be great.
 4. Silvergate parents still want to see how this will benefit their children. They don't see the big picture of Dana and Correia yet so they don't know what's coming. They chose Silvergate because they liked that school and didn't want something "charter" (out of the box).
 5. Remind parents that no one knows what the outcomes will be yet. This is just the conversation. Everyone needs to participate in order for the outcomes to be good for all.
 6. Barnard is just engaging in the emersion conversation and so this will be totally new for the parents there.
 7. Ocean Beach parents get really excited about governance and change.

8. Elementary parents need to be reminded that all kids meet together at Dana, Correia and PLHS and those decisions made for the “cluster” will affect the entire education career.
9. Question about SELPA: Special Education program. San Diego City Schools has their own SELPA. Some school districts outsource to several different SELPAs

- District Meeting

1. Meeting the week of March 20th with district. We have school site numbers but not district. We need a couple of people from our board.
2. Committee to find a new Superintendent. So: all resumes to 15, then: 15 then: to 7, Then: 3 vetted out to public and then board picks 1.
3. Survey to find out what our community wants from a superintendent. Anyone interested in creating talk to email Christy. Maybe partner with a university.
4. Our community seems to like Bill Kowba. He hasn't decided if he will run or not.
5. 3-5 essential topics that are important to us. Patty Ladd would be willing to start a survey.

IDEAS:

1. Site based management/decentralization: more control of budget, area superintendent decisions, community can identify their own needs.
2. Teacher evaluation: 21st century bargaining agreement that supports students. Evaluation metrics. Peer/teacher review.
3. Instructional Leadership: Need a superintendent that can not only run a giant school district, but is willing to put resources into teacher development. Evaluation metrics.
4. Alternative delivery/learning systems for learning (online and other). Education can look different.

Sir Ken Robinson:

- Exciting, inspiring, delightful and funny. Philosophy of every child is born with creativity and what happens when they enter a classroom.
- Talked about the difference in standardization and raising standards.
- Get back to the heart of the business: the student and teacher.
- Will be online soon

Recruiting for next year:

- Need a staff and parent from each school (parent presidents are best)
- Marvin moving to treasurer/CFO
- Karen is leaving the executive board

Need:

Chair of fundraising
 Grants
 Ads
 Chair Marketing
 Public Relations
 Marketing Materials

ICT eblaster

Webmaster

Chair Learning Environment

Traffic safety

Curriculum Articulation

Chair Learning Community

English learner

GATE

Special Education

Updates

- Last general meeting is in May
- PLHS has a meeting next Monday regarding prop s funds. Impact on neighbors and long term impact.
 1. Put changes of construction on PLHS on website. Small group of people are making huge changes to the school (possible vocal minority).
 2. Traffic changes: pop out curb, new traffic light, and more.
 3. We must get this information out before we don't have a chance.