

PLCS Executive Board Meeting Minutes March 12, 2010

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

Updates

Clean Wave

- Point Loma Highs environmental group received a grant to promote their green club.

Governance

Meetings:

- We've talked to every school but PLHS to talk to staff about the possible new governance model
- PLHS has offered to have us come to talk to SSC. We think IGC might be a better choice. Christy to call Bobbi to see which works.

Girard Foundation Grant

- 75% of the Girard Grant is written. It will be turned in on Monday.
- Girard Foundation will call a meeting in April if and when proposal is ready to tell us if we get the grant.

Consultant:

- Matt and Julie looking for a person to guide/help us through the process.

Other Governance Issues:

- 1/3 of our students are not proficient in ELA or Math according to test data.
- Cluster Governance has failed in the past because the district school board doesn't follow through with their promises/ adds bureaucracy instead of takes it away.
- Keep an open mind and don't take any of the other options off of the table.
- Matt to contact James Macias regarding meeting with the district to gather more facts.

Motion by April Dorman: to spend \$500 to develop and complete the proposal to go to the Girard Foundation.

Second: Polly Traylor

Motion Passed

Next steps after meeting with Macias:

- Reconnect with the community.
- Find small things to change/fix for next year to keep momentum. Get principals to begin to reflect on how to share resources. What are the 4 needs.
- Principals meeting on the 23rd. (Patty Ladd helped create a list of important conversations: resource sharing, substitute pool, bid out one small source, IT help.) Survey the staff:

Survey questions to begin with

1. If you could offer any suggestions about ways to be more resourceful and streamlined, what would they be.

2. If you could have more control over something that you feel directly affects learning in your classroom or at your school site, what would it be?
3. What grade level do you teach.
 - Changing area superintendent structure. 6 area sups for 17 clusters. Community meeting end of April.

Superintendent search and staff input on governance:

- Survey points:
1. Centralization v. decentralization of school decisions
 2. Evaluating teachers and use this data for retention—*change this language*
 3. Instructional leadership
 4. On-line learning capability.

Science Meeting on 4/15