

**PLCSF General Meeting
1-3-11**

Introductions

Agenda Approval:

Motion to approve with additions by Teresa Drew

Second by Vicki Moats

Motion Passes

Reports:

School Board Member:

Scott Barnett could not attend but sent these comments to the meeting:

- Consider joint use of facilities and resources
- Give thought and discuss at the February meeting

Area Superintendent Report: Dianna Carberry

Budget:

- The budget changes throughout the year
- 120 million dollar shortfall for next year (at this point)
- School Site Council will be able to “buy” things that they decide they need from unrestricted budgets after the necessities are taken care of. Each school will have a budget to work from schools can make independent decisions (SSC)
- Title 1 funds will play a part in this process, but the details are not flushed out.

Title 1 Changes: School Board has made changes to the way it allots Title 1 Funding to schools. The change will take place over several years, gradually giving only schools with over 70% free and reduced lunch these funds. This change will affect our Title 1 cluster schools including Ocean Beach and Cabrillo, who have made great gains in test scores while using their funds. The board should get some data to support giving more money to poorer schools before they blindly start giving money and taking it away. There should be some accountability with giving the money.

Motion by Matt Spathas: We draft a letter to the school board to seek community input on changes to Title 1.

Second by Patty Ladd

Motion passes

Point Loma Nazarene and Field Use

Point Loma Nazarene needs to find a facility for girl’s softball. Interested in Barnard’s field space. They have until the end of this month to draft a proposal that includes what “joint use” means, what they are exactly looking for etc. They need to find a space or they will lose more men’s sports due to Title 9

Cluster Budgets:

- Is there a chance to share resources (like a nurse)?
- Cluster wide meeting for Principals to discuss possibilities/budget/etc.

Special Ed/Nurse needs:

- Our students need service from Health Aids and/or Nurses. Basic safety can not be compromised by budget cuts. A specific interest group will be formed to problem solve and prepare for these issues.

Lead Principal Report:

Patty Ladd

Students seem to do well in math K-4. Somewhere in the 7-12 grade years there is a breakdown in math skills. PLC is planning some instructional rounds from school to school to look at programs and find where we are breaking down. We have looked at other successful schools to see what they are doing right (visited Lewis Middle School).

Finance:

Balance: \$2583.12

We have received more voluntary checks from schools to help with the eblast.
\$5.09 from escript money.

ITC:

We have a group to outline standards for technology in our cluster that will meet at the end of the month.

Learning Environment:

Science: Teachers trying to develop skill sets for teaching critical thinking. How can we integrate into all subjects and particularly focus on elementary level skills to be ready for middle school science.

Traffic Safety: Met with 6 schools and already submitted changes to city for those 6 schools. Waiting to see what happens with those changes before moving on with the last 4 schools.

Visual and Performing Arts: Our district received an award, "Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network and National School Boards Association Award" for supporting the arts. Only 1 district in our state got it.

Comment: Very concerned for Arts (VAPA specifically) with the budget cuts. Cluster principals should work together to share art programs.

Center for World Music Pilot:

Teresa Drew

Want to do a pilot program with PLCSF. Gathering people from all schools including at least 1 principal on program and scheduling.

School Reports:

Cabrillo received a grant for the visual and performing arts for K-2. In the first year the professional teaches, the second year professionals work with teachers, the third year teacher takes on teaching themselves.

Barnard: On KUSI. Barnard has a sister schools in China. We have a student in China performing on Chinese TV representing the school. 2/5/11 Barnard Chinese New Year for community.

Correia: Trying for another grant for critical world languages to continue the k-12 Mandarin strand

PLHS: Family night for incoming high school students
New building opening up on January 18 (sports medicine and history classes)

Dana: Beginning matriculation tours. Dana is participating in Junior Achievement that culminates to a trip to bus-town.
Visits from renowned educators to see the impact of digital tools (I 21) through the lens of differentiation

Loma Portal: Visited Torrey Pines since they are a couple of years ahead of Loma Portal in data. Learned to figure schedule so teachers have time each week for professional collaboration.

Ocean Beach: Half way through our art residencies. Nominated to be a “Blue Ribbon” school. Only 33 in California.

Old Business:

- Cluster Governance Forum coming 2/2/11
- Please encourage school communities to come.

New Business

Motion by that Marvin Estrin lead Learning Environment and Teresa Drew lead Finance/Treasurer
Second by Dianna Carberry
Motion Passes

Slope Stabilization and Erosion at Correia:

- Processed a purchase order request for an erosion control contractor to go out and make repairs. Permanent solution: district has plans for this in review once the plans are completed they will send the project out to bid.

Blood Drive:

PLCS have an account with San Diego Blood Bank. to Blood from drive will be for students/teachers etc (associated with cluster). Goal to have each school host one drive. See Michelle Huber for details.