

PLCSF General Board Meeting
January 9, 2012

5:35pm Meeting called to order.
Roll call, quorum met.

Student presentation

Ryan Schumacher, PLHS student (Anthony Palmiatta – media teacher)
Video Production, PSA - Texting while driving
--Learning to use 21st century skills, learning in context what we'll be able to use in the future and the media market is growing.
--Sending it out over the eblast!

Financial Report from Marvin –

- DO Insurance – PTO organization has a policy that is promising
- Web reimbursements, what we have so far will be passed to the principals.

Special Reports - Matt

Every Principal has been through High Tech High
Connecting the PL community to High Tech High, to make sure we're synergizing with them; Using technology, and how to support it, teach it.
They know their students really well and what they need to know. Collaboration between teachers; using benchmarks; showing some great progress and growth.
We want to create a community learning environment where we can share ideas.

Schools sharing data (**Principal's report**): to inspire greater community learning and engagement
Metrics, so we know how our schools are doing – this means something different to everyone.
Common theme; how can we work together to make progress?
Have schools define how we're doing as a cluster.

Bobbie, PLHS

Algebra is an issue, but we're working on. Our goal is to prepare students for their core college classes and for careers. Auto shop, health science, etc.

There is data to show that we are making improvements in this area.

Snap-shot of attendance for PLHS. Over the course of the school year, attendance drops off and plateaus for the 6-10th months.

Being in the right classes. UC A-G Eligible increasing the requirements in high school so they are more in-line with the UC/CSU criteria

Algebra is a focus. World language will also be a focus, 3 years recommended.

All incoming freshmen next year will have the new requirements.

Good GPA's

Needs to be above 2.67 – requirements for graduation/acceptance to UC/CSU schools.

Incentives for good GPA – extended lunch periods, for example.

AP Courses – if they take at least one AP course, they'll adjust better in a college setting.

PLHS has seen an increase in trends in AP courses, passing, # of students, # of exams (# of exams during 2010 may have been influenced by the fact that students didn't have to pay for the exams)

AP accelerates your GPA and also gives you college credit (you enter as a sophomore instead of a freshman) [generally more so if your child gets a 4 or 5.

SAT participation is over 65%. Scores are rising.

(Matt side note: you have to pay to take the exam and to take any prep classes. What about a program within our cluster that would ensure that every student would be able to take the SATs. There is an equity divide)

Reading is over 517, writing is over 500 and math is over 516.

What else matters to colleges? Community service, leadership, and pursuing passion.

Matt: It is a hope of the cluster that each school is given the chance to do this.

Glenda Gerde (Loma Portal) - Met with Officer Tony Gonzalez, there is an upswing of vandalism
Car broken into in the Correia parking lot, truck stolen across from Loma Portal, Silver Gate, a car was broken into as well last Wednesday night.

KUSI came out and filmed the pajama day at Loma Portal, raised money for the new music teacher. They were on the news and raised a lot of money.

Diane Ryan (Dana) – ASB organized a canned food drive, and the teddy bear drive with the district police services. Collected more than a half a ton of food, which means 869 meals for families in need. Teddy bear drive for Rady Children's hospital. Dana collected 281 teddy bears. The spirit of thinking of others and putting them first was great for our kids.

Teachers are organizing a cluster-wide (March 1) tech professional development.

Free showing in the Jackson Theater of the American Teacher Documentary, on Jan. 26th. An interesting perspective on the life of teachers.

Jackie McCabe (Sunset View) – Kids First Foundation had a good meeting.

Rummage Sale on Sat. the 21st 9am, there is a lot of stuff that will be out there, so come and check it out. Fundraising is in full swing.

ACTION ITEM: About what amounts do the school's foundations raise each year.
\$250,000 at Sunset View;

Comment: What about a PLCS Foundation that raises money for any PL schools that may need the help?

Matt: The opportunity is there to have that conversation; yet we may find that we just present ourselves as competition to the individual schools for fundraising.

Arielle: Maybe putting out to the community that there are three top priorities that need to be funded, like SAT exams,
Community wide 5K, Lomapalooza benefit

Matt: Good conversation, good timing, Arielle, Matt and

Scott Barnett:

Budget was released last week, it calls for stable funding for education, the same funding this year as last IF a tax increase passes this Nov. if it doesn't pass \$4+ billion will be cut. What it looks like for us, due to increases in cost, next year we're looking at a short fall of \$75 million. Primarily the BOE looked at reductions of \$90mil, because the short fall may hit \$150mil next year due to increases in costs.

The preliminary budget calls for only what we have control over (layoffs) 1,300 layoffs are estimated for next year. 800 of those are teachers. About 300 of those teaching positions are due to enrollment drops. The other ways to deal with the short falls are some sort of concessions, which the BOE can't control – based on negotiations; and the tax increase - based on voters.

Between the negotiations that are options there could be a savings of \$50mil. Even though, there will still be about 300 teachers laid off.

Pay cuts are still an option for negotiation with the teachers unions. **Barnett doesn't really think that there will be any concessions.

There are also one-time income opportunities in real estate sales.

**Sale of Barnard's vacant lot will be discussed at tomorrow's BOE meeting in the closed session.

Barnett is against the sale of any properties.

****ACTION ITEM – Cluster:** Weigh in on selling PLCS assets for one-time sale of properties – Mission Bay Elem. Barnard's empty lot, etc.

Barnett wants the best returns for our district, we can do a lot better with utilizing some of the real estate brains in our community and coming up with a good idea on how best to use the land and/or get the property leased, etc.

Question: What can we do as a community? Is there anything we can do?

Comments:

Should we localize school funding and no longer depend on Sacramento for the budgeting? We can help shape that conversation if we come up with some ideas that would be good examples.

Can we as a community come up with ideas that would be compelling enough to get the people in our community to agree to a parcel tax?

Parcel tax is a local tax that would benefit the schools.

Prop 98

Sales tax and high-income taxes are being discussed.

Matt's question – Is it easy to see what's working in our schools or what's not working? What's making our schools work and what's not?

It's going to be choppy for a while.

7:05pm Meeting adjourned