

PLCSF General Board Meeting
2/13/12

4:35pm Meeting called to order

Matt: Welcome, time changes, getting back on track. With all that's going on in the District, we want to help shape the conversation on budget and changes

Motion to approve the agenda made by **Angela Gilletto, Ocean Beach**

Seconded by **Matt Spathas, PLHS**

Agenda approved.

Gil Gutierrez, area superintendent:

Introducing a Strategic Process the district is currently developing. (Only a couple of us in attendance had heard about this process).

- Based on the question: How would a community member know whether their neighborhood had a quality school? And, What are the essential elements of a quality school?
- 12 indicators of a quality school – *see handout* +what are the components of those indicators?
- The district is getting feedback from parents, teachers, principals, in each of these 12 areas.
- See page 2, as an example – boxes are the recommend components of this particular indicators.
- The collection of responses is on-going.
- This document will be fine-tuned and will eventually be used as a measurement to inform decisions on certain aspects of the functionality of the district.
- Gil notes that we are doing this as a cluster having each of the schools report out on how things work at each of the school sites.
- If we would like more detail on this, or would like to advise further on these “Strategies”, we just need to let Matt know and Gil can come out and discuss it with us as a whole or smaller group.

**They aren't looking for feedback from each and every parent, teacher, employee, in the district, but a general consensus would be appreciated.

The school board wants this, this is one of the top two priorities of our Superintendent Bill Kowba.

The Panasonic Group is helping the BOE with this project.

Marti: How binding is this? Sometimes we hear good ideas, but they don't really amount to anything.

Matt: How will this be implemented? There are still some things to sort out, because not everything on this list is doable for every site.

Nicole: [Mentioning] Changing the start times for some of the elementary schools.

Gil: These decisions are usually made in May and are money driven.

iHigh Virtual Academy, Special Presentation:

Patty MacIntyre, Principal

See Handouts and Powerpoint

There are about 200 students at Pt. Loma High School that are currently taking online courses as an alternative to some classes.

There is a special password available so board members can see what classes are available. The site is set up similar what students have available to them.

Apex Learning Preview: <http://apexdemo.apexvs.com> Username: ctvstudent -- February Password: wonderland →Click on course title.

Schools Report:

Sandy McClure, Silver Gate principal

9th year as SG principal

“Elementary years are the years that we fortify our children in their love of school.”

SG has tremendous parent involvement, which we are fortunate to have.

80% of students are proficient and advanced in language arts.

Goals are created after an initial assessment and then assessed at the end of the school year. Teachers make their goals and look to the end of the year to see where they hope their kids end up.

It’s important to note that the children’s scores go up as they go up in grades.

Video.

“Fortifying a child with love and appreciation for school.” It’s not all about data, but we do have to make sure our students are prepared for the world.

How much money they raise? Operating budget for the Friends of Silver Gate is about \$150,000

“Give us your Time, Talent, or Money.”

<http://www.sandi.net/silvergata>

Nestor Suarez, Cabrillo principal

After the potential closing of Cabrillo last fall, we really had to start asking ourselves some difficult questions.

We realized what we have at Cabrillo is a set of principles that we really haven’t shown anyone.

We embarked on a big communications process that allowed us to be on the right track as far as making the school easily accessible to parents, students and potential Cabrillo families.

Parents want to know what programs will advance their children’s learning/knowledge and what technology they can be exposed to.

GATE programs are done in conjunction with SDSU as a research model.

Gate nurturing starts in Kindergarten, using iPads, internet and other resources. Writing and reading VAPA

ST Math www.mindresearch.net Jiji. enVision math is the primary, ST Math is in addition to the normal math curriculum

Math will grow by 50% in the next year just by virtue of implementing the program.

All of the teachers at Cabrillo are certified in GATE; Cabrillo is also the lab site for the district. Language and enrichment provided in German; there are 15 students from UCSD who come to tutor students.

Our current student population is 205, but the projection is still only at 117 for next year. We are hoping for an increase, our growth plan is to have at least another 100 students.

We are moving towards a goal of where we want to be.

Marvin Estrin, Treasurer

Still working on getting directors and officer's insurance, and liability coverage. So far the cost doesn't justify the coverage.

Tax returns (as we are a non-profit) were filed today.

Melinda Albright – [to all of the principals] How did your x-factor look and the overall budget?

Dana – Diane Ryan

6 graders all took their benchmarks online, new and cool, beneficial.

Finished all of our matriculation tours. Thank you to all of the feeder schools.

On behalf of all of the principals in the room, Happy Valentine's Day, we will be spending Valentine's Day in the classrooms at PLHS and Correia.

Our X-factor was greater this year than last; though we lost some of our Title I money. We have to excess 4 teachers next year, down to 26 teachers. Average class size of 38.

Dewey - Tanya Belsan

Military liaison and working with military families

USC school social work program with a military emphasis

Met with Dr. Jill Biden about how to support military families in the school environment.

OB – Margaret Johnson

Ocean Beach's "OB Green Gold" initiative was featured on KUSI News last Friday.

Our X-factor is higher this year than last, though we lost about \$9,000 in Title I money.

Our enrollment has increased to the highest number to date, 437, and we are projected to have 448 next year.

Sunset View – Jackie McCabe

Scott Barnett was at the school on Friday

Budget, we're subject to lose about 5 teachers, though we are hoping that things change. This will be a hit to some teachers who've been there for 13 years.

We will just have to adjust. We are dabbling with STEM at the school right now, we aren't a STEM school, we are just looking at how to expand it at our school.

Loma Portal – First Grade Teacher (?)

Losing three teachers, anticipating going to 30-31 students per classroom

Guest author, Chris Henkis at our school.

Barnard – Lilly Higman

Great Chinese New Year celebration, featured on Fox, Channel 7 and 9 as well as in the UT.
Our Saturday the 4th event was the community event with a carnival and auction.
County of Ed. superintendent's celebration in Chula Vista at a Spanish immersion school with 47
1,000 kids came to visit from our sister school in China
A lot of interest in the school at the magnet fair.
Title I funding is about \$20,000 less.
Barnard is still on the excess list for the district, specifically the small bit of land that isn't

Correia – Interim Principal Beverly Fitzpatrick

Status Quo, added chess club and a discussion club. The navy is coming in
Confucius Institute guaranteed another teacher for next year as long as there is a host.
X-factor, we lost a few thousand, lost quite a bit in Title I. We are able to keep all that we have now.
Our biggest loss is the teachers. Projected enrollment is 100 students less than this year. Projected to
lose 8 teachers. We will make the best of the worst situation.

PLHS – Marvin Estrin

Good - VAPA strand is great! By the time the elem students get to high school it should be ready.
Bad – Budget. It'll be a loss of 13 teachers at the high school next year.

Robin Williamson, Navy Liaison

Stellar support to the military
Thanks to Diane Ryan, organized transportation for a military excursion
Introduced Barbara Regan, Navy EFMP

Matt: Last year the X-factor was fixed. This year they changed it. It now has much more to do with
other funding.

Diane Ryan, E-blast policy – Hoping that every school has sent out an eblast to our school community.
Cluster-wide policy is that any information pushed out to the community
Contact Chris Spathas if there is any information we want something sent out.

Kelly Touhill, Marketing Committee

Are we interested in doing some fundraising as a cluster? If we can produce something tangible and
rewarding that all of our schools have the ability to benefit from...
Applying for the money like a grant, for specific things, i.e. a portable sink for a science teacher, \$2,000
for a reading program.
What about allowing stakeholders to make a general tax-deductible donation.

Matt: Let's keep that conversation going. This board will need to make a decision as to whether or not we want to get more involved in fundraising.