

PLCSF General Board Meeting
Correia Library, 4:30pm

Meeting called to order at 4:30pm
Roll call via Sign in Sheet

Scott Barnett (Board Member, sub-district 6) and Gilbert Gutierrez (Area Superintendent) will be absent from today's meeting.

1. Vision 2020 Forums – what schools do we want? From Superintendent Cindy Marten's email to Cluster Chairs:

Hello Cluster and Parent Leaders –

The Board of Education and Superintendent Cindy Marten invite all stakeholders to a series of neighborhood meetings to Dream Big together for the future of our schools. We are committed to having clear, long-term priorities based on our Vision 2020. We believe that when our priorities are inspired and informed by our parents, students, and teachers, we will have important information for long-range planning with students at the center. These forums will yield a clear and collective sense of our district-wide long-term priorities.

The "Vision 2020 Forums: What Kinds of Schools Do We Want" series offer parents, staff, students, and community members an opportunity to give input to the superintendent and the board members on priorities for our students and schools. Participation by cluster and parent leaders is vital to the success of these discussions and our Vision 2020. Please mark your calendars for the meeting being held in your Sub-district and share this information with the others in your clusters, committees and community. Your assistance in helping to get the word out is greatly appreciated.

Sub-District C, Trustee Scott Barnett ([See list of schools](#))

Monday, Feb. 24, 7-9 p.m.
Mission Bay High School
[2475 Grand Ave. \(92109\)](#)

Laura is encouraging everyone to attend.

RSVP [here](#).

Laura asked if there is any input regarding the topic of Quality Schools in Every Neighborhood.

Melinda Albright asked whether or not the Cluster wants to make the entire Point a "Quality Neighborhood" so anyone on the Point can choose to attend any of the PL schools.

Christy Scadden: That's really going against what the District is trying to do.

Sandy McClure: The CHOICE option isn't going anywhere. If my school didn't have Choice students, the enrollment would be around half of what it is now.

Marvin: I'm of the opinion that we advocate for Choice at the early grades (elementary), because the kids then all matriculate to the same middle schools. It's easier when kids come in at the beginning of the education experience than joining in the middle.

Christy mentioned the idea of a K-12 alignment. Shared experiences. Do we want our K-4 experiences to be similar, so when the kids get to 5th grade, they're all on the same page?

Suzy: The whole idea of the Quality Neighborhood school is to focus on the K-12 alignment and making the Clusters all that they can be and supportive, etc. It's something this Cluster is doing already and can be shared across the District.

Marvin: Is this anything to do with the series of Town Forums on quality instruction that they did back in 2010.

Tanya: Yes, that was about the 12 Indicators of a Quality School. It was embraced

Marvin has a list of the things the Cluster came up with when those Forums occurred and he can pass those along to Laura to share with the Cluster.

**Feel free to add ideas

Scott Irwin suggested that we note that those comments are three years old, and that we've added to those suggestions since then.

Jonathan McDade also suggested that we also see this as a way to prioritize the needs of our community. It's really reprioritizing these indicators. He is on this committee as an Administrator and will be helpful in the discussion as it progresses.

ACTION ITEM: Put the date on your calendar. February 24th 7-9pm Mission Bay HS

2. Kerry DeRosier – Choir Program in Point Loma

- Very involved in the instrumental program here in PL. She offered to help at PLHS with a Choir.
- Successful program at PLHS
- Building a program at Dana with Reuben Flores. Co-teaching a class, beginning Jan. 20th, early morning class (8:00am)
- Already have 35 kids in the class
- Correia had a meeting and 30+ kids were there.
- Ultimate goal is to have Choir back as an elective. With the support of all the principals in the Cluster, it is back on the curriculum card.
- 11 students in the PLHS program are seniors, looking for more kids.
- They are paying an accompanist from funds donated from a sympathetic patron as well as funding from the instrumental program.
- Kerry is hopeful to pay for some additional choir teachers.
- Dana is covered.
- To help fund the program, go to <http://www.correiamusic.com/>

3. Christy Scadden – Special Education Learning Community

- First meeting was held, though the turn-out wasn't what it could have been because of
- Because of confidentiality, we cannot go directly to parents, but Principals can approach parents of students with IEPs and give them the information.
- The information was on the Cluster eblast – Scott suggested that it be put on the website.
- The pamphlet provided at the meeting should be passed along to the

4. Principal Updates:

Recap of the Common Core Math Night:

- First night (Dec) had about 50 parents, more than 200 at the January meeting
- This conversation focused on K-8 (or 3rd-8th).
- The idea has circulated about having an 8th – 12th focused conversation
- The District is still formulating the curriculum for high school math.
- This is the gap year where the students aren't being tested in STAR or Smarter Balanced, and it's important for us to remember that there is always a gap when school systems
- Feedback
 - Parents were excited to get the general picture view, but they are also concerned about what will be happening to their kids
- **NEXT EVENT – February 20th at 6pm**
 - Internet Safety, Digital Literacy Presented by by Darlene Kanzler
 - Flyer [here](#).
 - Issues will be discussed regarding what middle school students are having currently.
 - This is a broad conversation with some content that may not be appropriate for younger children.

**Sidenote: The location of this place, as well as childcare and translation services are not free services.

Gil Gutierrez paid for the childcare for the last two events out of the Area Sup funds

Michelle Huber mentioned that the Cluster has discussed having a Dining Night for the Foundation. Oggi's has offered to do a dining night for the cluster. Michelle will be talking with her contact about putting that together.

Laura reminded Board Members that: Our responsibility is to take this information back to the schools and to spread the word.

Scott mentioned that there are parents who have asked for resources, etc. so the Principals are talking about putting together a website as a clearinghouse for parents, like a "Cliff's Notes" for Common Core. It's a large undertaking. They are putting it together and it should launch in March.

5. PLHS Update – Hans Becker

- Starting the Master Schedule process, this is the earliest that it's ever been done. It's being aligned to Correia, Dana and the high school.
- Counselors are coming to Correia next week. New families have already visited.
- Pt. Loma HS will have another modernization meeting the week of Feb 27th
- Beautification projects on campus
- Principals met today at the District to discuss the Common Core roll-out, and close reading
- [WASC](#) process for accreditation involves all stakeholders for the high school. It involves the future plans for the school
- PLHS is in its 4th year of Program Improvement – Quality Instruction/Teaching, and Bridging the Achievement Gap
- Public Relations:
 - Why would you want to send your child to PLHS
 - Through the lens of a parent
 - Getting information ready to put on the website, for parent feedback
 - Information will come out in the eblast when its ready

Laura is encouraging Hans, Jonathan and Scott to share what they are up to in regards to the Master Plan, curriculum, working backwards from the HS, etc. so it can be shared.

Marvin mentioned a focus group for the information.

6. DAC Attendance – Suzy Reid

- DAC is the District Advisory Council for Compensatory Education
- Encouraging all SSCs to send a rep
- The by-laws have changed to allow any SSC rep to be a DAC representative and having a vote.
- Information is being shared at DAC meetings

7. Fundraising

DonorNation – Melisa Torres

- See handouts
- Aztec tickets, Vegas stay, La Jolla Playhouse tickets, Coachella tickets all available.
- 24/7, 365 days of fundraising
- Funds can be donated to any school of your choice.
- Services and goods are offered
- Minimum donation is 10%
- Can be set up to donate to Point Loma Cluster Foundation
- Awards for Volunteer of the Year, nominate a volunteer, give a compelling argument as to why your volunteer should be chosen.
 - \$5,000 award

- Pop-up performance from La Jolla Playhouse
- Year of free groceries from Sprouts
- Children’s Museum visit
- Incentive to Principals for getting their nomination in before the long weekend.

Take-aways from the Executive Board meeting regarding Fundraising:

- Are we competing against ourselves when we are fundraising at individual sites
- Jonathan had success in his last cluster
- Built around supporting a primary focus around STEM, funding those programs specifically
- Schools negotiated and worked together to raise funds in the community for all of the schools.
- Laura noted that we don’t have the same vision, but we have no start up dollars.
- We do have strong foundations and boosters at the various schools around the Cluster, but not at all of the schools.
- Laura and the Executive Board are suggesting a small fundraising event at the end of the year.
 - Taste of...PL Cluster Schools
 - Simple, ticket sales \$20, baskets donated from the schools, restaurants, etc.
- Something we can build on, but it would allow us to do some building.

Christy’s suggestion: speak to something specific – which would allow people to have a cause to back/fund, etc.

- Laura is shooting for May
 - Think about what we want our Cluster to support, what do we want to fund?
 - Jonathan mentioned a Principal with a rock band, who may be able to play.
 - Idea – get a table at any one of the various events already happening around Pt. Loma to promote the Cluster.

Selina Brollini - *Community Health Promotion Specialist, County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency* introduced herself and suggested that the Cluster get a table at a local event, such as the Chili Cook-off (OB Street Fair) or other Pt. Loma event. This way the Cluster can get the word out on upcoming events, etc.

Scott suggested that we turn to our school community to see what resources we have: parents who own stores, restaurants, etc.

8. Traffic and Safety – Michelle Huber

- Changes on Canon St. for traffic calming
 - John Ly (from Kevin Faulconer’s office) is helping facilitate these projects
- All the ADA ramps are in at Loma Portal
- Priorities are the HS and OB crosswalk
- Accessibility is a huge priority

9. Old business/New business

Library News from Point Loma/Hervey Branch

- Tax help
- Teen Tech Workshop – Feb 20th at 2pm @ the Point Loma Branch (located on Voltaire)

Hungry Dog Dash at PLHS

Michelle: Running Club participation is high in the elementary schools, but not in the middle schools.

- Middle schools can have cross-country teams, set up for competition
- Michelle has information on programs that exist for middle schools
- Increase the flow in physical education
- 7th period PE that could work with Dana and Correia, so the runners can keep running. Prepares kids for high school sports, etc.
- Scott lamented that it's typically all in who you can get to own it

Suzy: OB & Peninsula Planning Board elections March 11th. Check the websites for details.

<http://oceanbeachplanning.org/>

<http://pcpb.net/>

Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm