

**PLCSF Exec Meeting**  
**Dana Middle**  
**May 27, 2014**

*In attendance: Laura, Ian, Tanya, Marvin, Scott, Suzy*

***Old business:***

**Marvin:** Science and [software] coding for students; classes, etc.  
No follow-up from interested parties.

***Agenda Planning:***

*Introduce Dana's new VP*

Out of 45 applicants, narrowed to 13, 4 were brought to the panel and one was selected.

*Introduction of Interim Area Superintendent, and a thank you to Gil*

**Marvin:** How could the cluster have influence on who becomes Area Sup?

**Scott:** Talk to Cindy

**Tanya:** It would also affect Serra cluster and Scripps Ranch cluster

**Suzy:** How do we get someone on the selection panel? (if there is a panel)

We don't know what the process is.

What is the job description?

What are we as a cluster looking forward to in an Area Sup.

*Fundraising update*

**Laura:** \$240 raised from our eblast plea

**Tanya:** What does that say about our cluster if we aren't able to get volunteers for events, volunteers for the positions, etc.?

**Laura:** Would we have all of the cluster PD or the various cluster events if we didn't have the 501c3?

**Scott:** I don't think whether or not we have insurance or a P.O. Box made any difference in our cluster PD or the Common Core events we put on.

**Ian:** I enjoyed that the cluster has been pushing the Common Core, and having the math night. Teachers would be facing this battle no matter what, and it's nice to know that we have the support of the cluster. We're working on math level 3 right now (Junior level); more Integrated Math.

**Marvin:** Common Core was a catalyst for the cluster to get behind a cluster-wide Professional Development (PD)

**Scott:** The Cluster had an influence in putting the new Principals in place in the schools they are in and I think in that way the Cluster had an influence on what is being done by those Principals now.

**Laura:** Point of clarification, do we need insurance to maintain our 501c3?

**Marvin:** It is the strong recommendation of our insurance company. It would protect any decisions that are made by our board.

**Tanya:** I am not concerned about being insured. We can get insurance for

**Laura:** We have roughly \$400 in our account.

**Scott:** I think our answer to whether or not we want insurance will come down to whether or not we can afford it. If we NEED insurance to be a 501c3, then it sounds like that makes our decision as well.

**Marvin:** \$240 from the appeal, \$80 for advertising, \$120 for ads -- we have \$1100 in the bank right now. \$64 for PO Box for 6 mos.

Insurance

Eblast

We are about \$300 away from funding everything – that’s when we are including the \$900 that the cluster schools will contribute for Constant Contact.

**Scott:** Constant Contact is a worthwhile cost, but supporting insurance is another thing.

**Tanya:** Principals will not support using individual site Foundation money for insurance

**Scott:** Area Sups believe it is not advisable to use district funds to maintain a non-profit.

**Suzy:** That is something that was mentioned at the last board meeting, but it was quickly dismissed. I don’t think anyone would agree with that.

**Ian:** Is insurance a requirement?

**Marvin:** We’ve only had insurance for the last two years. We were out of compliance with our bylaws

**Scott:** Why not [have] one of us (myself or Tanya) call up legal and find out whether or not we need insurance?

**Tanya:** I am willing to do that and I can contact a lawyer friend.

*Laura will announce the President/Exec Board slate*

She will also ask if there is anyone who wants to throw their hat in the ring for:

- VP/eblast
- Eblast

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Teacher Rep

**Ian:** \*Something to remember – The high school represents 1/3 of the student body in the cluster. If opinions are being expressed or decision is made that affects the cluster, then the representation should be reflected.

**Marvin:** We didn't have delegates from the high school this year.

**Tanya:** We really respect and appreciate the high school perspective, especially yours Ian.

**Suzy:** I am really encouraging us to mention at the next board meeting that we need to express to members that in order for the Cluster Foundation to work, we need a solid membership.

**Laura:** It's different from an administrator's perspective and from a teacher's perspective.

**Scott:** We need to make sure people want to be there, make it worth their time. I believe in vertical alignment, so I'll be there all the time.

What is good for the Cluster? What is good for kids?

**Scott:** Most people get involved because they want to support the work that they're doing. To get more people to buy-in, we need to continue doing the things that we are doing. Implementing change and supporting instruction.

*A run down of the things we've done as a cluster this year:*

Common Core Math Nights  
Internet Safety  
Special Ed. group

*What should we do as a Foundation for next year? How do the board members see us moving forward?*

*Additional business:*

**Suzy:** Melisa Torres from DonorNation contacted me to see if they can get on the agenda for this month. The Executive Board moves to table a DonorNation visit until September.

**Marvin:** One more thing to add to the agenda -- School Safety – Transportation and Improvements  
One item for our information:  
Hand-outs at the high school on the street after school – obstructing student traffic and flow  
The high school is putting together a Time, Space and Manner Regulation

**Ian:** I'd like to see the "Engage PL" removed from the website and eblasts, because it is no longer relevant.

**Scott:** Christy Scadden with the Special Ed sub-committee has asked that the schools use the Auto-Dialer to advise people with IEPs of when there is a meeting.

The District's system can no longer be used for that.

We will continue to support the group in our cluster and site eblasts, at meetings, etc.

Meeting adjourned, 5:24pm