

PLCSF Board Meeting
Correia, Room 404
June 2, 2014
4:30pm

Welcome

Roll call via sign-in sheet

New business

Scholastic Chess Program, Excelsior Chess

Mike Hedman

**See fliers for contact information

- Current programs at Sunset View and Dana
- 3rd Saturday of every month the students work as 'chess buddies' for people with traumatic brain injuries (parents, coaches and kids donate their time)
- Working at the Crock Center with the Salvation Army
- Interested in getting programs into more of the local schools here in the cluster

Scott Barnett, absent

Hans Becker, Principal at PLHS - update on the lights at PLHS

- Environmental Impact Report is still delayed

Special Education Work Group Report Out, Christy Scadden

- The group will re-convene
- Vertical articulation process – streamlined for all of the schools, same experience each time
 - Working with the new Area Sup
- Framework, things the parents are looking for
- 2-4 meetings with special topics and speakers
- Build a resource web-page for the families with special needs in the cluster

Recap of the Past Year in the Cluster

- Hired 8 administrators in the cluster in this past year
 - Parents, staff and Principals were involved in this process
 - First cluster to have a joint VP for two cluster schools
- Multiple cluster-wide Professional Development days for all 143 teachers in our cluster
- 4 Parent Ed nights
 - Internet Safety
 - Common Core Math
- Special Ed support group for the families, parents and students in the cluster

What direction would we like to see the Cluster move in next year and beyond?

1. Christy's suggestion – asking the general board members (since so many aren't here today), cluster PTAs/PTOs/Foundations
2. Share feedback with the Executive Board
3. Sandy's suggestion – the Pt Loma track meet was great for the SG kids because they could go and help out as "Future Pointers". It was very positive.
4. Brenna's suggestions – common relay race for the elementary kids, the middle schoolers and high schoolers.
5. Suzy's suggestion – Change the date for the Pt. Loma track meet so it doesn't conflict with Little League
6. Scott – I'm glad we are working to educate our parents and work together as a cluster
7. Marvin – More math nights to work with Common Core
8. Christy – More backwards planning to see what our children's needs
9. Ian - Working on the Home-School Compact that can be a cluster-wide set of documents
 - i. It reflects the work done at Silver Gate and Dana, but there are commonalities in all of them.
10. Tanya - This has been one of the more focused years in the cluster, and I think we weren't pulled in too many directions, less distractions, teachers and principals have benefitted from that.
11. Marvin - The idea of community building for the cluster
 - i. Golf tournament, etc. to bring our schools together
12. Sandy - A community event, Padre game, we can raise funds and raise support for the cluster
 - i. That isn't a lot of organizing, just getting someone to buy a block of tickets.
13. Laura - I think the community building events are something we are working towards, and if it can be a fundraiser, that would be even better.

Laura's message to the Cluster

Ian: I remember the first thing Laura said, "How can we make it an easier transition for our kids going from elementary to middle to high school."

Election for new PLCS President and re-announce positions available

Suzy Reid has stepped up and has nominated herself for President.

Tanya motions to elect Suzy Reid as President for the 2014-15 School Year

Kristin seconds the motion

Motion passes, Suzy Reid is the new President of the Pt. Loma Cluster Schools Foundation

Laura: We are also looking to search for the following positions:

- Vice President/E-blaster
- Secretary
- Treasurer

- 2nd E-blasters
- Teacher Rep for the Executive Board

Principal Report out, Scott and Tanya

- Work principals have been doing around the calendar
 - Agreed upon dates for certain events to make sure that Middle, Junior and High schools aren't overlapping too much, to make it easier
 - New student orientation
 - Jog-a-thon
 - Parent conference weeks
 - Back to school Night
 - Open House
- Professional Development Days – a common day for each month, at all schools in the cluster
 - It may not be a cluster-wide PD that is being offered, but it can take place with that in place.
 - A shared calendar will help the cluster
- Days set aside for events – Oct. 9, Dec 11, March 12, June 11
- June 11th 2015 – Cluster-wide potluck for teachers and staff
- Principals are encouraging the grade levels to work together across the cluster

Laura: Conference dates, would that mean if elementary has half-days one week and Dana has it the next week, would we put them together on the same week?

Scott: It's good to know for the middle schools to know when the elementary schools are having spring parent conferences so there is no event over-lap

Scott: Stephanie Brown, a teacher at PLHS in math and special ed, is the new VP at Dana

Marvin: Stephanie helped with the Program Improvement Y3 study and had some great insights to offer for the high school and will have some good ones for Dana.

New business:

Fundraising –

Peninsula Little League calendars, \$10 bought by parents

Possible fundraising idea

Could print all of the cluster-wide dates

Marvin: How do we reach out into the community as a whole, as little as \$25 will make a difference? Spoke with a couple businesses in the community about partnering and doing a matching donation program

Talked to a bank about funding, will let the board know if it goes anywhere.

Legal: Tanya spoke with them and was told that they are not able to help or answer our questions

Scott: What would happen if we don't have the funds?

Marvin: They would cancel on us, and there is 30 days to reinstate and a fee associated

Matt: You really need insurance to run a 501c3, it's not a good idea not to have it.

My advice would be to decide whether or not you want to be a 501c3

Cluster has a 9,000 person eblast (that is cluster e-blast with all school e-blasts as well)

Approach a contractor, real estate agent and business, for advertising – charge \$1000 for the entire year.

Marvin: Reached out to Barons, matching up to \$500 for donations made via our website.

Christy: I know that no one wants to be on this committee, what if it is an appointed position and its one rep from each school.

Brief discussion on having one rep from each school site on a 'fundraising' committee and starting the year off with a fundraising push.

Public Comment:

Suzy, incoming President comments to the board