

Point Loma Cluster Schools Foundation

Nine Unique Schools - One Unified Cluster

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PL Cluster General Board Meeting Minutes Monday, December 7, 2015

1. Welcome and Introductions - Suzy Reid

Attendance: names of board members present are underlined to the right. Also in attendance at the meeting: Marvin Estrin, past board member; Sarah Brandl, PLHS Guidance Counselor; Mark Harryman (Point Loma Library); Kat Hernandez (Silvergate Parent); Isabel Leyva, Correia Parent; Patty Clark, Area 3 ELST; Brenna Barringer, Correia Vice Principal (VP); Kate Dominique, Correia/Dana VP;

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of Pearl Harbor.

2. Board/Sub-District Update - Dr. Mike McQuary, School Board Trustee, Area C

Meeting tomorrow night will discuss parent involvement. One-time Funding will be available each year for the next 2 years; it won't be allowed to be used for teacher's salary. CA is 46th in the nation for per student funding. Would like to at least be average. Will work with state legislators to try to secure funding. Prop 30 funding source will sunset in a couple of years. Next election cycle should have new options for funding; stay informed.

Dr. Mike also mentioned the initiative taken up by the Board of Education regarding civics education and helping students learn more about civic leadership.

3. LCAP Planning Team Meeting Follow Up & Discussion - Suzy Reid

Discussion topics: A-G requirements (district wide only 51% of the students for 2016 graduating class are currently "on track")

Board of Directors 2015-2016

Point Loma High School

Hans Becker, Principal

Open, Teacher

Open, Parent

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Correia Middle School

Jonathan McDade, Principal

Deane Denzien, Teacher

Karen Coutts, Parent

Tricia Cox, Parent

Dana Middle School

Scott Irwin, Principal

Gisella Giggberger, Teacher

Kaylee Leonard, Parent/Treasurer

Kirstin Rone, Parent

Cabrillo Elementary School

Irene Hightower, Principal

Kelly Touhill, Teacher

Taya Pace-Kitchen, Parent

Open, Parent

Dewey Elementary School

Tanya McMillin, Principal

Ruth Rappaport-Powers, Teacher

Becky DuBois, Parent

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Loma Portal Elementary School

Rebecca Penh, Principal

Reyna Turner, Teacher

Laura Choukri, Parent

Bryan Farmer, Parent

Ocean Beach Elementary School

Marco Drapeau, Principal

Lauren Vacchi, Teacher

Suzy Reid, Parent/President

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Silvergate Elementary School

Maria Vidal-Fowler, Principal

Arielle Sykes, Teacher

Melinda Albright,

Parent/Vice-President

Annette Austin, Parent

Sunset View Elementary School

Jamey Jaramillo, Principal

Tammy Eastley, Teacher

Tracy Morton, Parent

Gavin Ching, Parent

to meet the requirements. PLHS is at 83% on track). Some information isn't apparent when you look at the data (ex. fulfillment of VAPA requirements which are often saved for senior year). Full reports will be posted to PLCSF website.

4. Principal's Report, Scott Irwin & Tanya McMillin

Working on developing common values across schools and calling it "The Pointer Way." Cabrillo Elementary started a project with the book "The Leader in Me" by Stephen Covey (tying in with district goal of building "agency") which is now spreading over to Dana. Principals are working on common goals in Writing Implementation. Elementary school teams across the cluster have met to discuss the writers workshop and how to implement it. Overall consensus is that the kids are responding and writing much more this year. Silvergate, Dewey and Loma Portal are doing a reading pilot which includes 27 other district schools. Partners in Education; Military liaison- Dana and Correia . Student to Student program. Student Support mentors for at risk students. After first of the year, matriculation tours will begin at Dana, Correia and PLHS.

5. Bylaws Sub-committee Update - Karen Coutts, Irene Hightower, Melinda Albright

There will be housekeeping items to vote on at a future meeting: scheduling, notice of meetings (discussion and recommendation to post on the website changes to meeting schedule at least 48 hours prior), check signing requirements, voting quorum requirements (discussion and recommendation around a November decision to establish parent and teacher representatives and thus a quorum). Also discussion on if central office should have voting privileges. Recommendation is to have central office have advisory responsibilities, not voting rights.

6. PL Cluster English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC) - Patty Clark, Area 3 ELST

ELAC trains and educates parents on the school system and how to best support their students. Parent involvement in ELAC has a direct correlation with student success. Dana, Correia and PLHS have a combined ELAC meeting. If any school has 21 or more EL students, they must have an ELAC. Elementary ELAC could also be done across the cluster. Cluster ELAC meeting will be held in January with a translator at PLHS. All parents are invited. Please contact pclark@sandi.net for any questions or comments.

7. OB Christmas Parade Participation -

Dr. Mike McQuary asked if there was a cluster representation in the parade. Several schools have floats or representation (ex. Surf Teams). Schools are not grouped together to represent the cluster. It was suggested that this be a consideration next year.

8. SDSU Parent Leadership Training in 2016 (no cost for two PL Cluster parent reps) - Suzy Reid

There is a scholarship to provide this training for free. It will be conducted over 2 Saturdays late Jan/early Feb and participants will receive a certificate. Please send interested names to Suzy. SSCs may also have funds to send a representative from their schools if there is interest.

9. Proposal to Cancel January 4th meeting - Discussion; Voted and approved.

10. Public Comment

Marvin Estrin notes on 12/26 it's the birthday of Admiral George Dewey, born on 12/26/1837. George Dewey held a special rank of Admiral of the Navy. No other person ever held that rank. Dewey Elementary is named for George Dewey.