

Point Loma Cluster Schools Foundation

Nine Unique Schools - One Unified Cluster

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PL Cluster General Board Meeting Minutes Monday, April 4, 2016

Board of Directors 2015-2016

1. Welcome and Introductions - Suzy Reid
2. Board/Sub-District Update - Dr. Mike McQuary, School Board Trustee, Area C. Not in Attendance.
3. PL Cluster Marketing - Suzy Reid. Be sure that PLCSF meetings are being promoted at each school site. Suggestion from the audience to provide the agenda to schools earlier so schools can promote discussion topics and post.
4. Correia and Dana domain names - Scott Irwin. Cluster school web domain names are currently owned and paid for by past PLCSF member Matt Spathos. Melinda Albright proposed to spend up to \$100 to acquire local school cluster names and Tricia Cox seconded the motion. 20 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. Motion approved.
5. Languages Other Than English (LOTE) Presentation - Mike McVeigh, Office of Language Acquisition. New graduation requirement this year; 2 years of a foreign language is required. There are 6 ways to satisfy this requirement:
 - a. Take courses at high school
 - b. Take independent language at another recognized school
 - c. Take and pass the SAT subject test for the language (equivalent to 3 years of a language)
 - d. Pass AP exam (equivalent to 4 years of language)

Point Loma High School

Hans Becker, Principal
Open, Teacher

Michelle Huber, Parent
Open, Parent

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
Open, Parent

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
Open, Parent

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

- e. LOTE alternative assessment- this year provided at SDSU
- f. A college or university can certify proficiency or transcripts from international schooling

UC/CSU schools recommend 3 years of language. An audience member asked about supporting long-term English learners who may not have strong enough writing skills in their native language. At this time, there is a "Spanish for Spanish Speakers" course only available at the high school level.

6. Principal's Report: Lucy Calkins Reading in the Cluster/Special Ed Transition Meetings - Scott Irwin & Tanya McMillin.
 - a. The principals are continuing their work on alignment in students with special ed. services by holding transition meetings when a student moves from one school to another (elementary to Dana to Correia to HS) to facilitate understanding of the student and their current level and needs, but also to share with families how services at the new school may look or feel. The district is using this model and implementing it at other clusters.
 - b. Alignment in reading- The Lucy Calkins pilot program continues. There has been collaboration between Dewey and Loma Portal to facilitate the program. The change to a common school day schedule has facilitated collaboration between schools.
7. LCAP Update: Excellence Through Equity - Kimie Lochtefeld, Area 3 Superintendent. Graduation rate has increased and drop-out rate has decreased at PLHS. Reading proficiency in grades 1 &3 has increased and the language re-classification rate has increased for

bilingual students. There is a seal of biliteracy available on diplomas of graduating seniors who are certified bilingual.

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8. Emergency Bathroom Kits - Suzy Reid. Delivered to each classroom for use in lockdowns if necessary.
9. Morgan Hill Lawsuit Update - See information below
10. Public Comment- The PLHS site modernization project is coming under review with the Board of Ed on ~~26 April, 2016~~ May 10, 2016. All interested parties are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Re: Morgan Hill Lawsuit:

“In response to the objections, the court ordered that the California Department of Education maintain custody of the most sensitive of its databases, the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS), while running searches for information requested by the plaintiffs. The court also reiterated that no student personally identifiable information may be released to the plaintiffs unless and until they demonstrate to the satisfaction of the court that the method to be used to store the sensitive student data is secure. The parties are still litigating the extent of the disclosure of student data.”