

MINUTES

District Advisory Committee Meeting

November 19, 2009

Welcome and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Porter at 9:00 a.m. He welcomed all in attendance then he introduced Kari Scow, DAC Vice President.

Attendees

<u>Representing</u>	<u>Name</u>
Aero Haven	Juana Quintana
Allison	Renee Perry
Babcock	Betty vonWerlhof
Castori	Amy Page
CCAA	John Berchielli, Kim Brownell, Deyanyra Gomez
Del Paso	---
Dry Creek	Kari Scow
Eastside	---
Fairbanks	---
Foothill Farms Jr.	Joan Bronkhurst
Foothill High	Tessa McGaw
Foothill Oaks	---
Frontier/WPCS	Jodi Keele, Scott Bond
Garden Valley	Maria Peña
Grant High	Amy Page
Hagginwood	---
Highlands	John Berchielli
Hillsdale	Linda Wyatt
Johnson	Teresa Barragain
Joyce	Nivia Talavera
Keema	---
Kohler	Bernice Ritter-Hechtman
Larchmont	---
Madison	---
MLK	---
Miles P. Richmond	---
Noralto	---
North Avenue	---
Northwood	Gloria Vasquez
Norwood Jr.	---
NOVA	---
Oakdale	---
Orchard	Lisa Morris
Pioneer	---
Regency Park	Michael Reed, Teresa Pitts
Ridgepoint	Madora Thomas

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Rio Linda	---
Rio Linda Jr.	---
Rio Tierra Jr.	---
Sierra View	Kenny Smith
Smythe K-6	---
Smythe 7-8	---
Strauch	---
Village	---
Vineland/Pathways	Patty Newborne
Vista Nueva	---
Westside/WPCS	Sean Smith
Woodlake	---
Woodridge	Jamie Fallis
DO-Supt. Office	Frank Porter
DO-Comm. Relations	Ziggy Robeson
DO-Parent Involvement	Kate Bishop-Hazarian
DO-Categorical	Lorena Morales-Ellis
DO-Instr. Technology	Steve Scott, Brian Briggs

School Level Celebrations and Reports

Kim Brownell announced that CCAA is featured in the November issue of Parenting magazine. Amy Page stated that Castori is proud of their increased test scores. She also stated that Grant's test scores have improved and they are proud of their undefeated football season. Jodi Keele announced that a Frontier teacher and principal traveled to Washington, D.C. to accept an award. She also stated that CDE representatives are visiting their campus to observe their use of technology and that the PTA put on a successful harvest festival. Gloria Vasquez of Northwood and Linda Wyatt of Hillsdale both expressed concerns about the new report card format. Lisa Morrison of Orchard said that the speed limit was reduced on Dry Creek Road to improve safety and that 3,279 books were checked out by students in the fall. She also stated they have full wireless internet access so students can complete research for projects. She announced that they will be getting a VAPA teacher and starting a buddy program. Theresa Barragan of Johnson said they are having a fall festival and a mighty milers program to encourage kids to walk. Tessa McGaw of Foothill High said they are doing a practice CAHSEE test the week after Thanksgiving Break and will provide intervention to students needing help. She also said there is an after school Charge program to help students who score low. Renee Perry of Allison is excited about the Jogathon that raised more than \$2000. Also, they had an honors award assembly and said the academic growth is amazing. John Bronkhurst from Foothill Farms said they have an academy model where students travel through a group of 4 to 5 instructors. She said they are getting a new computer lab and have a strong arts and music program. She also said that there will be a winter celebration for the arts where student artwork will be displayed. Nivia Talavera of Joyce said that this year brought a new principal and new ideas. For example, instead of selling erasers they started a book club on Saturday morning for students below reading level. AmeriCorps volunteers and students from Pacific High came to help with tutoring. Deyanyra Gomez of CCAA said that drama troupe parents are working hard to get money to go to Disneyland for a competition. Also, there will be a

mystery dinner performance and training on November 21st for Project Inspire at Norwood Junior. Sean Smith of Westside said test scores have improved and that they had a successful fall festival. He said that Shooting Stars Production, composed of Twin Rivers students, will have a performance the last weekend in January at Regency Park. Madora Thomas of CCAA/Ridgepoint said that just finished the wax museum at CCAA. She also said that at Ridgepoint they are ready to launch their holiday picnic on December 12th. Betty vonWerhlof of Babcock said that after Thanksgiving Break there will be an awards assembly and they have arranged to have Slamson from the Kings come. Patty Newborn of Vineland/Pathways said they are a small school that houses preschool for developmental needs children and community day school. Jamie Fallis of Woodridge said they survived report cards and had a successful fall festival. She said they are organizing a dance to reward good attendance. Kari Scow said that she has been doing a state-wide save our teachers movement and asked for support.

Approval of Minutes

Jodi Keele motioned for approval of minutes. Kari Scow seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

WatchDOGS

Mike Reed discussed the WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) program at Regency Park. He referred attendees to Fathers.com for additional resources and played a video clip. He said they kicked off the program three weeks ago and have had about 10 dads on site and kids are going home and asking their dads to participate.

Superintendent's Report

Frank Porter presented a report from the Facility Advisory Committee entitled "Realignment and Consolidation." He said there are 11,000 vacant seats within Twin Rivers USD which equals about \$65 million dollars. In comparison, San Juan USD currently has about 7,000 empty seats. He said the final facilities recommendations will come around January for changes.

Bylaws

Patty Newborn of Vineland, Madora Thomas of CCAA, Amy Page of Grant/Castori, Jamie Fallis of Woodridge and Renee Perry of Allison volunteered to review the bylaws at a separate meeting to be scheduled later.

Health Education Council

Donna Love said that she created a program to bring more nutrition education to the student to increase consumption of healthy foods. Orchard, Woodridge, Aero Haven and Madison have participated in the Healthy Choices Partnership, but they would like to engage more parents in the program. As they move forward they want to reach out to parents to sustain healthy eating among the children and to find out what is needed. Cynthia Robinson made a presentation of "Network for a Healthy California" whose main purpose is to reach low income populations and educate

them about the importance of engaging in physical activity and eating healthy. She said that the African-American and Latino communities are facing a health crisis. She said they are applying for a grant that could bring from \$10 to \$20 million into the community.

Dress Code and Uniform Policy

Ziggy Robeson distributed an opinion survey and asked parents to return it to her prior to the leaving the meeting today.

Dr. Robeson called a five-minute break.

School Loop Presentation

Steve Scott asked the parents to share their experiences with School Loop. One parent said it is very user friendly and that there is a chat room feature where you can communicate with the teacher. Another parent said her daughter's teacher posts the rubrics and homework assignments on his web page. Mr. Scott feels that School Loop will hold all accountable for the progress of the student. When asked why the secondary schools are more advanced, he stated that the elementary schools did not have as much access to technology before and that they were learning to use the Measures program for reporting grades. He said they are working with School Loop to add an elementary standards-based grade book and hope to have a test version in the spring of 2010. He played a 5-minute video clip on the features of School Loop. Some parent suggestions were to provide parent training, have laptops available at parent conferences to enroll children, provide access to computers as schools, and provide clearer indication for accessing School Loop on school webpage. Another parent suggested visiting the library for internet access to School Loop.

Adjournment

At 11:15 a.m., Ziggy Robeson adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Oak Room at the district office.