

MINUTES

District Advisory Committee Meeting

March 18, 2010

Welcome and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by John Berchielli at 9:00 a.m. He introduced Frank Porter, Superintendent, who welcomed all.

Attendees

<u>Representing</u>	<u>Name</u>
Aero Haven	Adriana Rivarola
Allison	Renee Perry
Babcock	Imelda Enriquez
Castori	---
CCAA	John Berchielli, Kim Brownell
Del Paso	---
Dry Creek	---
Eastside	---
Fairbanks	---
Foothill Farms Jr.	Joan Brunkhorst
Foothill High	Tessa McGaw, Terry E. Jones
Foothill Oaks	---
Frontier/WPCS	Jodi Keele, Scott Bond
Garden Valley	Leticia Huerta
Grant High	---
Hagginwood	Karla Shaw, Kate Hill
Highlands	Rosemary Calkins
Hillsdale	Linda Wyatt
Johnson	---
Joyce	---
Keema	---
Kohler	Bernice Ritter
Larchmont	---
Madison	---
MLK	Carolyn King
Miles P. Richmond	---
Noralto	---
North Avenue	---
Northwood	---
Norwood Jr.	---
NOVA	---
Oakdale	Loretta Banks
Orchard	Lisa Morris
Pioneer	Casey Saunders
Regency Park	Teresa Pitts
Ridgepoint	Madora Thomas (also CCAA)

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Rio Linda	Debbie Hume, Lisa Stites
Rio Linda Jr.	---
Rio Tierra Jr.	---
Sierra View	Tidora Lenhart
Smythe K-6	Elizabeth Hernandez, Gloria Rojas, Maria Perez
Smythe 7-8	---
Strauch	---
Village	---
Vineland/Pathways	---
Vista Nueva	---
Westside/WPCS	---
Woodlake	Mandy Tovar
Woodridge	Jamie Fallis
DO-Supt. Office	Frank Porter
DO-Comm. Relations	Ziggy Robeson
DO-Categorical/EL	Lorena Morales-Ellis

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Porter reported that about 170 preliminary certificated notices have been issued and that the Board has authorized classified layoff notices, estimated to be about 250 positions. He answered questions regarding layoffs. For example, he said that some categorical programs are no longer funded and those positions are being eliminated. However, special education programs are not being affected. He stated that while the transportation distance requirement for our K-6 students remains at one (1) mile, the distance increased to 2.5 miles for our 7-8 grade students and to 3 miles for our 9-12 grade students. He said that we have retained our academic counseling program. He said that the ratio of students to teacher for next year are 25:1 for kindergarten, 29:1 for grades 1-3; 31:1 for grades 4-6 and 33:1 for grades 7-12. *Question:* If you have a child in grades K-6 and another in grades 7-12, would the older child have to walk while the younger receives transportation?

Answer: Yes.

Superintendent Porter reviewed reasons that the Board decided to consolidate and move the Board election to June 2012. In that election, the even-numbered trustee areas will be elected for a two-year term while the odd-numbered trustee areas will be elected for a four-year term.

School Level Celebrations and Reports

Elizabeth Hernandez from Smythe K-6 said that they just had the spaghetti dinner and they are working on the May 21 carnival. Terry Jones from Foothill High said that at the latest school site council they discussed the positive nature of the dog tags which helps with student attitude and performance. She invited all to their upcoming car show. Lorena Morales-Ellis said that last Saturday they did a parent workshop at Rio Linda High. Carolyn King said MLK has Club Live on Friday nights, power hour, and several mentoring programs, such as Freedom Hall. Lisa Stites from Rio Linda Elementary said that they have about 50-60 students involved in MESA and that on March 27 they will attend UC Davis MESA Day. Debbie Hume from Rio

Linda Elementary said they had a carnival and science project. Linda Wyatt from Hillsdale said they've been busy with 6th graders going on science project and announced their Open House as March 25. Renee Perry from Allison said had spaghetti dinner and algebra project for math night with over 150 parents attending. Tidora Lenhart of Sierra View said they run 5-7 basketball games and that the 3rd graders are doing wheelbarrow gardens for the State Fair. Adriana Rivarola from Aero Haven said they are enjoying benefits of grant funding and are serving fresh fruits and vegetables several times a week. Jamie Fallis of Woodridge said that three students placed in the poetry contest, several students wrapped up GREAT training and Mary Joe Hoffman is working on a mosaic reflecting the four different cultures that formed our community. Casey Saunders at Pioneer said the biggest thing is Showcase/Open House, with each class making a basket to raise money. Madora Thomas said they are having a spaghetti dinner tonight at Ridgepoint and CCAA is having international food night on Friday. Teresa Pitts of Regency Park said since they have 900 students, they will have grades K-5 for 2010/11 and move 6th graders to Norwood Jr. Jodi Keele of Frontier said that the principal and a teacher are traveling to Anaheim where Jack O'Connell is hosting an awards ceremony for schools who received the Blue Ribbon. Scott Bond of WPCS-Frontier said they had a successful spaghetti dinner and that several students attended Dental Camp at UOP. Also, he said that a WPCS-Frontier student placed 2nd in the Speech contest and that their students are going to see the King Tut exhibit next Friday. He thanked Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Greene who are outstanding. Kim Brownell of CCAA said that international food night is Friday and that March 26 is the Mini-Olympics – last year they raised \$4000. Karla Shaw from Hagginwood said they have movie nights to help keep kids out of trouble and have parent volunteers and retired teachers who help out.

Approval of Minutes

Jamie Fallis motioned for approval of minutes. Scott Bond seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Program Realignment & Consolidation

Superintendent Porter made a presentation regarding the revenues dropping and how that affects programs. He explained that many districts are consolidating buildings to protect programs and personnel. After community summits, the board approved on February 16th to close two schools in 2010/11 and two schools in 2011/12 for a savings of about \$400,000 per year per school closed. They also approved school reconfigurations, e.g., grades K-5, K-8, 6-8, which is possible now that we are unified. He said that prior to unification, about 30% of students never continued in the high school district.

In the North Highlands area, they are consolidating schools to provide K-8 schools. Next year, Highlands will have 8-12 then 9-12 the year after that. The DJ campus will become CCAA High School with grades 7-9 (possibly 10) next year. Kathryn Josephsen, Executive Director of Highlands, requested schools to consolidate as soon as possible. Aero Haven will consolidate with Madison at Madison Elementary which has better parking and facilities. Ms. Snyder will move to Madison with the

students including the bilingual program. They plan to move Keema to the Aero Haven campus. Another consideration is to consolidate Allison with another school; the change would take effect 2012-13. Sierra View will remain K-6 with 7-8 students attending Village. Math and science will be taught by single subject specialists in grades 7-8 to ensure top instruction for our students. Mr. Porter said advisory councils have begun meeting and that these facilities changes will add \$800K back to the budget next year. The board will take action on April 6 to approve some of these changes.

Coordinated School Health Program

Bonita Mallory, Coordinator of Student Health, Wellness & Prevention, said that Twin Rivers is one of three districts to participate in the Coordinated School Health Program. They are having monthly meetings to establish and revise the wellness policy. She asked for at least two parents to participate in monthly meetings the second Wednesday of every month. Those who volunteered were Karla Shaw and Kate Hill (Hagginwood), Bernice Ritter (Kohler), Casey Saunders (Pioneer), John Berchielli (CCAA) and Madora Thomas (Ridgepoint/CCAA).

Census 2010

Nondra Khali said we live in an area considered difficult to count; e.g, in the last census, only 55% of the citizens were counted. For every individual counted, we receive \$1,500 for roads, libraries, etc. from the federal government. She said that California may lose a congress person because of the census. She stated that it is illegal for census workers to share information with other federal departments, so census information stays within the census bureau. She had resources available for parents to take with them and offered to help others realize the importance of being counted. Her extension is 1391.

Break

Ziggy Robeson called a five-minute break.

Parent Participation

Gloria Hernandez made a brief presentation regarding funding for parent involvement activities.

Project DREAM

Trinette Marquis provided some examples of trips being funded by Project DREAM, such as science and living history camps, music and drama performances (over 670 students), leadership camps (over 300 students), fields trips (over 1,200 students), college visits (350 students) and elementary school sports teams. She said the funds come from local businesses and employees and an annual fundraiser, which is being held on Saturday, April 17. They've given out over \$140,000 since Twin Rivers was formed.

Future Agenda Items

Ziggy Robeson said that per the survey, the next agenda would include resources for schools and special education and student services information.

Adjournment

At 11:11 a.m., Ziggy Robeson adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Oak Room at the district office.