

PLACENTIA-YORBA LINDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Superintendent's Community Advisory Council
Monday, September 21, 2009

MINUTES

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Smith introduced Beth Berndt as the new SCAC Facilitator. Mrs. Berndt welcomed SCAC members to the meeting and a new school year.

2. SCAC ROSTER AND MEETING SCHEDULE

Rosters and the 2009-2010 meeting schedules were distributed. Dr. Smith gave a brief history of the SCAC and explained members' responsibilities including sharing information with their site principal and school community. Dr. Smith also reviewed past years' topics the SCAC has discussed.

3. GOOD NEWS

- **Bernardo Yorba** is proud to report that their California Distinguished School sign has been installed and can now be viewed by the community.
- **Esperanza** opened its doors for the 2009-2010 school year to 2,498 students, down from previous student body of over 3,000. The staff and students are enjoying the benefit of extra space on campus.

Esperanza is proud of the recognition from US News & World Report which reported EHS ranked 665 out of the top 1500 schools in the United States.

The 450 students who took the Advanced Placements exam had an 85 percent passing rate. The API score at EHS went up 10 points to 842. This is the highest score in the history of Esperanza.

ESPN's RISE magazine ranked the men's and women's athletic program 30th in the nation.

- **Golden** welcomed a new principal this year, Kathy Chakan, and is proud to report an API score of 940.
- **George Key** is extremely happy to be able to report that the long-awaited overhang by the playground area has been installed. Staff, parents and students are excited and wish to express their thanks to Mr. Bailey for his help in finalizing this project.

- **Kraemer** is celebrating its 50th anniversary in the spring with an Open House. A guest of honor will be Kraemer's first principal from 1959, Mr. Vio Knight, who still resides in the community. Ceremonies will include exhuming a time capsule that was buried on the school grounds 25 years ago, food vendors and entertainment.

Kraemer is also experiencing the benefit of extra space due to their drop in enrollment due to Valadez Middle School Academy being open for a second year.

- **Linda Vista** is riding high upon finding that their API score of 924 – the second highest in the district.
- **Rose Drive** is very proud of the great accomplishment of their students API score of 901. Rose Drive has kicked off the school year with a large fundraiser, which includes a Jog-A-Thon, and is looking forward to many great things happening this year.
- **Tynes** students, teachers and staff are enjoying their newly-modernized school that was made possible by Measure A. Tynes received state-of-the-art equipment including pods of 20 computers for first through fourth grades. Also, parenting classes will be starting in October.
- **Wagner** was proud to report an API score increase of 58 points. Possibly the “Smarty Grams” and “PJ Day” helped with raising the score. Kudos to Mrs. Dailey and staff.
- **Woodsboro** reported on the Timmaree Hicks’ Memorial Butterfly Garden which was dedicated on September 9, 2009. Also, the staff and students have been enjoying their newly renovated school.
- **Yorba Linda HS** opened their doors with 957 freshmen and sophomores. A “Welcome Home” dance on the first Saturday after school opened was well attended by approximately 700 students.

4. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Smith commented on the remarks made by SCAC members regarding changes at school sites and expressed his appreciation to the community for their support of the two bond measures that made all those changes and many others possible. In addition, Dr. Smith was pleased to report that PYLUSD was selected for the Qualified School Construction Bond stimulus program which will provide federal income tax credits to investors saving taxpayers of PYLUSD approximately \$18 million.

Mr. Bailey shared a presentation which highlighted current projects under construction. Discussion followed on the various projects, timelines, the removal of portables, location of alternative programs, and modernization projects.

A question was asked regarding the theatre at Yorba Linda High School and if it was for school use only. Mr. Bailey explained that the forum will be closed during the modernization phase set to begin in the spring but the facility will be available to the community and outside groups now and upon completion of construction.

A question was asked about the Smart Classroom timeline at Linda Vista. Mr. Bailey indicated that each principal has available the timeline for installation.

A question was asked regarding the location of the Performing Arts building at El Dorado High School. Mr. Bailey indicated that the performing arts center will sit directly north of the food service area in the current student parking lot.

A question was raised regarding the grass at Tynes Elementary where temporary portables sat. Mr. Bailey explained that these areas will be reseeded.

A question was asked about the covered eating area at Travis Ranch and how consistent the district is with the structures across the district. Mr. Bailey explained that middle schools have a covered lunch area.

A question was asked about the operational timeline of the new stadium. Mr. Bailey said a stadium takes approximately a year to build and it is anticipated that the new stadium should be available sometime during the 2010-2011 school year.

A question was asked if the quad area at Esperanza High School would be included in their modernization. Mr. Bailey indicated that the entrance of the school is being redesigned and some work will be done on the inside of the campus.

5. PYLUSD AYP AND API RESULTS

Dr. Smith introduced Dorie Staack, Director of Categorical Programs and Student Assessment, to provide the SCAC information regarding the district's testing results. Mrs. Staack presented information on the district's API and AYP scores as well as No Child Left Behind requirements. Discussion followed regarding state and federal guidelines and the extreme difficulty of meeting the target of having all students reaching the 100 percent proficiency level by 2014.

6. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

- In response to a question regarding Rose Drive not receiving Smart Classrooms as yet and the rumor Rose Drive Elementary was closing, Dr. Smith and Eric Padget stated that the district is not currently involve in discussions regarding school closures.
- In response to a question regarding the possible elimination of the elementary music program next year, Dr. Smith responded that there are not current discussions regarding changes to the elementary music program.

- In response to a question regarding a H1N1 inoculation program for students, Mr. Doug Domene indicated that the district has not received definitive information on that program. Principals have received information regarding prevention measures the Orange County Health Care Agency has recommended. This information has been communicated to parents in a variety of ways.
- In response to a question regarding the SAFE program, Mr. Domene responded that the Brea Police Department will no longer be able to provide the program due to budget constraints. The district is currently looking for an alternative program.
- In response to a question regarding the unavailability of colored Xerox paper, Mr. Domene contacted the district's purchasing department. Staff indicated that colored paper is available through the normal purchasing process.
- In response to a question regarding the possibility of receiving SCAC minutes sooner, Mr. Domene said he would review the timeline and try to get the minutes to committee members sooner.
- In response to a question regarding the difficulty of picking up students with the dismissal times of Travis, Fairmont, Travis Middle School, Bernardo Yorba Middle School and Yorba Linda High School all at the same time, Dr. Smith said he would have staff review the dismissal times.
- In response to a concern regarding the change of principal at Van Buren Elementary after three weeks of school, Dr. Smith explained that it is not the district's normal practice to move a principal during the school year. However, after hiring Mr. Vanburg it became apparent he was a good match for Van Buren Elementary while Caryn Lewis' expertise with English Learners is required at Rio Vista Elementary.
- It was suggested that at the next meeting budget issues and their impact be added to the agenda.
- In response to a question regarding how middle school and high school registration dates are established, Dr. Smith responded that the school sites establish the dates. It was asked if the schedules could be staggered due to the difficulty in finding volunteers to cover the schools' registration times. Dr. Smith will have staff investigate the registration process and report back to SCAC.

Mrs. Berndt thanked everyone for their attendance today and for the thoughtful questions and discussions. Mrs. Berndt adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, October 19, 2009
 District Board Room
 11 a.m.