

PLACENTIA-YORBA LINDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Superintendent's Community Advisory Council
Monday, May 12, 2008, 11 a.m.
Board Room

Minutes

1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Marie Otto called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for their attendance today. Dr. Otto introduced Bonnie Castrey a member of Huntington Beach Union High School District's School Board as a guest at today's meeting.

2. GOOD NEWS REPORTS

Esperanza High School

- 2007-2008 Mock Trial Advisor of the Year – Lisa Tully – was honored at a Constitutional Rights Foundation luncheon on Friday, April 18th.
- City of Yorba Linda's Athletic Achievement Recognition program inducted Ryan Bousquet, Emily Dunn, Jayson Jablonski, the 2007-2008 EHS men's volleyball team and the Cheer and Song program with a plaque on the Yorba Linda Wall of Fame.
- Graduate, Danielle Nesmith, won first prize in the Sphinx Competition for senior violinist division. Danielle received \$10,000, a recording contract and scholarship to this year's Aspen Festival.
- Congratulations to Marsha Linsley and the art department. Esperanza had ten winners in the Yorba Linda Women's contest. Congratulations to Best of Show: Breanna Emerson.
- CAHSEE results for 2008 have just arrived and out of Esperanza High School's 836 tenth graders taking the test, there was a 93.77 percent pass rate in English/language arts and a 92.5 percent pass rate in math.
- National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced the top scoring students who met the requirements to enter the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program with a selection index score of 200 or above. Congratulations to the following students: Evan Adams, Shweta Agrawal, Saad Asad, Scott Baar, Ryan Banks, Stephanie Carpenter, Andrew Chung, Kimberly Dabrowski, Stevi DeHoog, Alexis Draper, Allison Edgerley, Kathryn Francis, Sarah Hester, Jonathan Lim, Elaine Lin, Hayden Marks, Alyssa Nader, Danny Ngo, Peter Ngo, James Nguyen, Michelle Nguyen, Jason Norris, Christina Oh, William Richards, Kristin Schulte, Kyle Skoien, Mitchell Thai, Nicole Trone, Pearl Tsai, and Evan Williams.
- Congratulations to Amanda Buckner, Naziha Hussain, Shelby Schreck, and Lindsay Snow for their selection as recipients of the Mayor's Tech Scholar program. To help further their education goals, Anaheim Mayor Curt Pringle presented the four students with laptops and two years of internet connection.
- Michael Taylor earned the honor of "Outstanding Chemistry Student 2008" for his performance in the 45th annual American Chemical Society Test administered at Cal State Fullerton.

George Key School

- George Key students recently held a Mother's Day Tea and had a great turnout. A wonderful time was had by all!
- Students at George Key received a visit from Miss Lin Baesler, who sings songs and reads stories to students as part of the CAPES (Cultural Arts Programs for Every Student) grant. Miss Lin never fails to get the students clapping, bouncing in their seats and smiling throughout story time.

Mabel Paine Elementary School

- Principal, Dorie Staack, and fourth grade teacher, Karen Sparks, will be accepting a \$5,000 grant to be used for Mabel Paine's Mind Institute.
- Mabel Paine also applied for and received a free assembly provided by Disneyland.
- Last week Mabel Paine hosted a Family Fun Night at Graziano's pizza. The event was a huge hit!
- The school carnival will be held this Friday, May 16th, and all are welcome to attend.
- Mabel Paine also kicked off Teacher Appreciation Week today.

Parkview Home School

- Parkview School is having its first graduating class since becoming a K-12 site. Parkview now has an enrollment of approximately 200 students and has students recognized by the national honor society and the national junior honor society.

Valencia High School

- Congratulations to Stephanie Hammel for being named the 2008 CIF/Farmers Scholar-Athlete of the Year and the Empire League Female Athlete of the Year. Stephanie is an IB diploma candidate who was accepted at Yale and Dartmouth. However, Stephanie will attend UC Irvine on a full athletic scholarship.
- Congratulations to Valencia High School's Men's and Women's Swim Teams and the Men's Tennis Team for capturing Empire League championships this spring. Kudos to sophomore Curtis Wu who was named the Empire League's Most Valuable Tennis player for the second consecutive year.
- Congratulations to Eunice Chung who was awarded first place in Painting and Will Haas first place in Ceramics at the recent Yorba Linda Women's Club Art Show.
- Valencia High School is in the final stage of formalizing a partnership with DeVry Institute. Starting next year, as a component of the ValTech program, a DeVry profession will teach a college-level computer course on Valencia's campus.

Van Buren Elementary School

- Van Buren was honored for the third time as a California Distinguished School. Representatives from the staff and the parent community will attend the Distinguished Schools Awards program in Anaheim this week.
- New stage lights have been installed and the new stage is in place for the students' end-of-the-year performances thanks to the efforts of the school's PTA and a Disney grant.

3. MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the April 14, 2008 meeting were approved as corrected. Corrected minutes are attached.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Smith extended Dr. Olson's apologies for not being here today for the last SCAC meeting of the school year. However, Dr. Olson is busy welcoming his ninth grandchild to the family! Dr. Smith reminded SCAC members that Dr. Olson's last day as a School Board member is June 24th. Dr. Smith also thanked SCAC members for the time commitment and input they have provided this year.

5. BUDGET UPDATE

Dr. Smith reported that the Governor's May Revise budget is due out this week. Dr. Smith recently attended a Superintendents' meeting and there was no clear indication of what is going to happen with the budget. The district has made the necessary reductions to prepare for the most likely reductions that will be required as a result of the state budget crisis

6. KEYBOARDING REQUIREMENTS

In response to a question regarding Keyboarding requirements at the middle schools, Dr. Smith reported that at this time Kraemer Middle School was the only middle school requiring a level of efficiency on the keyboard. Dr. Smith will have staff take a look at the need for that requirement at Kraemer.

7. WHITE PAPER ON GLOBAL VISIONING

Dr. Smith provided a short presentation on the Global Visioning Workshop presented by Dr. Richard Jones held on January 28 and the White Paper on Global Visioning produced by district staff

Discussion followed regarding the numerous aspects of the White Paper on Global Visioning. Dr. Otto wrapped up the discussion by thanking everyone for their insightful views and comments. This type of discussion was one of the purposes of providing the Global Visioning workshop.

8. AERIES GRADING PROGRAM

In response to a question from the previous SCAC meeting regarding the AERIES student system, district staff investigated the number of teachers actually using AERIES. It was discovered that approximately 70 percent of the teachers are utilizing the AERIES student programs. Mr. Blackney indicated that a more in-depth survey would be initiated by principals to determine which of their teachers are actively using the student system and what options are being used. In the fall, principals will meet with their teachers and discuss this survey and the importance of taking advantage of this technology as a communication tool.

9. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

- In response to a question regarding guidelines for STAR testing preparation, Dr. Smith explained that test/subject blueprints exist for each exam. In addition, sample questions are available. The site principal works with teachers to develop a framework for STAR testing but our district does not “teach to the test”.
- In response to a question regarding the procedure for adding a new class to the curriculum, Dr. Smith explained that a proposal is first discussed with the principal. A proposal may then be submitted to the District’s Curriculum Council for consideration.

Dr. Smith closed the meeting by thanking SCAC members once again for their time and commitment as well as their valuable input during this school year. Dr. Smith also wished everyone a happy summer with the hope they will consider participating on SCAC again next year.