

**PLACENTIA-YORBA LINDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Superintendent's Community Advisory Council**  
**Monday, March 12, 2007, 11:00 a.m.**  
**Board Room**

Minutes

**1. WELCOME**

Dr. Marie Otto welcomed SCAC members and student guest Jeremy Yamaguchi who is job shadowing Dr. Smith.

**2. GOOD NEWS REPORTS**

Valencia High School is proud to report that their Science Olympiad Team finished third in Orange County and will advance to the state competition which is to be held on April 14<sup>th</sup> at California State University, Long Beach. On the athletic front, both the boys' and girls' basketball teams won Empire League championships and advanced to CIF playoffs, and the girls' water polo team competed in CIF semi-finals. Valencia will also be participating in the Every 15 Minutes program this month which emphasizes the consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol.

Mabel Paine Elementary School has a lot going on! The school's child care center will soon be sporting a new mural (the Tree of Life) which will be based on a work by Artist Gustav Klimt. The mural will be painted by students under the direction of Jamie Kough. Jamie, who is a parent and art teacher, will be honored at the upcoming PLUM Community Recognition Dinner for the support she provides the school and its programs. In addition, the school's third graders are excited to be following the progress of the Iditarod. Teacher Mary Jacobs is serving as a volunteer at the race! And finally, the school reports that the first annual Muffins for Mom was a huge success.

Glenknoll Elementary School's PTA has received a \$3,900 grant from Lowe's to build a school garden. Staff and students look forward to having an outdoor classroom where they can do hands-on learning. A \$3,500 grant was also received from Best Buy to purchase equipment to improve their production of Glenknoll TV. And, lastly, Glenknoll staff organized a school-wide read-a-thon for Read Across America and raised over \$6,000 to purchase the Accelerated Reader program.

Sierra Vista Elementary School is partnering with the Anaheim Ducks for their Reading Is the Goal program. The students hope to read one million pages by the end of the year. In February members of the team visited classrooms, organized street hockey games for the students at recess and lunch, held an assembly for the students, and presented the school with a signed and framed jersey.

Golden Elementary School students sponsored a "Pennies for Patients" drive and raised over \$4,600 over a three-week period for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Lenore Bruckner was pleased to share that a number of PYLUSD students were recognized for their entries in the Holocaust Art and Writing Contest sponsored by Chapman University. Teachers Cathy LaBare (Kraemer Middle School), Rosanna Brichta (Tuffree Middle School) and Dana Popa (Valencia High School) are to be commended for encouraging their students to participate in this wonderful event.

A group of students from Bernardo Yorba Middle School are excited to be presenting their History Day Project on the Oregon Trail. The students hope to be chosen to move forward to the County competition and then perhaps on to the State competition!

### **3. January 22, 2007, MEETING MINUTES**

There was no discussion relative to the January 22, 2007, SCAC meeting minutes.

### **4. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Smith shared that he has been offered the position of Superintendent of the Capistrano Unified School District. This has been a very difficult decision. The Superintendent then shared how much he has appreciated and valued the friendship of SCAC members and the contributions they make to the PYLUSD. He added that the school district is in good hands with our outstanding Board of Education and staff. He then assured SCAC members that he is very much committed to moving forward with current projects including the new high school.

Dr. Craig Olson expressed appreciation for the wonderful job Dr. Smith has done during his years in the district. He then shared that one of the Board's most important responsibilities is hiring the superintendent. He added that the first step in the search process will be to select an executive search firm to provide assistance in the state and nationwide search. It is anticipated this process will take a number of months.

The Superintendent then introduced student guest Jeremy Yamaguchi. Jeremy is job shadowing Dr. Smith. In addition to the SCAC, Jeremy has attended Board meetings, a Superintendent's Teacher Advisory Council meeting, and a Superintendent's Cabinet meeting. The Superintendent added that Jeremy is an Eagle Scout and was recently selected as Placentia's Citizen of the Year. He is the youngest individual to have received that recognition.

In response to an inquiry, Dr. Olson indicated the plans for the new high school will continue to move forward. SCAC members will be receiving an invitation to the groundbreaking ceremony which is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4, 10:30 a.m. He added that the grading at the site of the new school has begun and the bid package on the project is out. The negotiations with the Yorba Linda Water District with regard to conservation credits, payment of fees over time, and fees to the Orange County Water District are being resolved, as well. He anticipates that we are right on target with the project.

In response to an inquiry regarding boundaries for the Yorba Linda High School, Dr. Smith indicated that would be addressed the year before the anticipated opening date for the school (either the fall of 2008 or 2009).

In response to an inquiry, Doug Domene indicated the district anticipates CIF relegating for our high school athletic teams would likely take place the year before the Yorba Linda High School is opened. He added that relegating typically takes place every few years and that among the factors considered is the student population of the participating high schools. The north Orange County leagues that might fit our schools' anticipated enrollment are the Century and Empire Leagues. Dr. Craig Olson shared that relegating could significantly reduce the cost and time needed to transport our athletic teams to "away" games.

## 5. SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

A copy of the Board-approved 2007-2008 school year calendar was provided to SCAC members. The calendar follows the traditional format. SCAC members were provided opportunity for dialog regarding the new calendar.

## 6. WEB 2.0

Bob Blackney, Director of Technology, provided a presentation on the resources available on Web 2.0 which he described as a knowledge constructor which is based on communication and "folksonomy." Examples of interesting sites included: Wikipedia; Technorati; digg; del.icio.us.com; mspace.com; flicker.com; youtube; and 43things.

## 7. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

**Digital Projectors for Classrooms.** In response to an inquiry, Dr. Smith shared that schools may want to consider purchasing a portable cart that is equipped with a laptop, printer, and digital projector for use by classroom teachers. This provides a cost-effective and versatile method for providing this valuable instructional tool to teachers.

**K-Rail Wall at Mabel Paine Elementary School.** In response to an inquiry, the Superintendent indicated the wall should be removed at the end of the rainy season to ensure the capacity of the new storm drain is adequate.

**Color Guard Show.** It was announced that El Dorado will be hosting the district's high school and middle school color guard show on Monday, March 26. SCAC members are encouraged to attend.

**One-Time Monies.** In response to an inquiry, Bob Blackney indicated State mandates require that all public school district purchases must be received by the district prior to the end of the fiscal year (June 30). As a result, any purchase requests made subsequent to March 19, 2007, must be delayed until July 1, 2007.

**Online Instruction.** In response to an inquiry, Bob Blackney indicated district teachers share best practices across the district as well as access information from around the world. He added that Board policy relative to the requirements for graduation allows for a certain number of credits for successful completion of online coursework. The district is actively pursuing providing online classes.

**Independent Study.** In response to an inquiry, Dr. Smith indicated the district is establishing a satellite campus for La Entrada (Independent Study) on the Valencia High School campus. Students interested in taking a course through La Entrada should consult with their high school counselor.

## 8. NEXT MEETING

Monday, April 16, 2007  
District Board Room  
11 a.m.