

## SUPERINTENDENT'S PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

### Attendance:

#### District Staff

Richard Nicoll, Interim Superintendent  
Loreen Joseph, Admin Secty to the Supt.  
Alan Young, Assoc. Supt. Ed Services  
Rose Lock, Asst. Supt. Elem. Educ.  
Gail Isserman, Asst. Supt. Personnel  
Hillary Shen, Parent Liaison  
Stephanie Roberts, Director of Development

#### Board Members

Sherry Whitmarsh

#### Union Representatives

Mike Noce, President, MDEA  
Mike Langely, Vice President, MDEA

#### Parents

Cathy Boer, Sequoia Middle  
Rene Garcia, Westwood  
Maria Groskopf, Highlands Elementary  
Peter Kane, College Park High  
Julie Kaufman, Ygnacio Valley High  
Linda Locke, Northgate High  
Elena Munoz, Clayton Valley High  
Ann Orso, Sequoia Elementary  
John Parker, Mt. Diablo High  
Jenny Reik, Strandwood Elementary  
Karen Rosso, Ygnacio Valley High  
Janet Sheehy, Foothill Middle  
Chris Stieger-Maguire, College Park High  
Julie Stokol, Walnut Acres Elementary  
Dorothy Weisenberger, Valhalla

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Nicoll announced that the new superintendent, Steven Lawrence, will begin on February 1, 2010. He is currently the superintendent of Washington Unified School District in West Sacramento. Board member Sherry Whitmarsh gave a brief overview of the hiring process.

### Report from Director of Development

Stephanie Roberts, Director of Development, reported on grants received. Almost \$15 million was received in 2008-09 and over \$1 million has been awarded this year so far. Stephanie helps schools and teachers apply for smaller grants as well. There is a monthly newsletter (GRIND) available on the district web site that provides funding sources available. Chevron has designated a \$60,000 matching grant for math and science projects to Mt. Diablo Unified School District.

### Budget Update

Superintendent Nicoll gave an update on the current budget. Many of the cuts made last year were management positions. He explained how the declining enrollment has effected funding and that The outlook is not good for the upcoming years. It could continue to get worse due to legislation that may cut education funding again. A budget reduction plan will be presented at the December 8 Board meeting. School closures will be on the list as well as health benefits for non teacher units. Responding to questions, he explained the cost savings of school closures.

### Local Funding Measure

There is a meeting next Monday, December 14 at Willow Creek Center. Everyone is encouraged to come. The results of the public opinion poll will be shared at the Board meeting on December 8.

Next meeting - Wednesday, January 6, 2010

### School Libraries/ Volunteering

Gail Isserman, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services spoke regarding school libraries and volunteering. She said that volunteers have always been encouraged to help in the libraries. Significant budget reductions have decreased Librarian and Instructional Media Assistant (IMA) time in the libraries. Although volunteers are greatly valued they can not legally do the work of librarians or IMAs.

### January Topics

- Emergency Prep
- Online learning
- CDs of parcel tax information
- Update on budget
- Principal evaluations
- Groups to share information with to keep students in district – good news

Elena Munoz volunteered to translate minutes, handouts, etc.