

District Advisory Committee

September 13, 2012 at Brandon Elementary School

Meeting commenced at 9:20 am

Attendees: Superintendent William Banning, Assistant Superintendent Elizabeth DeVita, Board Member Pam Kinsley, Principal Felicia Roggero, UTP/G Rep Susan Zink, PTA Presidents: Lori Baur, Melissa Fitch, Nicole Katz, Irene Milton (past president), and DAC Representatives: Kathy Bohley, Corrie Bott, Carin Ezal, Tammy Johnsen, Tammy Merritt, Kary O'Brien, Lisa Steinberger, Jennifer Tangel, and Cheryl Weakliem,

Introductions were made by the attendees.

Kathy Bohley made a motion to appoint Tammy Merritt as Chairperson.

Elizabeth DeVita made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 10 meeting. Kathy Bohley seconded the motion. The minutes of the May 10th meeting were approved.

School Report – Felicia Roggero, Principal of Brandon Elementary School

Principal Roggero discussed technology at Brandon School. We have a QAD grant for technology support. We integrate tech tools in the classroom on a daily basis not just once a week at computer lab. We purchased 2 smart carts, 5 Ipads, Mobile laptop cart and 4Ipod touches. This year we added 2 more laptops to smart cart, added 5 more Ipads and 2 Apple TV devises that mirror the Ipad on a screen.

Teachers use the laptops to support math, reading, language arts. Ipads are used to reteach concepts, watch videos, work on fine motor skills, dictate stories and writing.

District Update – William Banning, GUSD Superintendent

William Banning introduced himself and shared his professional history. He started out as a music teacher then taught computer technology. He has held the job of Assistant Principal, Principal, Director of Human Resources and Assistant Superintendent.

Superintendent Banning asked what topics we would like to see on the agenda this year. The following topics were mentioned: technology, engaging instruction for all, infusing creativity in education, common core standards, proposition updates, Kate Kinsella update, Basic Aid funding.

Standardized test scores were discussed. Isla Vista and El Camino are in program improvement. Those two schools offered school choice transfers. About 20 transfers were granted.

Teacher contract negotiations are at an impasse of collective bargaining. Uncertainty of the state budget plays a role. The mediation session from May offered no results. Next mediation is scheduled for May 19th. If there is not a resolution from the mediation the next step is a three judge panel gives a finding of what side they agree with. It is then presented to the school board.

GUSD has endorsed Prop A and Prop 30 and Prop 38. If neither passes the district stands to lose \$1.5 million.

School Council and PTA reports

Kellogg School (Nicole) New principal. PTA budget approved. Renewed enthusiasm at the school. Revamping the website, looking to Parent Square. Purchased an Apple TV.

Foothill School (Tammy) School year off to a good start. Started a breakfast program. Met the summer reading goal of 500,000 pages read this summer.

Hollister School (Cheryl) Made some camp changes this year. Adding tall ships for 4th graders. CIMI down to 3-day camp due to scheduling conflicts. Back to school BBQ on Friday.

El Camino School (Melissa) First PTA meeting was very successful with more people than ever attending. New principal is bi-lingual. ELAC had 40 families attend. Kermesse is a big cultural event taking place in December. School Foods garden, new reading program for lower levels, MAP assessment program, and Parent Project for Latino families. Adult soccer team that practices on the field after hours bought new plants and cleaned up the planter boxes throughout the school.

Mountain View School (Corinne) First PTA meeting was held. Upcoming events include membership drive, back to school night. Magic Fund drive starts, Orfalea school garden, BOWWOW, Thursday Farmer's Market, Family science night.

Isla Vista School (Kary) New principal, welcome coffee and breakfast on first day of school, Back to School Night had Dos Pueblos student translators, Ice cream social, Parent Square, All school meeting regarding math instruction.

La Patera School (Tammy) Back to School night had Dos Pueblos student translators. Upcoming events include pot luck and dessert live auction. The teachers make the desserts.

Ellwood School (Irene) Parent Square, jog-a-thon in October, Food garden, potluck at next PTA meeting. Looking for some after school programs.

Brandon School (Lisa) Held first general PTA meeting, garden, Back to School Night with Dos Pueblos student translators, great turn out at class postings. Music, tables set for volunteer sign ups, opportunity to pay for PTA membership and Fall contribution campaign. BOWWOW coming up.

Next meeting at Ellwood School on Wednesday October 10th at 9:15

Meeting concluded at 11:15am

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Steinberger