

Weekly from Dr. Rudolph

November 3, 2017

North Bayshore adoption –

The final plan will be adopted by City Council on December 12th.

Recruitment –

After listening to the comments from the Board, it is clear that the concern is about whether schools will have the ability to get school information out to their parents and prospective parents. Both PTA presidents have already stated that they want to work with the District to create opportunities for that to happen, and that they understand that scheduling tours during the day can be disruptive to students, teachers and leaders.

We should strive to create conditions where the public is informed about the great teaching that occurs at all of our schools, not just two choice schools. This year alone, 4 schools experienced a small dip in enrollment; Castro is the largest. Since 2015, Castro has lost 1/6th of its student population (305 to 253).

So, in addition to launching the first of our new school websites at Castro and Theuerkauf this year, Shelly will also be working with Castro, Stevenson and Mistral to develop a communication package that each of these schools can use to attract students.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, November 6, 6:00 p.m.	DELAC, Theuerkauf
Tuesday, November 7, 4:00 p.m.	Monta Loma School Site Council
Tuesday, November 7, 4:00 p.m.	Crittenden School Site Council
Tuesday, November 7, 5:45 p.m.	Specific Learners Task Force, Crittenden
Tuesday, November 7, 6:00 p.m.	PIQE, Castro
Wednesday, November 8, 5:00 p.m.	Theuerkauf School Site Council
Wednesday, November 8, 6:30 p.m.	Parent University, Crittenden

The Superintendent's Calendar in Review:

- Attended the Living Classroom event
- Met with six direct reports
- Led the weekly Cabinet meeting
- Worked out of Mistral School for two days
- Participated in the Board Meeting

From the Public Information Officer

- Mistral site visit
- Focus group on school messenger app with parents
- Parent and staff communications (climate survey, MS schedule)
- Enrollment priorities update
- Climate survey logistics and promotion
- Parent and staff newsletters

- Social media updates
- Web site updates and two meetings with Student Services. Significant changes to the "register" section
- Two public records requests

From the Director of Technology

- Attended meeting with MVLA, City of Mountain View, and Comcast to discuss our fiber connections between sites
- Our new Technology Support Technician, Tesfa Habebo, started with our department
- Visited Landels with David Harris, teacher on special assignment for Technology
- Working with SchoolMint to begin testing of integration between PowerSchool and SchoolMint

From the Chief Business Officer

Fiscal

Each employee received his/her Compensation Statement attached to the October 31 pay warrants.

Maintenance, Operations and Transportation

Maintenance continues to address backlogged work orders at all of the school sites. There are currently 138 active and open work orders in the Maintenance Service Now database to date.

Met with City of Mountain View to schedule lead testing in drinking water systems at all schools except Huff which is already completed. Tentative dates for sample collections are November 21 & 22, 2017.

General Business/Chief Business Officer

Met with the Business Services Directors. Visited Slater and toured with Arianna Mayes. Met with Terri Wallace at Preschool to discuss grant opportunity for new Preschool playground. Met to review updated capital projects' budgets from summer activity.

From the Offices of Administrative Services

Human Services Department:

Collaborating with the Student Services Department, the Human Resources Department has helped to complete CBEDS data collection process. The HR Department has also completed the hiring for several personnel positions that have been vacant due to resignations. Additionally, the

HR Department is working with Frontline Central, the company we use to document our employee attendance information to also integrate our recruiting and hiring information into Frontline Central.

Student Services Department:

The Student Services Department is preparing for our District Kindergarten Information Night on November 29th. We are also continuing to monitor chronic absenteeism reports for all school sites. Lastly, we are working with SchoolMint to implement a demonstration link for our new upcoming registration program.

From the Offices of Educational Services

This week Cathy Baur walked through classrooms at Monta Loma, Theuerkauf, and Mistral. A majority of time was spent reviewing site plans and working on upcoming presentations including a presentation on Physical Education and Health. Cathy also attended the Special Education Department meeting on Friday and conducted a lesson observation for one of the District coaches.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

This week in Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, Tara provided support to sites in the completion of the first trimester assessments. Tara visited Graham, Mistral, and Theuerkauf to meet with principals and visit classrooms throughout the week.

Tara and Cindy visited Bubb, Stevenson, and Monta Loma together to observe RTI programs with principals and see teachers and students in action.

Cindy led a meeting with the Literacy based RTI teachers from Castro, Landels, Mistral, Monta Loma, and Theuerkauf to share best practices, collect updates about program successes and next steps at the end of the first trimester, and discuss data collection.

Tara led a meeting with the STEAM based RTI teachers from Bubb, Huff, Stevenson to discuss best practices, share lessons and materials, focus on NGSS standards, and utilize district benchmark data to support literacy instruction within the Science lessons.

Tara collected information from all elementary principals regarding end of trimester RTI updates in order to collect data on each program and provide support.

State and Federal Programs and Strategic Initiatives

Monta Loma English Language Acquisition Committee Meeting supported by Arline Siam on 11/1 with a focus on SIOP implementation at the site. Collaboration with the building principal and school and community engagement facilitator.

Attendance at the bi-monthly Board meeting on 11/2. Heidi Smith provided Specific Learner Needs task force update in partnership with the director of Special Education, Gary Johnson.

Coordination of district report card translators for trimester I. All sites notified and assigned translators to support parent communications.

School and Community Engagement Facilitator department meeting held at Theuerkauf on 11/1. Topics: Parent University, anti-bullying strategies and supports, and EL newcomer plans follow up.

Site Visits:

Landels, Monta Loma, Stevenson, Mariano Castro--Heidi Smith, walkthroughs and principal coaching support check-ins to all sites.

Student Attendance Review Board support meeting facilitated at Stevenson on 10/31 by Arline Siam and ELD instructional planning with 5th grade teachers--ELD observations conducted.

Special Education

Middle School and preschool special education teachers, principals, the director of special education, and assistant superintendent of education services attended the Annual Inclusion Collaborative State Conference on October 25-27 at the County Office of Education last week. Session topics included Co-Teaching, Inclusive Practices, Universal Design for Learning, Culturally Responsive Teaching and several others.

The Middle School Co-Teaching Work Group continues to meet and held its third meeting on 11/1/17.

Preschool

For each of the last two years we've been awarded additional funding for State Preschool. The increase in funding has allowed us to eradicate our district's waiting list of State Preschool eligible children for the first time in well over a decade. We are at 80% of our total enrollment and counting. Our enrollment clerk has had appointments every week and we continue to accept new applications. We currently have about 10 children on the waiting list who will become eligible for free preschool once the Child Care Pilot Subsidy for our county is finalized. The Pilot will change the minimum age for State Preschool from 3 years old by September 1 to two years and 9 months by September 1. The Pilot will also significantly raise the income eligibility ceilings for our families and increase the per child reimbursement rate from the state for our program. All of these changes will allow us to serve more children. It is our hope that the Pilot will receive the final stamp of approval from the CDE before December break.

In late October, we finished our fall assessment period and we are compiling the data to drive both individual student learning goals and lesson planning. Right now, our teachers are preparing for the first round of parent-teacher conferences of the school year. Conferences will be held next week. We will be sharing the results of student developmental screenings and assessments with parents and engaging in collaboration on how best to meet the needs of our early learners.

