

Weekly from Dr. Rudolph

February 16, 2018

Upcoming Events

February 19 – 23 – February Break

Monday, February 26 Mistral ELAC, 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 27 Principal's Coffee, Castro, 8:00 a.m.

Huff ELAC, 5:30 p.m.

Graham PIQE Parent Workshop

Bond Oversight Committee, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28 Middle School Schedule Info Night at Crittenden and

Graham, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 1 Landels School Site Council, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, March 2 Mistral Cafecito

Graham Spring Dance, 6:30 p.m.

The Superintendent's Calendar in Review

- Met with six direct reports
- Led the weekly Cabinet meeting
- Met with Board president
- Phone call with Board member
- Attended the MVEF meeting
- Attended the County Superintendents' Meeting
- Participated in the Board meeting

From the Public Information Officer

- Middle School Schedule Information Night (Feb 28) promotion and organization
- Four public records requests
- New school informational postcard
- Parent communications
- Social media updates
- Web site updates
- Parent and staff newsletters
- Landels/Monta Loma website redesign
- LCAP survey promotion
- ThoughtExchange community survey planning
- Pictures at Monta Loma
- NASA event (Mar 2) planning call

From the Director of Technology

- Attended monthly site tech leader meeting
- Visited Theuerkauf to complete a walkthrough of all of the IDFs with Nick Haffen
- Supporting student services with lottery process for enrollment

From the Chief Academic Officer

The Local Control Accountability Plan survey is open and taking responses. There are three surveys: one for staff, one for parents, and one for students. The parent survey is available in Spanish and paper copies are available as well. The survey window opened on February 1 and will close on March 1.

This week Cathy Baur and Dr. Rudolph met with representatives from Living Classroom to get a mid-year update and plan for next year. As of our meeting, Living Classroom has provided or given 545 hands-on, garden based lessons to TK-5 classrooms across the District.

Cathy Baur spent the majority of the week working on the Math presentation for the Board of Trustees on March 1 along with various other tasks including holding mid-year evaluations with her directors and setting up the instructional coaching team for 2018-19.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

This week in the Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment department, Tara Vikjord focused on assessment, monitoring all District benchmark assessments to ensure completion for every child, sharing updates with sites, and supporting teachers with assessment needs. Tara has also continued working on the development of the District CAASPP training, reviewing all of the new information coming from the state and preparing material for site administrators, CAASPP coordinators, and teachers.

Tara met with four site administrators this week to provide coaching and support.

Cindy Lundberg has continued her work with the Kindergarten and first grade teams at Theuerkauf to support their RTI programs, offering training and support in Guided Reading and helping to review data and regroup students within the RTI classes to best meet the needs of every child.

State and Federal Programs and Strategic Initiatives

RFEP Monitoring process revision session held with district PowerSchool coordinator to add years 3 and 4 Monitoring cycles for reclassified students.

CELDT Coordinator meeting was held on 2/15 Matrix IV training and testing expectations were reviewed.

Federal program monitoring check in meetings with Ed Services, EL Coordinator, and district Public Information Officer.

Saturday, February 10th—Graham College and Career Day attended by Arline Siam

Monday, February 12th—DELAC meeting. Topic foci were LCAP presentation and distribution of EL Master Plan draft (for 1st round review).

Continued collaboration with Foothill Stretch to Kindergarten staff to plan for K-3 early learning language summer program.

Special Education

Special education teachers have begun scheduling and planning for transition Individual Education Plan (IEP) meetings for students moving from pre-school to kinder, elementary to middle school, and middle school to high school.

Preschool

The preschool staff has been very busy with enrollment for families that now qualify for State Preschool as a result of eligibility changes from approval of the Santa Clara County Child Subsidy Pilot. We have also been planning for next year's preschool program with the exciting addition of a full day class at Theuerkauf.

Terri Wallace was invited by the Strong Start Coalition to take part as a guest on a panel of administrators who were sharing how early education is implemented within their school districts. Questions for the panelists were centered around goals set forth in our county's Early Learning Master Plan. She felt honored to have been asked to take part in the panel as a result of our district's reputation for high quality, forward thinking and comprehensive preschool programming.

From the Chief Business Officer

Capital Projects

The Crittenden track and field are getting closer to the March 1 completion. We are aiming at next week to be 100% complete on Phases I and II at Monta Loma, and we are readying for this summer's Phase III. Bubb, Castro, Huff, Landels, Mistral, Stevenson and Theuerkauf are all on track for this summer.

Fiscal

We are at the final stage of completing 2nd interim reporting. The second interim report is due March 19 to the Santa Clara County Office of Education for the period ending January 31 for 2018-19.

Food & Nutrition Services

The Monta Loma new kitchen is open and doing well. Kids love it. Working with Second Harvest Food Bank for summer feeding program. There is a rumor that Google has a food truck that they are willing to sell to the SHFB, who in turn will donate to MVWSD. We are thinking of a food truck to get to neighborhoods for summer feeding. Instead of asking families to travel to designated locations for meals, we would do both - designate distribution locations and travel to the identified locations in various neighborhoods. More details to come.

Maintenance, Operations and Transportation

The MOT department is finalizing the list of projects to attack over next week's break, though we only have 3 work days next week. We are also working on setting up the current MOT office for both the Director and the MOT secretary, in order for both to be in one location.

General Business/Chief Business Officer

I had my three director check in meetings this week with Directors Liu and Austin and my first with Brian Perron. I met with the representative from Opterra, another solar company bringing us an assessment of our current set up and then presenting a solar solution. I met with the elevator company to arrange for a new contract with the elevators and chair lifts. I met with a contractor to build out the MOT warehouse for a secretary space. I attended the Superintendents Academy on Thursday and Friday in San Francisco.

We are moving the YMCA class and the ISP class at Monta Loma. DSA is requiring the second door for the YMCA room to be accessible. That would require a new ramp, which would push out the two existing ramps further into the yard. We've also had a few issues with the YMCA at the back of the campus, especially in the winter with parent pickups in the dark. If we switch the rooms, YMCA will move to room 4, at the front of the campus and ISP will still have a full room. Gloria is aware and supportive of the move. We hope for the move to happen over the Feb break, but we are pending the YMCA timing for licensing Room 4. Both YMCA and ISP have been notified.