

Weekly Update from Dr. Rudolph

March 19, 2018

School on N. Whisman Update

We just closed our community engagement for understanding the qualities for the principal of the new school on N. Whisman. This process also asked for the community to weigh in on the attributes that we are looking at for naming the school. I am working on a presentation and will be bring it back at a later meeting.

Dual Immersion visits round two:

We have finalized the second round of visits next month to other Dual Immersion sites. We will be discussing who we need to engage in this process for these upcoming visits. With testing season upon us it may be difficult to take teachers with us. Please be on the lookout for an invite; once the list is finalized.

Safety Town hall

We have started our community engagement for the town hall on safety. We are working on finalizing the details and beginning to advertise the event.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 20	Mistral Recorders Concert, 6:00 p.m. Focus Group re: principal qualities at Theuerkauf, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 21	Focus Group re: principal qualities at Mistral, 6:30 p.m. Graham PTA (Dr. Rudolph Attending). 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 22	Focus Group re: principal qualities at Graham, 6:30 p.m. Parent University at Crittenden, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, March 23	Crittenden Panther Prowl, 2:10 p.m. Graham Musical, 7:00 p.m. Stevenson Musical, 7:00 p.m. @ Theuerkauf MUR

The Superintendent's Calendar in Review

- Met with two Board members
- Led the weekly Cabinet meeting
- Met with PTA Presidents at Castro/Mistral
- Met with City staffers regarding staff housing
- Attended the Mountain View Educational Foundation meeting
- Met with five direct report
- Led the district office staff meeting
- Attended the Board meeting

From the Public Information Officer

- Multiple public records requests
- School safety communications planning

- Parent and staff communications on a variety of topics
- Google education tour planning
- Social media updates
- Web site updates
- Media requests
- Landels/Monta Loma web site redesign
- Thoughtexchange community survey planning and promotion – safety

From the Director of Technology

- Attended technology leadership meeting at Santa Clara County Office of Education
- David and I visited Stevenson, Theuerkauf, and Huff to observe educational technology use in the classrooms
- Completed first round interviews for technology support technician vacancy

From the Chief Academic Officer

On Monday, February 12 the new Professional Development Committee met for the second time. The committee is a small group of teachers and administrators that are working together to develop additional professional development opportunities for teachers. The committee has developed a survey for teachers. Teachers will complete the survey on March 19 and the committee will reconvene on April 2 to begin creation of a professional development calendar.

On Tuesday, Cathy Baur met with Emily Davis from the Santa Cruz/Silicon Valley New Teacher Center. The goal of the meeting was to review the induction program for new teachers this year and begin planning for next year. We are very grateful to our partnership with the New Teacher Center.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

This week in the Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment department, Tara Vikjord and Cindy Lundberg participated in a summer planning meeting with the Family Engagement Institute. Cindy also worked with the Summer Learning Loss committee to prepare for summer programming and met with the YMCA to review after school programming. Tara met with three principals this week to provide coaching support. Tara also provided additional CAASPP training to staff while Cindy continued her work with the Kindergarten team at Theuerkauf to support the RTI program with Guided Reading.

Cindy and Tara continued the work with reviewing and analyzing District benchmark assessments and Cindy began researching support material for the standards with which students struggled most. Cindy worked on compiling formative assessment data from the RTI teachers to further review and analyze elementary data.

Tara met with a member of the SchoolCity team to discuss updates to the system for the upcoming year, including additional reports, features, and resources.

State and Federal Programs and Strategic Initiatives

3/12: Heidi Smith participated on the District negotiations team.

3/13: Federal program monitoring communications with state coordinators to refine visit schedules and document expectations. Important--the Board can anticipate some policy reviews in April/May based on feedback from federal reviewers.

SPED/English Learner joint follow up meeting facilitated by Arline Siam and Gary Johnson regarding changes in alternate reclassification procedures for students with disabilities. A review of potential spring reclassification candidate's data was conducted.

3/14: Evening ELAC meeting supported by Arline Siam--presentation of ELPAC assessment transition information.

School and community engagement facilitator meeting--Middle school schedule presentations by principal Angie Dillman and Karina Galle (from tech. dept.) on how to help parents with elective selection process.

3/14: Summer early literacy program collaboration meeting with Foothill Engagement Institute. Hands on science, family engagement and professional learning for summer teachers discussed.

3/14 & 3/15: Implicit bias training session one for secretaries (elementary and middle school) delivered by Heidi Smith and Arline Siam. Materials adapted from Los Angeles County PBIS turn-key training module. Stroop effect used to illustrate the involuntary nature and functioning of the brain and how it relates to implicit bias. Strategic Plan Goal 3 was referenced and reviewed.

3/16: CELDT/ELPAC Coordinator meeting held to prepare staff for spring reclassification

Special Education

Special Education and federal program district office staff met to review and refine the English Learner reclassification process for special needs students on Tuesday, 3/13. Special Education teachers met Wednesday, 3/14 to review and begin planning for students transitioning from 5th grade to 6th grade. The Learning Challenges Committee is conducting ability awareness activities at Castro and Mistral this week. Parents from Castro and Mistral were invited to attend a presentation Wednesday evening by Blair Roger, a retired special educator and attorney with extensive experience with inclusion.

From the Chief Business Officer

Capital Projects

Projects are continuing.

The Crittenden track and field is most likely not going to be open until late March or early April. We've made arrangements with Crittenden to accommodate the Walk-a-thon on March 23.

Fiscal

As part of the online purchasing project, we are conducting two training sessions for all site and department secretaries and clerks are invited.

Food & Nutrition Services

The Second Harvest Food Bank is purchasing small food kiosks/carts for the two middle schools to help reduce the length of time students wait in line for breakfast. Also, the SHFB and the Santa Clara Board of Supervisors are partnering to provide a good truck for the District to help with summer feeding.

Maintenance, Operations and Transportation

School site meetings with the principals and secretaries have been completed. The overall consensus is that the maintenance department is doing a good job on getting the work orders done in a timely matter and with good communication throughout the process.

The work order count has been consistently in the low twenties.

MOT director is currently working on revising the daily custodian schedules for all of the school sites, along with developing cleaning standards for the district.