

## Weekly from Dr. Rudolph

January 18, 2019

### Upcoming Events

Monday, January 21	Martin Luther King Holiday
Tuesday, January 22	Reclassification Ceremony, 5:30 p.m. @ Crittenden
Wednesday, January 23	Landels PTA, 8:30 a.m. Monta Loma Site Council, 4:30 p.m. Theuerkauf PTA, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 24	Board meeting, 6:00 p.m. @ Crittenden

### School Visits:

I recently received a request from a trustee to visit school campuses. Part of my normal practice is to base my office out of a school on the day of board meetings (Thursday and Friday). I am going to offer a time Friday for Trustees to come and walk the campus with me. Because I normally am touring and walking the site with the principal I can only offer limited times to do a tour. If you are interested in attending please let Kathi know. This week's visit is to Castro and the preschool.

### North Bayshore:

At the February 7th board meeting I will be discussing North Bayshore. It is my hope that the Board determines its next approach for reaching out to City Council. Google's new plan, which includes the school offer, goes in front of City Council at the end of the month.

### The Superintendent's Calendar in Review

- Met with four direct reports
- Led the weekly Cabinet meeting
- Met with four Board members
- Met with MVEF executive director and president
- Attended the MVEF meeting
- Hosted a cafecito at Graham for Spanish speaking parents
- Met with new principal Yew Chung Chinese School

### From the Public Information Officer

- Website redesign planning (Vargas, Huff and Graham)
- Public records requests (2)
- Charter school communications planning
- MV Parent U: Dolores Huerta cancellation
- Safety initiatives planning and communications
- School graphics planning
- Food truck graphics planning

### **From the Director of Technology**

- David Harris, Tech TOSA, and Jon Aker visited classrooms at Bubb
- Continuing to support student services with open enrollment.
- Supporting the school sites, in the last month we have received 331 support requests and we have resolved 80% of those requests.

### **From the Chief Academic Officer**

This week Cathy Baur and Tara Vikjord facilitated another meeting of the Science Advisory Task Force. The team is developing different options for improved science implementation beginning in the 2019-20 school year. On Tuesday, Cathy and Tara led a group of social studies teachers from the middle school and one parent to begin reviewing materials for adoption. The team reviewed 3 programs and will be completing this part of the process on January 29<sup>th</sup>. On Thursday, Cathy walked through classrooms at Monta Loma and on Friday classrooms at Stevenson.

### **Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment**

It has been an exciting week in the Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment department. Tara and Cathy met with a representative from the Benchmark Advance company (K-5 ELA/ELD curriculum) to learn about updated materials and discuss future training options to support our teachers. Tara facilitated the Science Advisory Committee meeting during which committee members developed three possible elementary science plans. The members presented preliminary ideas and discussed pros and cons of each plan. At the next meeting the committee will come together again to discuss how each of these possible plans may extend into our middle school science program. Tara also facilitated the Middle School Social Studies Task Force this week. Members of the team, including the instructional coach, four teachers, and one parent, met and reviewed three curriculum options. Each was rated in 5 areas on a rubric and pros and cons of those programs reviewed were discussed as a team. The group will meet again in two weeks to continue reviewing the remaining curricula. Tara facilitated the RTI Literacy meeting and worked with teachers to identify specific strategies and materials to support students in trimester three. Tara also facilitated writing training for elementary teachers. Tara met with the Middle School administrators and coaches to support next steps with the ELA department pacing guides and instruction and visited two schools to walkthrough classrooms. Finally, Tara met with the MVEA president to plan for the upcoming meetings with the professional development committee.

### **Federal, State and Strategic Programs**

- English 3D coach on site at Theuerkauf and Bubb
- Huff SIOP Walkthroughs
- K-1 Newcomer ELD Materials: New curriculum is being tried at Bubb, Theuerkauf and Castro in Kindergarten
- ELD Release day for ELD middle school teachers with Arline and English 3D coach
- Graham SIOP walkthroughs
- Reclassification planning meeting with EL Coordinators and SCEF's
- Santa Clara County Office of Education Students with disabilities task force meeting.

- ELLEVATION planning meeting
- **ELPAC:** Planning session as materials have arrived for spring administration
- United Through Education Graduation for Parents at Bubb, Huff and Landels
- SIOP Walkthroughs at Mistral and Monta Loma

### **Special Education**

This week the special education staff walked classrooms and schools to ensure students are engaged and learning. The interim director met with the Learning Challenges Committee and updated them on current happenings in special education. The parents had the opportunity to get to know the new interim director in a smaller setting.

### **From the Chief Human Relations Officer**

### **From the Chief Business Officer**

**Fiscal Services** is working on 2019 open enrollment changes for health benefits and completing the application for Federal Impact Aid.

### **Food and Nutrition Services**

This week the insulation and electrical system was completed for the food truck. The paperwork for the Santa Clara Health Dept. will be submitted this month.

New menu items for the month of January have been well received by the students and the Chinese Chicken Salad has proven to be a favorite in the middle schools.

Seasonal, local fruits to be offered in all schools this month, are: Moro Blood Oranges, Tangelos, Kiwi, Bosc Pears, Red Pears, Cara Cara Oranges, and Clementine Mandarins.

Due to the prolonged government shutdown, Federal workers can now apply for free and reduced school meals, which should help with the household budget of families. Free food is also available at Second Harvest Food Bank, Santa Clara, Castro, and Theuerkauf schools also have food pantry days for families in need.

School garden tastings will resume next week and the crop will be turnips and greens.