San Leandro Unified School District Minutes

Regular Board Meeting - Celebrate Schools
March 28, 2017 6:00 PM
San Leandro Senior Community Center

13909 E. 14th Street

San Leandro, CA 94578

Open Session - 6:00 p.m.

Attendance Taken at 9:08 AM:

Present:
Victor Aguilar, Jr.
Dr. Kevin Collins
Evelyn Gonzalez
Lance James
Dr. Mike McLaughlin
Dr. Rosanna Mucetti
Peter Oshinski
Diana Prola
Leo Sheridan
Monique Tate
Dr. John Thompson

A. CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 P.M.

Minutes:
The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. It was noted that Trustee Aguilar, Jr. arrived at 6:10 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:
President Prola led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

C. LEGAL STATEMENT

D. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Minutes:
There were no public testimony on non-agenda items.

E. PRESENTATIONS

E.1. Jefferson Elementary School

Minutes:
Guillermo Morales, principal at Jefferson Elementary spoke briefly on Project Based Learning. He then introduced two of his teachers, Guadalupe Gomez, 3rd grade bilingual teacher and Maira Gomez, third grade teacher. Both teachers and students talked about their project "The Story Teller in Me". They focused on folktales from all around the world. Each student presented information on their project, talked about the type of book they selected, why they selected this book and they each spoke about the most important things that they learned from this project. Each student read their stories aloud and will also be reading their stories to other students at their school and at their school's Open House.

E.2. McKinley Elementary School

Minutes:
Grozelia Ward, principal at McKinley Elementary School introduced some of her fourth grade leaders and Ms. Ullrich, kindergarten teacher. She announced that McKinley and Washington Elementary Schools turned 100 years old. She highlighted three items that they were going to present tonight; STEAM Studio, Toolbox Tuesday and ABC Anti Bullying Club. Ms. Ullrich spoke about this year's full day Kindergarten schedule and how they were very excited and also challenged on how to maximize this additional time they were given. A spare portable was available and it was converted into their STEAM Studio. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math, Movement and Music. Ms. Ullrich talked about their STEAM activities. Ms. Ward spoke about Toolbox Tuesday and how her fourth and fifth grade students take the lead on teaching other students how to apply these tools in their classroom, playground and in their home settings. Students performed a typical Toolbox Tuesday day at their school. Ms. Ward also spoke about the ABC Anti-Bullying Club. The founding members of this club introduced themselves and talked about their projects.

E.3. Roosevelt Elementary School

Minutes:
Soraya Sablo-Sutton, principal at Roosevelt Elementary School spoke about Project Based Learning (PBL) and how it was implemented several years ago and where they are now with PBL. She also spoke about the new PBL programs that were launched this year, the relaunching of other

PBL projects and their new science lab. Every class has implemented and are working on PBL projects. Ms. Sablo-Sutton talked about their outdated computer room and how they launched their new science lab. T-K through fifth grade students utilized this science lab for many different projects and activities. She introduced two of her teachers, Ms. Dodd, first grade teacher and Ms. Valdivia, fifth.

Ms. Dodd, first grade teacher talked about PBL at the first grade level and their project "Good Vibrations". She gave a presentation about sound and how students worked with sound effects. Student's final project will be at their schools Open House and each class will perform a play, poetry and animation with sound effects.

Ms. Valdivia, fifth grade teacher talked about a book her class read called "Shooting Kabul"; about an Afghanistan student and photojournalism. She also talked about their PBL project "How can I tell an interesting story that helps people understand my community?" The class came up with a theme "Legendary places in the Bay Area" and came up with over 80 locations. Students had to come up with a subject and determine who was going to help them with this project. A professional photographer came to the school to work with the students and will return to help them with their final projects. As photojournalists their final project is to have an offsite photo gallery, sell their photographs and determine where their money will go towards.

E.4. Washington Elementary School

Minutes:
Elisa Alvarez, principal at Washington Elementary School spoke about Project Based Learning and introduced Key'Shawn Ward, Student Body President and Noelia Miranda, Student Body Secretary. After having many discussions they came up with a question "What helps us feel safe at Washington School". Each class has a different project and a short film was presented. Clips will be put together to present a service announcement for their classrooms. Both Noelia and Key'Shawn spoke about feeling safe at their school and the leadership opportunities that they both have had.

E.5. Bancroft Middle School

Minutes:
Valentin del Rio, principal at Bancroft Middle School spoke briefly about events occurring at his site and Project Based Learning. Over half of his teachers this year have been trained in PBL. He introduced his two vice principals, Jeff Miles, Julie Thomas, his eighth grade teacher Mr. Asper, and two eighth grade students, Catherine Alfaro and Saul Mendez.

Mr. Asper talked about his project that he has been doing over the past 17 years, "How to protect your raw egg from plummeting off the roof of your school". This is a good science project but not a PBL project. After his PBL training he incorporated what he learned and made his egg project into a PBL project. Currently in the news there is much information about traveling to Mars and space exploration. Mr. Asper's new project is now called the "Martian Egg Expedition Project". He talked about his new project and the projects his students are currently working on. Both Catherine and Saul shared and talked about their projects.

F. ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Minutes:
Each Board member spoke briefly and thanked both the schools and students for their presentations.

G. PUBLIC TESTIMONY - CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

H. RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION - 7:30 P.M.

Minutes:
The Board recessed into closed session at 7:33 p.m.

H.1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Hiring; GC 54957

I. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION - 7:45 P.M.

I.1. Report on Closed Session Action

Minutes:
There were no items to report for Closed Session. Board members adjourned after Closed Session.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:
The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk/Secretary of the Board of Education

Board Approved: