San Leandro Unified School District Minutes

Regular Board Meeting - Celebrate Schools
March 27, 2018 6:00 PM
San Leandro Arts Education Center

2250 Bancroft

San Leandro, CA 94577

Open Session - 6:00 pm

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:

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

Absent:
Diana Prola

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

Minutes:
The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

C. LEGAL STATEMENT

D. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

E. PRESENTATIONS & VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

E.1. Jefferson Elementary School

Minutes:
Principal Nikki Seaberg welcomed all in attendance and announced that the presentation would be student led. Kendal, a fifth grade student from Ms. Dos Santo's class introduced herself and stated that at Jefferson Elementary they say "The Road to College Starts Here". This presentation will focus on the Strategic Goals.

Goal 1: Project Based Learning, After School Journalism Club and SF Opera Partnership

A video presentation with Ms. Tam's first grade students spoke about Barack Obama and Black History month. They talked about the different ways they learned about Barack Obama by using chrome books to read stories about him.

On Tuesday's and Thursday's the Journalism Club meets in the school library and is taught by Ms. Turner and Ms. Etcheverria.

A video about the San Francisco Opera Project was presented. Ms. Denise Williams-West, second grade teacher spoke about the partnership with the San Francisco Opera Project. The San Francisco Opera has been working with them for the past five years goes to the school twenty-eight times a year. They work with each teacher to help create operas for students. With Project Based Learning it gives the students a chance to do research and expand on all academic areas. Students benefit by seeing a story produced from a book to an actual play. The San Francisco Opera works with students helping them with story sets and props for their productions and the music is created by students. Students are able to choose roles in their production and benefit in many different ways working with the San Francisco Opera. Their production will be held in May and all are invited to attend. Students from Ms. Williams-West class spoke about their Opera experiences.

Goal 2: Equity and Inclusion through College and Career Readiness

Focus is on creating a college going culture, college banners, each classroom is a college, college gear Fridays, student leadership, student council, student ambassadors, green team, student announcers and photographers.

Two students from Ms. Gomez' bilingual class talked about preparing to go to college. They wrote letters to colleges requesting information. Both students wrote letters to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and read them out loud. This presentation was presented in both English and Spanish. Students spoke about their positive experiences as student leaders.

Goal 3: Collaborative and Engaged District Culture

Principal Seaberg spoke about being a new principal and the challenges she has had in engaging staff, students, families and her new staff. She spoke about community building, weekly S'more newsletter, Bravos and how they are given out and redeemed. She also spoke about the Wellness Day that took place before the break. Zumba & Art classes were led by their own teachers, there were neighborhood walks and a family with a Taco truck was invited to the Wellness Day so that all teachers could order lunch and eat together that day.

Goal 4: Family and Community Engagement

Jefferson engages families with School Smarts workshops, ELAC and coffee with the principal, SSC and PTA. Jefferson PTA board members, Ms. Carey and Ms. Roxanne spoke about events and fundraising that took place at Jefferson Elementary School.

Goal 5: Facilities and Technology

Jefferson received new portables and Promethean Boards for all classrooms. Students from Jefferson have gone twice to the high school to broadcast their announcements and performed a broadcasting announcement for the audience.

Principal Seaberg recognized volunteers from the PTA board and Papa Murphy's business owner, Chris Lam.

E.2. McKinley Elementary School

Minutes:
Principal Grozelia Ward welcomed all in attendance and introduced Katie Spear, 3rd grade teacher, Lauren Fierro, 4th grade teacher, and Drew a 3rd grade student. She went over the five goals, Teach Learn and Achieve, Equity and Inclusion, Collaborative and Fully Engaged, Family and Community Engagement and Facilities and Technology. She spoke about a typical Monday at McKinley. Cyber Monday takes place in a 3rd grade classroom, TK students are engaging in STEAM activities and on some of the Monday's there is professional development for teachers. Tuesday the ABC Club meets with grades TK through fifth. A short video was presented about a student talking about her favorite days, Tuesday's and Thursday's, which are multiplication quiz days. Ms. Katie Spear spoke about Wednesday's at McKinley; Family Engagement Night, Coffee and Conversation time, Wednesday Morning Message, and Young Gifted & Black staff came to the school to share information about Black History. Drew, a 3rd grade student talked about being a kindergarten helper and how happy it makes him feel helping others. Principal Ward talked about

Thursday which is chorus day, game room, buddy time and Social Studies/Science Integration. Ms. Fierro spoke about Friday's at McKinley. Kindergarten through fifth grade students can participate in having lunch with the principal. This is a reward and students can select to participate. There is a Walking and Kindness Club and a College Day. A short video was presented showing students participating in College Day. Principal Ward spoke about "Daily Five", Morning meetings, Co-Teaching, Book Club and Centers. She also announced that two teachers have made the San Leandro Times for their Project Based Learning projects. Ms. Chapman's class sprinkled kindness within the school and outside of school and the final project was sprinkling kindness to the neighborhood. TK students are now rescue pet experts and are learning how to adopt a pet that has been rescued. Care packages will be donated by students to the SPCA. The 21st Century Learning space is the most popular space at McKinley and is used in the morning, lunch time and after school.

Principal Ward recognized the following PTO volunteers, Cristina Molina, Kim Regas, Cynthia Lopez and business owner, Xie Bing.

E.3. Roosevelt Elementary School

Minutes:
Principal David Kumamoto spoke about being a new principal at Roosevelt and being partnered up with Lynda Hornada, his principal buddy. This year Roosevelt received Promethean Boards. Teachers and students were very engaged in using the Promethean Boards. There were changes in the Library and it has been transformed. He talked about the parent groups at Roosevelt; PTA, Dads Club, LGBQS, Padres Unidos, African American Parent Advisory Group and a group that advocates for special families. Also, he spoke about the events that took place during the school year. Teach, Learn and Achieve was one of the goals within the Strategic plan. He spoke about Ms. Valdvia's class project "What can we do to help improve the habitats of the wildlife in our school". Third grade students looked at "Respect". With the help of SLED they created a panel that included Mayor Cutter, SRO Officer Watson, Alex Mendez from Girls, Inc., students from San Leandro High School Social Justice class and Principal Kumamoto. Students asked them questions about their jobs and what they do to help promote peace within their community and within our schools. Principal Kumamoto spoke about projects that the third grade students had taken on. Seven students talked about their "Lunch Bunch" program and their responsibilities.

Principal Kumanoto recognized the following volunteers, Julie Chang from Estudillo Produce, Nancy Auckerman, does story telling twice a year and Lesley Kamian works in the staff room.

E.4. Washington Elementary School

Minutes:
Washington Elementary opened their presentation with a performance from their Washington Drumline. Savannah Dupart, Washington School student president talked about the Student Council and shared what it means to be a Washington student. A descriptive video will be presented that captures what they are about. The Student Council members also shared the following: Washington School is diverse, is a safe place for all and they respect their history, their culture and their languages. Washington school was the first school to have two bilingual classes. Student Council members spoke about their projects. Immigration and what it means to be an immigrant in the United States. They are not afraid to talk about immigration, slavery and racism in the United States today. They also spoke about the opportunities that they have and the many events that have taken place during the school year. They have a store that they run every Friday. Items are donated by community members and thousands of items have been sold. There is a music program at the school and students can start playing instruments in the first grade. There are over one hundred instruments and twenty-five new guitars were just donated to the school.

A short video was presented with students speaking both English and Spanish about the many celebrations and events that take place during the school year. Students also talked about what they want to be when they grow up.

Principal Elisa Alvarez recognized the following volunteers, Rae and Adriana Lugan, parent volunteers, Nathaniel Van Dyke and Louise Lovewell, community volunteers and Carlos Galindo with Galindo Painting and Decorating.

E.5. Bancroft Middle School

Minutes:
Principal del Rio spoke about their biggest accomplishments with the help of Ms. Carrie Carter, AVID and English teacher. Ms. Carter announced that thirty AVID students were trained as TUPE (Tobacco Use Prevention Education) peer educators. They attended a training session at the Barbara Lee Center and also attended a health conference at UC Berkeley. Students introduced themselves and talked about going to other classes and talking to students about what they had learned. They asked the audience and Board members to ask the person seated next to them "What do you know about cigarettes and how they affect your health and life". Students asked the audience to participate in a game called "Say It or Silence". Several questions were asked and the audience participated by answering True or staying silent. Straws were distributed to the Board members and the audience so that they could participate in an activity. They were asked to participate in three different exercises lasting 30

seconds each. They were then asked to do the same exercises but this time using the three straws to breathe through. They asked the audience how they felt after exercising with the straws and explained that the straws symbolize what it is like to breathe with lung damage caused by smoking cigarettes.

Principal del Rio recognized parent volunteer Richard Beckett.

F. ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Minutes:
All Board Trustees and Superintendent McLaughlin provided positive comments and thanked each of the schools and principals for their presentations.

President Tate announced that all six board members were present except for Trustee Prola.

Trustee James requested closing the meeting in honor of Ms. Brown, Brown versus the Board of Education, who passed away yesterday. There was a moment of silence in her honor.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:
Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Lance James and a second by Leo Sheridan.

Yes Victor Aguilar, Jr.
Yes Evelyn Gonzalez
Yes Lance James
Yes Peter Oshinski
Absent Diana Prola
Yes Leo Sheridan
Yes Monique Tate

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk/Secretary of the Board of Education

Board Approved: