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Morning Creek, Stone Ranch, and Valley Elementary School Principals Named

The Poway Unified School District has announced the appointment of three principals for the 2007-2008 school year. Ms. Carol Osborne has been named as principal of Morning Creek Elementary School; Cynthia Venolia has been named as principal of Stone Ranch Elementary School; and Andrew Johnsen, Ed.D., has been named as principal of Valley Elementary School. The appointments of Carol Osborne and Cynthia Venolia are pending ratification by the PUSD Board of Education on June 11, 2007.

Carol Osborne – Morning Creek Elementary School

Ms. Carol Osborne is currently the Director of Literacy and History-Social Science for the San Diego Unified School District, a position she has held for three years. Ms. Osborne worked as a Principal-on-Special-Assignment, Instruction and Curriculum PreK-12, from 2003-2004 and as principal at Brooklyn Elementary School in the San Diego Unified School District from 2000-2003. Previous to that, she held positions of vice-principal and literacy resource teacher at Jackson Elementary School; Reading Recovery teacher at Linda Vista and Nye elementary schools; and as a K-1 classroom teacher at Linda Vista Elementary School for seven years.

Ms. Osborne received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from St. Cloud State University, in St. Cloud, Minnesota, and her Master of Arts degree as a Reading Specialist from San Diego State University.

The current principal of Morning Creek Elementary School, Doug Johnson, has been named as the principal of Del Sur Elementary School in the Poway Unified School District which is scheduled to open in 2008.

Cynthia Venolia – Stone Ranch Elementary School

Ms. Cynthia Venolia has been selected as principal of Stone Ranch Elementary School. She is currently serving as assistant principal at Park Village Elementary School in the Poway Unified School District. Previous to that, she was elementary summer school principal in the Ramona Unified School District and an administrative designee at James Duke Elementary School in Ramona where she taught students in grades 1, 1-2, and grade 5 for nine years.

Ms. Venolia earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from San Diego State University where she graduated Summa Cum Laude, and her Master of Arts degree in Administration from National University.

The current Stone Ranch Elementary School principal, Suzanne Roy, Ed.D., has accepted a position as middle school principal in the Rancho Santa Fe School District.

Andrew Johnsen, Ed.D. – Valley Elementary School

Dr. Johnsen is presently the Los Angeles Unified School Charter Schools Division Director, a position he has held since 2005. He is also a professor at California State University, Northridge where he teaches courses in Administrative Leadership. Previous to this, he held the position of principal and Director of Instruction at Santa Monica Community Charter School in the Los Angeles Unified School District from 2002-2005. He also served as Santa Monica Elementary School assistant principal from 1999-2002 and parent education coordinator from 1996-1999. He worked as a classroom teacher in a multiage classroom from 1994-1996.

Dr. Johnsen holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish from California State University, Long Beach, a Master of Science degree in Educational Administration from Pepperdine University, and a doctorate degree in Educational Leadership from the University of California, Los Angeles.

The current Valley Elementary School principal, Sue Smith, will be assuming part-time principal-on-special-assignment responsibilities to work with district-level categorically-funded projects involving at risk students, intervention programs, and closing the achievement gap.