

# Bard Briefs



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MAY 19, 2014 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

## ► Board Recognizes Six AVID “Stand Out” Students

The Board hosted a pre-meeting reception and recognized six “stand out” eighth grade AVID students. AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination, is a college readiness system that is designed to increase school wide learning and performance. The AVID elective focuses on “students in the middle”- raising academic expectations and providing a support system that ensures each student’s success in challenging college preparatory coursework.

Each year, the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) recognizes an eighth grade student from AVID programs throughout the county. This year, the SDCOE has turned this award recognition over to school districts, and we are honored to celebrate our students. The selection criteria included student academic performance, commitment to community, and determination to succeed by acquiring and applying college-readiness skills.

PUSD’s “stands outs” among his or her AVID peers are:

- Adan Shock and AVID coordinator Elizabeth Campos - Bernardo Heights Middle School
- Ofri Sabo and AVID coordinator Julie Reshatoff - Black Mountain Middle School
- Kaory Hernandez and AVID coordinator Kay McHeffey - Meadowbrook Middle School
- Aliya Gardea and AVID coordinator Crystal Parry - Mesa Verde Middle School
- Gabriella Abramson and AVID coordinator Keri Smith - Oak Valley Middle School
- Eduardo Ramirez and AVID coordinator Mikki Matautia - Twin Peaks Middle School

## ► Board Recognizes Michelle Testa, San Diego Countywide Classified Employee of the Year

The Board recognized Michelle Testa, Health Services Technician at Sunset Hills Elementary School, who was selected as the 2014 San Diego Countywide Classified Employee of the Year. Michelle was chosen from a countywide pool of district-level honorees by a panel of her peers. She was selected as a PUSD Classified Employee of the Year in March.

## ► Board Recognizes Everyday Heroes and Team PUSD Award Winners

The Board recognized Everyday Heroes and Team PUSD award winners.

Everyday Heroes honors Classified employees who demonstrate excellence in work performance, school and community involvement, and leadership and commitment to our District and students. Tier 1 of the program allows anyone (fellow employee, supervisor, parent, etc.) to submit a nomination to recognize the efforts of PUSD Classified employees at any time of the year. Nominated Classified employees, along with their supervisors and nominator, receive a notification informing them that they have been nominated as a Tier 1 Everyday Hero. Three times a year, a committee reviews the nominations of employees recognized in Tier 1 and selects the most outstanding nominations, identifying those employees as Tier 2 Outstanding PUSD employees. Tier 2 employees are recognized at Board of Education meetings and Personnel Commission meetings and receive certificates of recognition.

The following employees were recognized as Tier 2 Everyday Heroes:

- Debbie Lambert, Health Services Technician, Creekside Elementary
- Michelle McLoughlin, (Extended Student Services) ESS Supervisor, Los Penasquitos Elementary School
- Ricardo Claur, Electrician, Facilities, Maintenance and Operations
- Jennifer Adelman, Campus Security Specialist, Mt. Carmel High School
- Rhonda Birich and Sandra Castanon-Carlos, Instructional Assistants II - Special Education, Twin Peaks Middle School

Team PUSD is designed to recognize an admirable team of employees, who together accomplish an exceptional task or

project. The recognition is for a group of two or more certificated and/or classified individuals who have made a significant contribution to the benefit of PUSD, an individual, his or her work site, the community, or other volunteer or service organization. The activity for which they are being recognized generally demonstrates excellence or exceeds the employee's normal job responsibilities.

Recognized for a TEAM PUSD award were:

- Karen Winn, Linda Uribe, and Maria Lopez - Mt. Carmel High School
- Parisa Amini, Desmond Domingo, Larry Estrellas, Barbara Gephart, Lois Harris, Laura Hatch, Thomas Maloney, Vincent March, Ameer Merchant, Peter Nguyen, Doug Nicoll, Charles Powell, Nancy Prutzman, Iban Ramirez, Patricia Rice, Alexis Sharp, Ronald Tindall, Steven Upson, Vicki Wahlsten, Robert Zimmerman, Edward Bacht, Linda Bradbury, James Wetherington, and Richard Garcia - Information Technology Department Team

#### ► **Board Thanks Current Student Board Member and Appoints Student Board Member for 2014-15 School Year**

The Board presented a gift and words of thanks to the 2013-14 Student Board Member, Samantha Geier.

Each year a high school student is selected by the Board of Education to serve as a Student Board Member. The term of office is their senior year. The Student Board Member remains for the entire Board meeting and participates in discussions about student-related agenda items. The student selected is given preferential voting privileges under California Education Code Section 35012.

A total of five outstanding applications were received from juniors interested in serving as the PUSD Student Board Member for the 2014-2015 school year. A screening committee reviewed the applications for the criteria and qualifications contained in the Board-adopted policy for Student Board Member selection and decided to forward all five applicants to a Board sub-committee to be interviewed. On May 7, the five candidates were interviewed by the President and Vice-president of the Board of Education, the Director of Communications, and the 2013-2014 Student Board Member.

Tonight, the Board appointed Dominique Barrett from Mt. Carmel High School as the 2014-15 Student Board Member.

#### ► **Board Received Report on the 2014-15 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)**

The Board received a report on the 2014-15 LCAP. Associate Superintendent Robertson presented a review of the LCAP drafting process. She reviewed the groups who have provided input in the development of PUSD's LCAP goals which include: District Advisory Committee, District English Learner Advisory Committee, Superintendent's Roundtable (consisting of all management positions Director and above), Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee, K-12 Principals, District wide Crowdsourcing via InnovationU, District wide Parent Surveys on Communication, LCAP, and Academic Expectations, District Committees: Counseling; Student Support Task Force, and Your Voice interactive webpage.

PUSD's LCAP aligns with the eight LCAP Priority Areas adopted by California's State Board of Education, PUSD's Strategic Vision, and the Goals and Initiatives adopted by the PUSD Board of Education in Fall 2013. PUSD's current LCAP goals were also given and the Board and audience were invited to the Special Board Meeting on LCAP and Budget on Monday, June 9, 2014 at 6 p.m. where the first reading of the final draft will take place.

#### ► **Future meetings**

Regular Meetings:

Monday, June 23, 2014 in the District Office (6 p.m.) - Last Meeting of the 2013-14 School Year

Special Meetings:

Monday, June 9, 2014 in the District Office (6 p.m.) - Special Board Meeting on LCAP & Budget

Thursday, June 19, 2014, in the District Office (8 a.m.) - Special Board Workshop on End of Year Goals

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