

Bard Briefs



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FEBRUARY 10, 2015 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

► Superintendent and Board Recognize Student, Staff and School Stars

The Superintendent and Board recognized the following students and staff:

- Rancho Bernardo High School student Callum Sydserff was recognized by the College Board for earning the highest score of 2400 on the national SAT (School Aptitude Test). The three-part test includes sections on Writing, Mathematics, and Language Arts.
 - There is also a list in our agenda tonight of all Poway Unified students who received the maximum possible score of 800 in a subject area test on the SAT. Congratulations to all.
- Carol Doremus from Sunset Hills Elementary School (in December) and Candice Dorn from Oak Valley Middle School (in January) received *Tribute to Teacher Awards* sponsored by KYXY Radio and American Assets Trust. Each month throughout the school year, their program spotlights a local teacher or coach who serves the community in grades K through 12. Teachers are nominated by their students' families. This award comes with a surprise visit to the classroom, a plaque and a \$100 gift card.
- Twin Peaks Middle School's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Challenge class was recognized as the top middle school STEM program by the San Diego Festival of Science and Engineering. The STEM Challenge is a project-based learning experience where students conduct research, acquire new skills, design and build solutions and learn-by-doing. The Festival inducted Twin Peaks' STEM Challenge class into the "2015 Bright Idea Society" along with the top elementary school and high school STEM classes in San Diego County.

► Board Approves New Board Policy 1.15 – Board Advisory Committees and New Board Administrative Procedure 1.15.1 – Board Advisory Committees

The Board approved new Board Policy 1.15 and new Board Administrative Procedure 1.15.1 - Board Advisory Committees. The Board of Education recognizes that Board advisory committees enable the Board to better understand the interests, opinions, and concerns of the community. The Board may establish a committee whenever it determines that such a committee would benefit the district by providing diverse viewpoints, specialized knowledge or expertise, or increased efficiency.

The complete policy and administrative procedure may be read in the full agenda packet.

► Board Approves the Formation of an Educational Technology Advisory Committee (ETAC)

The Board approved Board President Beatty's proposal for the formation of an Educational Technology Advisory Committee (ETAC).

The purpose of the ETAC:

- To provide the Board of Education with a community perspective regarding the use of technology for student learning and technology program priorities.
- To provide strategic input, advice, and recommendations regarding technology needs throughout the district and planning, implementation, and evaluation of current and new technology initiatives.
- To ensure alignment of district's vision, mission, goals, and all documents that govern the use of technology in the district.
- To assist the Board in communicating the district's plans and accomplishments to the community.

Goals for Membership:

- As much as possible, the membership shall reflect gender parity and be consistent with the racial/ethnic make-up of the District.

- Membership may include, as appropriate, parents/guardians of school-aged children, nonparent community members, and district employees.
- Desired Areas of Expertise: technology and issues related to technology.

► **Board Approves Resolution Number 34-2015, Proclaiming March 2 through March 6, 2015, as "National School Breakfast Week 2015"**

The Board approved Resolution No. 34-2015, proclaiming March 2 through March 6, 2015 as "National School Breakfast Week 2015".

The NSBW 2015 theme of "Make the Grade with School Breakfast" highlights how eating a nutritious breakfast helps students achieve success in the classroom and beyond.

This week provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the critical role that school breakfast plays in promoting the health and well being of tomorrow's leaders. It also serves as a fitting time to recognize the dedicated people who make the School Breakfast Program a reality at the following nine school sites: Mt. Carmel, Poway, and Westview High Schools, Meadowbrook Middle School, Los Peñasquitos, Midland, Pomerado, Rolling Hills, and Valley Elementary Schools.

► **Future meetings**

Regular Meetings:

Tuesday, March 10, 2015 in the District Office (6 p.m.)

Monday, April 20, 2015 in the District Office (6 p.m.)

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