

Bard Briefs

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 20, 2015 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

► Board and Audience Recognize Moment of Silence

The Board President called for all in attendance to observe a moment of silence in honor and memory of three recently passed PUSD family members - Garden Road Elementary Preschool student, Gunner Atkins, Willow Grove Elementary School student, Gavin Marques, and Poway High junior, Graciela Silva. The entire Poway Unified family sends its deepest condolences to their families. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of their family members and friends as they mourn their tragic losses.

► Superintendent and Board Recognize Student, Staff and School Stars

The Superintendent and Board recognized the following students and staff:

- Antam Nguyen-Meister, a 9th grader at Poway High School, has been nominated to attend the Congress of Future Medical Leaders being held from June 24-26, 2015 in Boston, MA. Dr. Connie Mariano, Medical Director of the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists, nominated Antam to represent California based on her academic achievement, leadership potential, and determination to serve humanity in the field of medicine.
- Stone Ranch Elementary School students Hannah Chen and Ellie Dana, and Sunset Hills Elementary School student Luna Bellisario received scholarships to attend Camp Cuyamaca next year for essays they wrote on the topic of positive outdoor experiences. The essays were written as part of the San Diego County Office of Education's Van Arsdale Essay Contest. The students' scholarships are paid for with money endowed by the late William E. Van Arsdale, past director of SDCOE's Outdoor Education Program.
- Dr. Andy Johnsen, Principal of Valley Elementary has been named the 2015 Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Region 18 Elementary Principal of the Year. Andy's achievements will be recognized at the 13th Annual ACSA Honoring Our Own Awards Dinner to be held on Friday, April 24, 2015.
- Principal Sonya Wrisley of Design39Campus has been named one of the "20 to Watch" by the National School Boards Association's (NSBA) Technology Leadership Network (TLN). These distinctive education leaders from across the country are selected for their ability to inspire colleagues to explore and embrace innovative technology solutions that contribute to high-quality instruction and support more personalized learning experiences for students. Honorees were recognized at the 2015 Consortium for School Networking (CoSN) Conference in Atlanta, GA, along with a TLN-hosted luncheon at NSBA's 2015 Annual Conference in Nashville, TN.
- Rocco Stefano, After School Education and Safety (ASES) Site Supervisor at Black Mountain Middle School, and Linda Ellett, ASES TOSA/Program Coordinator in Student Support Services, represented PUSD at the 2nd Annual STEAMConnect Conference held at Qualcomm on March 5, 2015. Their presentation, "Igniting Student Interest in STEAM Through After School Programs," highlighted Rocco's Summer Academy program, which offers engineering projects that replicate construction of buildings and bridges in a chosen city.
- Sunset Hills Elementary School Special Education teacher Sara Brownell and her students won the Mission Federal "Max My Class" Contest. Max FM 105.7 radio station personnel visited Mrs. Brownell's classroom on March 6th, where they conducted an on-air broadcast and presented her with gifts, including a \$200 gift card from Mission Federal to purchase classroom supplies.
- Mt. Carmel High School teacher, Bill Briscoe, and his Fire Science students took home first place and an axe trophy in the San Diego County Best of the Best Fire Science Challenge on Saturday, March 21st. During the competition, high school fire science academies participated in several events and drills that tested their abilities in challenging situations and promote teamwork.
- The Aztec Odyssey of the Mind Teams at Adobe Bluffs Elementary School competed at the California State Tournament held at UC Riverside last month. The Vehicle Team comprised of Emily Butman, Casey Good, Sydney Hubbard, Bryanne Reyes-Pangalinan, Annabelle Reyes-Pangalinan, Katie Rico, Brianna Vargas, and Coach Lisa Vargas, took fifth place. The Silent Movie team Sara Brownlee, Bria Erimli, Ally Lau, Kate Lau, Kiara Lutz, Claire McLaughlin, Lilly Minter, and coaches Ami Lau and Janice Lutz, came in second place and have advanced to the World Finals at Michigan State University in May.

- The Oak Valley Middle School Falcon Math Team, comprised of Vinod Krishnamoorthy, Derek Lam, Crystal Wang, and Skyler Wu came in second overall out of 28 teams at the San Diego Chapter MATHCOUNTS Competition held in March. In addition, Vinod, Crystal, and Derek took three out of the top five individual awards out of 198 competitors. The OVMS Math Team will now move on to the California State Championships.

► **Board Members Appoint Members to the Educational Technology Advisory Committee (ETAC)**

Per PUSD Administrative Procedure 1.15.1, Board Advisory Committees, each individual Governing Board Member shall appoint one committee member for each established Board Advisory Committee. The remainder of the membership shall be selected by the entire Board. The online application process for the ETAC committee opened on February 10, 2015. All Board members were provided with the submitted applications.

Tonight each member named his or her selection for his or her appointee to the ETAC. Members are as follows: Appointee of Kimberley Beatty: Jessica Xu; Appointee of Michelle O'Connor-Ratcliff: Dena Glynn; Appointee of Andy Patapow: Evan Grant; Appointee of Charles Sellers: Frank Xu; Appointee of T.J. Zane: Scott Himelstein. They then jointly appointed five additional members: Noah Li, Kriscia Cabral, Gabriela Dow, Brian Senese and Stacey Campo.

► **Board Approve a Number of Resolutions Celebrating District Employees**

The Board approved several resolutions celebrating District Employees. The resolutions included: Resolution No. 44-2015, recognizing National PTA Teacher Appreciation Week – May 4-8, 2015; Resolution No. 45-2015, recognizing California Classified School Employee Week – May 17-23, 2015; and Resolution No. 50-2015, recognizing School Lunch Hero Day on May 1, 2015 and School Nutrition Employee Week – May 4-8, 2015.

► **Future meetings**

Regular Meetings:

Monday, May 18, 2015 in the District Office (6 p.m.)

Monday, June 22, 2015 in the District Office (6 p.m.)

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