

Bard Briefs



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE **MARCH 8, 2016** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

► **Moment of Silence for the passing of Mt. Carmel High School student Alyssa Jensen-Brown**

- Principal Greg Magno says about Alyssa: *“Alyssa was a bright and vibrant young lady that embodied a passion and a love for life. Alyssa was kind and loving and enjoyed life to fullest with her family, her school, and her softball and volleyball teammates.”* Our deepest condolences to Alyssa’s family and the Mt. Carmel High School family.

► **Superintendent and Board Recognize School and District**

The Superintendent and Board recognized student and staff accomplishments at school sites and the District. Below are just a few of those recognitions. The entire list can be found in the agenda packet here:

<http://powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Board-Images/BoardAgendas/2016/PUSD-Board-Agenda-3-8-16.pdf>

- 5 PUSD middle schools and 4 high schools finished in the top ten at the San Diego County Science Olympiad. 7 of those schools will move on to the State competition in April at CalTech.
- Westview High School’s Navy Junior ROTC won its 4th consecutive state championship. They’ll compete at the National level in Pensacola, Florida in April.
- Teresa Palzkill, Assistant Principal with Career Technical and Adult Education, has been selected as the Association of California School Administrators Region 18 Adult Education Administrator of the Year. She will be honored at the upcoming ACSA “Honoring Our Own” Dinner on March, 18th.

► **New Principals Introduced**

- Superintendent Collins introduced our two newest Principals - **Mandy Bedard at Tierra Bonita Elementary** and **Denise Davis at Painted Rock Elementary**. Both principals started in February. Welcome to #TeamPUSD!

► **LCAP update**

- This year’s Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Community Forums were held at the District Office on Monday, February 29th and Thursday, March 3rd. A Spanish Language LCAP forum was held last night, Monday, March 7th, at Valley Elementary School. Approximately 170 people attended the three forums. This year, people can also provide input electronically, via our new PUSD mobile app and an electronic survey. So far, over 500 people have submitted input that way. Electronic responses will be accepted through Wednesday evening: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8H5GHXX>

► **National School Breakfast Week**

- The Board watched a video highlighting the hard work of PUSD’s Food & Nutrition employees at Poway High School, one of nine campuses that serve school breakfast. Watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0te5EBzYqro>

► AB 1266/Locker Room Privacy Update

- Superintendent Collins thanked all those who spoke on the issue during last month's board meeting. Since then, the District has been involved in ongoing, meaningful, and constructive dialogue with the involved parties, community leaders, staff, and students. Associate Superintendent of Learning Support Services, Dr. Mel Robertson, shared a proposed solution that respects the privacy of ALL students: installing privacy stalls in high school and middle school locker rooms as an option for *any* student to use. Director of Facilities and Maintenance and Operations Mike Tarantino is in the process of meeting with contractors to determine the cost to implement these privacy stalls. Each campus' locker room will be assessed to determine the best placement and number of stalls. Construction at Rancho Bernardo High School is projected to start during Spring Break, with rollout at additional campuses to follow.

► Student Board Representative Reports

- **Simon Shapiro, Poway High School:** March 5th "Finish Chelsea's Run" at Balboa Park to raise money for Chelsea's Light (in honor of former PHS student Chelsea King), Every 15 Minutes Assembly (mock fatal accident and assembly), AVID took a trip to Northern California to visit colleges, "Club Rush," Titans United Week
- **Ella Smith, Westview High School:** "Into the Woods" musical with over 1,000 community members in attendance, Mock Trial team finished 2nd for San Diego County, Speech and Debate headed to state, Robotics won award for most spirit, NJROTC 4th consecutive year state champs, girls volleyball and roller hockey Palomar League champs, planning "No Hate Week"
- **Reagan Cloutier, Del Norte High School:** School play "Cinderella," Finals and course request forms, 25 juniors are National Merit finalists, seniors receiving college acceptance letters, Girls soccer CIF division champs, fine arts "Night at the Museum," West Coast winter colorguard competition, No Place for Hate week, "What if" week, blood drive during which 46 pints were donated
- **Jalen Rasoul, Rancho Bernardo:** RB High had 100 participants at Chelsea's Run, including Principal LeMaster and his family, color guard finished first, senior acceptance letters and selecting classes for new 4x4, improv show and choir show, 8th grade parent night, pasta dinner, Mr. Bronco event, Best Buddies Ball

► ITEM C – PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board heard comments from the public regarding:

- Introduction and congratulations from Rick Shea, Vice President of San Diego County Board of Education
- Pool at Poway High, shut down since last November, how to replace it with a modern facility
- Establish "Robotics Day" on March 24th to inspire and encourage students
- Increasing robotics coach and teacher stipends
- Mt. Carmel High School library report, celebrating "All Lives Matter"
- Condition of playing fields at Tierra Bonita and Twin Peaks

► Future meetings

Regular Meetings:

Tuesday, April 5, 2016 in the District Office (6 p.m.)

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