

Bard Briefs



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE **MAY 31, 2016** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

► Moment of Silence

The Design39 Campus family lost a beloved member of its student body, 4th grade student Benjamin Kiwon Lee. His family sent PUSD a statement to be read in his memory, and Board President O'Connor led a moment of silence in his honor.

► Superintendent and the Board Recognize Students, Schools and the 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/2016/0-Board-Agenda-Packet-5-31-2016.pdf>

- Six middle school students were recognized as AVID 8th Grade Standouts. AVID stands for “Advancement Via Individual Determination.” AVID’s mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society. Every year one 8th grade student from each PUSD middle school is selected as an AVID Standout. These outstanding students are selected by their AVID coordinator for their strong academic performance, college potential, and commitment to their community. This year’s 8th Grade Standouts are:
 - **Bernardo Heights: Samantha Taubman**
 - **Black Mountain: Maria Gannon**
 - **Meadowbrook: Trevor Mathis**
 - **Mesa Verde: Claire Buckley**
 - **Oak Valley: Nikki Azimi**
 - **Twin Peaks: Lucas Ginsberg**
- Three PUSD elementary schools were honored by the 2016 Gold Ribbon Schools Awards Program: **Adobe Bluffs** Elementary, **Los Penasquitos** Elementary, and **Willow Grove** Elementary. Principals Eddie Park (Adobe Bluffs), Deanne McLaughlin (Los Pen), and Amy Huff (Willow Grove) and their teams were recognized by the Board. The schools were chosen based on a model program or practice their school has adopted that includes standards-based activities, projects, strategies, and practices that can be replicated by other local educational agencies. These schools were honored at a ceremony in Anaheim earlier this month with State Superintendent Tom Torlakson.

► District Updates

- Since the May 19th special board meeting, the District has been answering individual questions and parent concerns that have come into the info@powayusd.com email inbox and we have moved the handling of the Public Records Act process from an outside attorney to internal staff. The District will adopt a new policy regarding access to District records as soon as possible. Additionally, the District will ensure ongoing training is provided for all personnel involved in PRA requests.

We will also be working with attorney, Scott Koller, from the Baker Hosteler firm in Los Angeles, to conduct a formal technical and administrative risk assessment to identify potential vulnerabilities in data storage and transmission, analyze PUSD's business practices, and create an incidence response plan.

- Dr. Robertson also took a moment to thank first responders, the PUSD transportation department, and staff at OVMS, SRES, WHS, TBES, Design 39C, DSES, DNHS for acting quickly and professionally during the brush fire in 4S Ranch last week. They kept students safe and maintained open communication with the District's Emergency Operations Center. About 100 students and staff were evacuated from OVMS to WHS, were all students were picked up by their parents by 5:15pm.

► **Outgoing Student Board Member**

- Outgoing Student Board Member, Neel Pujar (Del Norte High), was presented with a gift to thank him for his service. Neel has been a tremendous addition to the Board of Education and the Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee this year. We wish him all the best at UC San Diego and know he will make an outstanding impact.

► **Student Board Representative Reports**

- **Brandon Edwards, Abraxas High School:** Transition students invited to do presentations around the county highlighting disability awareness, students hired at local businesses, Abraxas Pasta for Pennies, Abraxas garden harvested 50 pounds of produce and made their first donation to food bank, hosting blood drive and luncheon, June 3rd is field day with carnival booths, upcoming luncheon for senior citizens
- **Reagan Cloutier, Del Norte High School:** Nighthawks gearing up for finals, seniors' last week of school, 900 kids took over 2,000 AP exams, Prom at USD themed Roaring 20's, Baseball advancing to CIF play, ASB's last pep rally beach themed, senior awards night to recognize students, ASB hosted alumni panel, Each Mind Matters week for mental health awareness, blood donations
- **Kevin Benavente, Mt. Carmel High School:** Preparations for senior activities, including upcoming retreat, senior awards night, senior picnic. Boys Volleyball, Boys track and field, and Girls swimming CIF champs, stellar performances from choir and band, Teacher Appreciation Week, Sundevils Standout Breakfast honoring students
- **Simon Shapiro, Poway High School:** Students studying rigorously for finals, ASB Poway High's 1st Annual Dodgeball Tournament, Summer Spirit Week, "Big Splash" pep rally, final performances for performing arts, final presentations for senior projects, seniors finalizing post-high school plans, Prom theme Night at the Grammy's, Poway switching to trimester system in 2017 to 2018
- **Jalen Rasoul, Rancho Bernardo High School:** Annual staff appreciation week, end-of-the-year spirit week "Just Keep Swimming," No Place for Hate banner from anti-defamation league, Prom "Taking it Back to the 20's," dance team sellout nights, choir Broadway review, Boys golf and Girls track and field 2nd place, Grad Night themed Aloha, 4x4 schedule built, AP and SBAC testing over, senior activities ramping up
- **Ella Smith, Westview High School:** Athletes wrapping up spring sports seasons, Boys Volleyball first in Palomar League, Chris Carter named San Diego Athletic Director of the Year, Emmit Pert named Presidential Scholar, Prom on USS Midway, All-school lip dub on campus involving 1800 students and staff culminated with end-of-the-year rally

► **ITEM C – PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Board heard comments from the public regarding:

- Parent concerns over data release during recent PRA Request
- Student reporting on successful RBHS Spoken Word event
- RB Friends of the Library update

- In support of Board member Beatty's idea of splitting Superintendent position into two positions
- Help for Spanish speaking families and more informational meetings held in Spanish
- PTA advocacy efforts and Decoding Dyslexia resolution
- Need for more technology equipment and assistance at schools
- Update on renovating fields at Tierra Bonita and Twin Peaks, working with City of Poway

► **Incoming Student Board Member**

- Ella Smith (Westview High) has been selected as the 2016-2017 Student Board Member. She is a familiar face at our board meetings, as the Student Board Representative for Westview, she never misses a meeting, and delivers her reports with enthusiasm and confidence. Ella is a leader. She is the ASB President for her school, served on the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council, and represents students on the California PTA Board of Managers. She describes herself as an education advocate, speaking up for her fellow students who might not have a voice. Her term will begin with the August 2016 board meeting.

► **Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)**

- PUSD staff developed the District's LCAP based on stakeholder input. PUSD's five LCAP goals for 2016-2017 are: **1.** Support high-quality teachers in their implementation of an articulated California standards-based curriculum, instruction, and assessment to ensure college and career readiness and citizenship for all students. **2.** Create systems and structures that provide multiple pathways of learning and engagement to increase college and career readiness of our students and close the achievement gaps for all subgroups. **3.** Strengthen and maintain a safe, positive, healthy and well-maintained learning environment for all learners. **4.** Increase student and parent engagement in learning through enhanced community involvement in the education of our students. **5.** Develop, implement, and embed a collaborative learning structure and system for adults and student to increase student achievement.

The District's timeline for future LCAP actions: LCAP actions, services, and budget will be submitted to the Board for formal approval at the June Board meeting and submitted to the San Diego County Office of Education by June 30th.

- The proposed budget is directly working along with LCAP goals. Some of the highlights for 2016-2017 include increasing hours for elementary library media technicians, adding custodians, adding Xploration teachers, adding teachers on special assignment, increase in safety budget, increasing staff in special education, IT department, personnel commission, and finance departments. Budget will be balanced for '16-'17 without making expenditure cuts.

► **Budget Review Advisory Committee (BRAC) End of Year Report**

- Zeroed in on one apparent budget issue: structural deficit of \$18,423,000
Recommendations: Stop all new planned program expenditures in 2016-17 and reduce all non-required expenditures as quickly as possible. Start preparing to plan to bring the deficit in 2017-18 to Zero.

► **Educational Technology Advisory Committee (ETAC) End of Year Report**

- Mission: to provide PUSD with strategic input and advice on the use of technology for student learning and technology use throughout the District.
Recommendations: Fund P.E. and Arts at same level of technology funding. District leadership to provide oversight and accountability. Implement overall technology plan and standards. Provide paper-based curriculum as optional alternative to devices, and address health and safety risk associated with

technology use, including cyber security. Emphasize design, tinkering, and creativity in student use of technology.

► **Future meetings**

Regular Meetings:

Changed to: Wednesday, June 22, 2016 in the District Office (6 p.m.)

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