

Bard Briefs

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE **SEPTEMBER 13, 2016** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

► Moment of Silence

Board President Michelle O'Connor-Ratcliff held a moment of silence for Poway High senior Blake Casale. Principal Ron Garrett said Blake was a friend to everyone he met and went out of his way to make outsiders feel like insiders. Blake leaves behind his parents and twin sisters for whom he was known as "The Peacemaker."

► 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/Board-Agenda-Packet-09-13-2016-Revised.pdf>

Among the PUSD employees and volunteers recognized:

- Classified Employees of the Year: Nancy Dannhauser, Christa McIntosh
- Teachers of the Year: Carole De Bruin, Joe Gizzo, Megan Gross
- Volunteers of the Year: Garry Burgess, Audrey Frank, Stan Kim
- San Diego County Red Ribbon Partners Outstanding Educator: Elaine Cofrancesco
- Phil Medved, Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor for securing a grant of up to \$240,000 from the San Diego Air Pollution Control District for compressed natural gas buses

► Early Literacy Update

- October is Dyslexia Awareness month
- Ongoing training: All TK through 2nd grade teachers will participate in reading academy
- SELPA training on dyslexia will include classroom strategies and early intervention

► Student Work Showcase

Every month, we will showcase a school and/or program by bringing students' writing, art, and photography to board meetings.

- The glass showcase in the District Office lobby features some of the pieces of JJ Barlow's art students at Twin Peaks as well as current elementary X-Ploration students. JJ and the X-Ploration team are bringing STEAM to elementary students district-wide, incorporating hands on learning at 26 campuses.

► California Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment (CAASPP) results

- CAASPP taken by 18,374 PUSD students in Grades 3-8 and 11
- PUSD saw overall growth in English Language Arts of 4% (from 72% of all students who met or exceeded standards in 2014-15 to 76% in 2015-16)
- In Math overall 3% growth (from 65% of all students who met or exceeded standards to 68%)

► Search Firm Hired for Superintendent Search

- Ray & Associates will meet with board members and community members for input on new superintendent
- Search firm will also look for Interim Superintendent, so that Acting Superintendent Mel Robertson can return to her job of Associate Superintendent of Learning Support Services

► Student Board Representative Reports

- **Brea Houston, Abraxas** adopted a school in Guadalajara and raised money for school supplies, hosted blood drive meeting 119% of goal, collecting footwear for Haitian children, World Vision interactive experience field trip, developing worm growing and tilapia breeding programs, playwright project, \$7,500 grant from SDG&E
- **Reagan Cloutier, Del Norte** Back to School night included performances from band and dance, midterms coming up, Principal hosted panel of current and alumni students, college night for students to navigate the application process, football 2-1 and going to play Westview on military night, next pep rally inviting first responders and military members, field hockey beat Bishop, Medicine Olympiad, ambassadors to Stone Ranch, flags placed around campus in memory of 9-11
- **Grace Hard, Mt. Carmel** Homecoming dance theme is “Through the Decades,” football team undefeated as they head into away game vs. Vista, Fall sports working hard, students readying PTA Reflections artwork, excellent band performances
- **Simon Shapiro, Poway High** homecoming at Air and Space Museum, next week is spirit week, space-themed assembly, Titan football undefeated, water polo and fall sports doing well, overall growth record for clubs due to “club carnival,” back to school night success, hosting “What I Wish My Parents Knew”
- **Jackson Kadowaki, Rancho Bernardo** introduced student performances for back to school night, football, field hockey, golf are among undefeated fall teams, royal regiment marched in Poway Days Parade, homecoming week theme is Alice in Wonderland, new Dancing with the Broncos, improv team show, pancake breakfast, Fall play The Crucible, college workshops, club rush
- **Anne Vu, Westview High** Seniors attending meetings to gear up for college, looking forward to harbor cruise, new ambassador program to elementary schools, Westview’s Got Talent, student body dressed up in red, white and blue in honor of Sept. 11th, 20 new club applications, team of teachers and students for Turning Points Conference for safe and inclusive school environment

► Item C – Public Comments

The Board heard comments from the public regarding:

- LCAP goals and incorporating more online class options
- Concerns over complaint filed against teacher

► Board authorized Finance Dept. to proceed with refunding opportunities for several Community Facilities Districts (CFD) 10 (Torrey Highlands), 6 (4S Ranch), and 11 for approx. \$7 million in savings

► Upcoming Events

- PSEA Family Picnic at Lake Poway, September 24th 11am – 3pm
- Character Counts! and Red Ribbon Week, October 17th – 21st
- PUSD College and Career Fair at Rancho Bernardo High School, October 18th at 6pm
- Jack-O-Smash at Sportsplex USA, October 30th to benefit special needs students

► Future meetings

Regular Meetings:

Tuesday, October 18, 2016 in the District Office (6 p.m.)

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