

Bard Briefs



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MARCH 7, 2017 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

► New Superintendent Contract Approved

- The Board approved the new superintendent's contract. Dr. Marian Kim-Phelps will start on April 3, 2017.
- Dr. Kim-Phelps spoke, as did many of her supporters
"It is my hope to work together with each and every one of you to move our District forward to support our children."
- Please see the attached press release for more information

► Superintendent and Board Recognize School and District

The Acting Superintendent and Board recognized student and staff accomplishments at school sites and the District. The entire list can be found in the agenda packet here:

<http://powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Board-Images/BoardAgendas/currentboardpacket.pdf>

- Five PUSD middle schools placed in the top ten at the San Diego Regional Science Olympiad Competition. Events ranged from earth science to engineering. The top eight schools will advance to the state competition in Pasadena in April. #2 Oak Valley Middle School, #3 Black Mountain Middle School and #3 Mesa Verde Middle School, #6 Meadowbrook Middle School, and #9 Design 39

► Student Work Showcase

Every month, we will showcase a school by bringing students' work, including writing, art, and photography to board meetings. The glass showcase in the District Office lobby currently features some of the pieces from **Westwood Elementary School**. Parent Coordinator Art Reppas came to speak about the art program he leads, Art Corps, a 100% volunteer-based art program. Art Corps is completely funded by donations to the PTA. They are teaching students starting from drawing lines to ultimately creating something based on a famous artist's work.

► New State Rubric and Dashboard for CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress)

- Replaces Academic Performance Index (API) to measure student and school success and moves away from "sanction and punish" approach. Debuts next week.
- Uses ten measures of success, including student achievement in English language arts and math, graduation rates, basic services and conditions at schools, implementation of state standards, parent engagement, school climate, college and career readiness
- Performance levels are represented by colored circles and grids from low (red) to high (blue)

► Student Board Representative Reports

- **Elizabeth Kerrigan, Abraxas:** Student from Transition Program reported on the leadership class activities, including Transition Formal, Master Gardeners toured Abraxas garden, WASC visit to review accreditation, upcoming field trip to Superior Court

- **Nicole Labrador, Del Norte:** Nighthawks finished finals last week, started new trimester, Boys Varsity Soccer won CIF section champs, combined choir concert with OVMS, hosted AVID students, Best Buddies created video to stop hurtful words, support for fellow student who is battling health problems
- **Grace Hard, Mt. Carmel:** Spring pep rally “Tron” theme, “Mr. Sundevil” pageant winner is Jake Danzer, The Red Sea won Battle of the Fans for CIF/KUSI contest, teaching incoming 8th graders the “Sundevil Way,” school theater play “Addams Family,” Leadership receiving award from “CASL”
- **Trevor George, Poway:** hosted MORP informal dance, beginning stages of recycling program joint effort between students and staff, Mendel Baljon got new lunch tables on campus, theater presented “Drowsy Chaperone,” Boys Wrestling won CIF and placed 3rd at State and Quentin Hovis state champ
- **Jalen Rasoul, Ranch Bernardo:** successful “Bookin it for the Broncos,” and strong showing at Chelsea’s Run, first state wrestling champion in school history Chasen Blair, girls basketball won CIF section champs, unanimous superior rating for band and orchestra, food packing event for the hungry, Broncos Players will perform “Sound of Music,” Best Buddies Ball coming up
- **Nathan Xia, Westview:** Westview celebrated its first Lunar New Year celebration, honored civil rights leaders to celebrate Black History, graphics design class presented to MLS representatives including Landon Donovan, currently No Place for Hate week on campus to celebrate tolerance and diversity, leadership receiving “CASL” award, hosted “TedEd” event today

► ITEM C – PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board heard comments from the public regarding:

- Classified staff leadership: “We Work Best When We Work Together” on budget cuts
- Keep cuts away from classified positions who have not recovered from the last major cuts
- Classified staff play a vital role in supporting students and solving problems, out-of-the-box thinking
- Westview Theater leaks during rainstorms
- Student petition to ask for Westview Theater repairs
- Encourage Board to keep District priorities in mind and maintain staff when looking at cuts
- Outdated world language materials
- Computer vision concerns due to increased use of technology
- Poway On Stage Arts in Education program and upcoming youth theater camp

► Adoption of New High School Courses

Several electives and CTE-based were approved by the Board, including sports medicine/athletic training, sound production and engineering, introduction to finance, auto technology, agriscience, and business law

► PUSD Robotics Day

Resolution declared for March 8, 2017

► Budget Update

The Board approved the Second Interim Budget which includes \$5 million in reduction considerations. This is needed for a positive certification from the County. The Governor’s revised budget in May could change the numbers and amount of cuts needed. However, we need to be working proactively on a multi-year budget plan for our District. A more detailed budget communication will be sent to District staff tomorrow.

► Future meetings

Regular Meetings: **Tuesday, March 21, 2017** in the District Office (6 p.m.)

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