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Meeting Agenda

Monday, September 9, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
Education Center, Room 229

Childcare in Room 121

1. Call to order / Introductions 5 min.
2. Approval of Agenda 5 min.
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes 5 min.
4. School Year Kick-Off – 20 min.
David Verdugo, Interim Superintendent
5. PUSD's Instructional Framework – 30 min.
Helen Hill, Director, Curriculum, Instruction & Professional
Development
6. Board Update – 10 min.
Kim Kenne, PUSD School Board Member
7. Nominating 5 min.
8. Chairperson's Report 5 min.
9. Member Comment/Public Comment 10 min.

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05/06/19 Meeting Minutes

Schools in Attendance: Blair (Kitty Cahalan, Bernadette Cole, Jennifer Higginbotham, Ken Lin), Eliot (Bryant Mathews), Hamilton (Kirsten Jackson), Marshall (Janet Morris), McKinley (Natasha Mahone, Laura Diaz Allen), Muir (Lawton Gray), Sierra Madre Elementary/Middle School (Julie Flad).

Also in Attendance: Helen Hill, PUSD Director, Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development; Jodi Marchesso, PUSD STEM Specialist; Xilian Stammer, Director, Special Projects, State & Federal Programs; Suzanne Berberian, PUSD Community Liaison Specialist; Judy McKinley, community member; Barbara Larson, community member; Allison Steppes, UTP; Alvin Nash, UTP; PUSD Interpreter.

1. **Call to Order:** 6:12 pm by Chair Jennifer Higginbotham.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve meeting agenda from Ken Lin, seconded by Julie Flad. Motion passed.
3. **Reading and Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2019 meeting was made by Ken Lin and seconded by Janet Morris. The motion passed.
4. **Presentation on PUSD's Science Curriculum:** Helen Hill, PUSD Director, Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development; Jodi Marchesso, PUSD STEM Specialist

The 2018-19 school year is the first operational year of the new California science test using the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) that align literacy and math. NGSS includes differentiation and entry points for students of all interests and levels. PUSD is seen as a leader in NGSS implementation because the district started earlier than others. The district's current partnership with Caltech will move from Cleveland to Madison next year. Carnegie Observatories is another PUSD partner.

The current PUSD science textbooks were adopted in 2006.

The new standards are driven by developments in science. The old standards were based on assessment. Under NGSS, the focus is on what students can do with their knowledge of science. Students are taught to ask questions and solve problems.

Students will be assessed by the SBAC for English language arts (ELA) and math and the California Science Test (CST). The CST will cover three scientific areas: life science, physical science and earth science. Parents will receive their children's test results in the fall 2019.

Teacher resources will include STEM scopes (all digital and NGSS aligned) created by Rice University. Jodi has led professional development sessions at all elementary schools in the past two years.

The Board approved a physics-first model for high school which will have students taking science classes in this order: physics, chemistry and then biology. In the past, students took biology, chemistry and then physics. In the new approach, physics will be more conceptual than

mathematical. Staff is working through implementation issues at the four high schools, particularly those related to AP and IB courses.

Jodi fills all requests for materials to be used in science experiments, usually within a week.

Helen reviewed some strategies for science curriculum in Mandarin for students at Field.

5. **Nominating:** DAC currently has positions open for a vice chair, secretary and assistant secretary. Anyone interested in serving in those positions should contact Julie Flad at parents@drjulie.org.
6. **Chairperson's Report:** Chair Higginbotham discussed the recent UTP parent engagement meetings and how information is communicated from DAC to the community.
7. **Member Comment/Public Comment:** None.

Next meeting is September 9, 2019.

Motion to adjourn from Kitty Cahalan with second from Ken Lin. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm by Chair Jennifer Higginbotham.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Higginbotham