

Weekly from Dr. Rudolph

September 7, 2018

Play Structures:

We have been receiving several emails from parents at Mistral requesting that we increase the size of the play structure. During my site visit last week I observed both schools using the playground at recess as well as after school. We are currently looking at the cost to increase not only the one at Castro / Mistral but also Vargas and Stevenson. As soon as we have a firm estimate we will look at where we can adjust our Budget Allocation Aheet (BAS). Since we are near the end of our capital improvement expenditures we will need to remove other items from the list in order to fit this project in.

Summer Professional Development:

Attached to this email is a summary of the professional development that was offered this summer, as well as the number of teachers that attended the training.

Candidate Information Forum

We will be holding a candidate information forum Sept 17th from 6-8pm. This forum is meant to serve as a crash course / overview for candidates.

Upcoming events

Monday, September 10	Bubb School Site Council, 2:50 p.m. Landels School Site Council, 3:15 p.m. DELAC, Theuerkauf, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, September 11	Huff School Site Council, 3:00 p.m. Mistral PTA, 6:00 p.m. Graham PIQE Workshop, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 12	Bubb Principal's Coffee, 8:00 a.m. Parent University, Crittenden, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 13	Graham School Site Council, 4:30 p.m.

The Superintendent's Calendar in Review

- Met with four direct reports
- Participated in the Leadership Team Meeting
- Attended the City Council study session on North Bayshore
- Attended the monthly Challenge Team meeting
- Attended the monthly PTA Council meeting
- Had lunch with Educational Services department staff
- Attended Back to School Night
- Worked out of Mistral School for a day
- Met with construction staff regarding new district office building
- Attended the Board meeting

From the Public Information Officer

- Launched new websites! bubb.mvwsd.org and stevenson.mvwsd.org
- Bubb newsletter, new format prep
- Hosted a website training for several school sites
- Back to School Night attendance
- Video shoot scheduling
- Public records requests
- Test results communications preparation
- Attendance Awareness Month campaign rollout
- Castro autodialers data pull and parent engagement discussion
- Updated volunteer fingerprinting fact sheet
- School brochure/ Principal-parent communication support

From the Director of Technology

- Continuing to work on resolving support requests at the sites. In the last month, we have received 916 requests and have resolved 69% of those requests.
- Rolling out our Digital Citizenship training with Nearpod to all teachers.
- Visited classrooms at Castro elementary with Technology Teacher on Special Assignment David Harris.

From the Chief Academic Officer

On Wednesday, Cathy Baur and Tara Vikjord attended the first District Team Meeting at the Santa Clara County Office of Education. The meeting is for administrators from Educational Services departments. The meetings are held 5 times per year.

During the meetings, the SCCOE staff update Districts on items related to curriculum, instruction, assessment and state and federal programs.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

This week in the Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment department, Tara and Cindy Lundberg had their final meeting as Tuesday was Cindy's last day in the District. They discussed 2017-18 data, standards with which students struggled most at each grade level throughout the year, and a plan to support RTI programs to utilize that data and resources to strengthen instruction in those areas. Tara was also able to meet with 1 principal for a coaching session and site visit and attended Landels Back to School night. Tara facilitated the second instructional coaches meeting of the year with a focus on goal setting, the vision and expectations around assessments and the use of data, and specific coaching strategies.

Federal, State and Strategic Programs

Site Visits:

9/5: Monta Loma Back to School Night

9/7: Crittenden Middle School

9/4: English Language Development (ELD) training held for teacher's afterschool at the District Office and presented by Cindy Lundberg. ELPAC tasks aligned to ELD standards and strategies to implement in the classroom to support English learners.

9/5: Attendance and presentation of summer school offerings at Challenge Team meeting at MVPD.

9/5: At-risk interviews for Graham Middle School position.

9/6: School Linked Services (SLS) collaborative meeting with County health providers to calibrate expectations, review caseload process and troubleshoot any wrap around service needs that are unmet in MVWSD at this time.

First DELAC meeting preparations and site officer confirmations.

Districtwide parent engagement offerings review. Collaboration with Vision Literacy on new format and expanded program. Negotiation of 3% only increase from last year's contract to open up this offering to all sites (last year offered at Castro/Mistral only). District wide ESL classes will be offered (pending Board approval) to all sites this year.

Special Education

Heidi Smith and Gary Johnson attended an English Learners with Disabilities Community of Practice meeting at the County Office of Education. This group began the process of reviewing issues particular to this group of students such as best practices in identifying and assessing English learners for special education eligibility and supporting them once they are identified. Arianna Mayes represented MVWSD at the first SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for the year. Topics included the schedule of parent coffees being set up at each school in SELPA 1 and the schedule for ability awareness this year.

From the Chief Business Officer

Capital Projects

Contractors continue working to complete summer work.

Delays at the Division of the State Architect (DSA) have pushed the opening of the new District Office until April 2019. The expected date of approval of the new Vargas two-story buildings is mid-September. With construction to follow, the estimated opening for the new Vargas two-story buildings is July 2019. The single-story buildings are in construction with the foundations being poured this week.

The new libraries at Huff, Bubb and Landels and special education rooms are progressing. Foundations and footings are being poured this week, with the current planned completion is December 2018.

The new Castro/Mistral and Stevenson grass fields are scheduled to have sod placed by mid-month. The curing period is 60-90 days, depending on the time for the sod to root. The fields should be accessible for use in December.

The new MUR buildings at Stevenson and Theuerkauf are in progress. The Stevenson MUR is taking shape with framing in place, with the scheduled opening in late January 2019. The Theuerkauf MUR hit a snag at DSA and was not approved until late this summer. The revised opening is March 2019.

Fiscal Services

The site budget projection based on Enrollment as of April 16, 2018 was presented to all the school principals. The actual site budgets will be updated once CBEDS enrollment count is released on Oct 1, 2018.

With the school reopening for 2018-2019, Fiscal staff are working closely with the sites to make sure all the orders are received and also troubleshooting any delivery issues.

Food and Nutrition Services

This week Food and Nutrition Services concentrated on production of new menu items and surveyed the students for the acceptance of the new items served. Stuffed acorn squash, picked from our gardens, fresh baked Ham and Cheese Croissants, Chicken Chimichangas, and organic, local fruits were also on all school salad bars.

We are also looking for various vegetarian items that the students will eat.

Chef Dalton is working on using produce from our school gardens in the daily school salad bars.

This week we are working out the bugs in the new kitchens. The new kitchens have been well accepted by the staff and students. We have changed the way the students enter the new MURs to comply with federal regulations and it will take a few weeks until they are used to the new format. The point of sale device is required to be at the end of the lunch line in order to verify the student has received a complete meal and that the student ID card matches the student.

Next week, FANS will use an outside breakfast cart at Crittenden Middle School, which should facilitate shorter lines in the lunch room and allow more students to access Second Chance Breakfast.

Second Harvest Food Bank is holding a Summer Wrap Up event on September 11 and a monthly meeting of the Children's Hunger Coalition. FANS collaboration with Second Harvest Food Bank and Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, has allowed our District to purchase breakfast carts and a food truck to increase breakfast participation, nutrition education and to visit sites next summer where children are food insecure and feed them where they live.

Business Services

This week, I facilitated the business directors meeting and attended the Leadership Team meeting. Also, I attended the City Council Study Session on the North Bayshore Developments. I attended planning meetings for Title I and the First Interim Budget Report. I met with the architects for the Capital Projects program and reviewed the schedule of current and future projects. I conferenced with Sage Renewables and our attorney, as we finalized the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the District's potential solar program. We had a conference call with the County Office of Education regarding the transition from the 2018-2019 budget adoption to the

2018-2019 first interim assumptions, and the impact of the negotiated compensation increases. I submitted the Crittenden and Graham Yosemite scholarship application to Nature Bridge. Last year, we received approximately \$38,000 toward the overall cost of the trips for both schools.

From the Chief Human Relations Officer

Human Resources

At Leadership Team, Carmen provided training to principals regarding certificated and classified evaluative process and timelines as well as the importance of supporting our probationary 2 teachers as they refine instructional practice.

Student Services:

Carmen provided principals updates regarding State Bill 2815 which changed California *Education Code* sections 48240–48244 Chronic Absenteeism. The changes in the law encourages districts to move from punitive tracking of chronic absenteeism to promoting a positive culture of attendance at schools as well as require the accurate tracking of pupil attendance by grade level and pupil subgroup.

Carmen co-facilitated in the first Health and Wellness Committee of the year with Cathy Baur