

Weekly from Dr. Rudolph

October 19, 2018

DALI conference

Last week, I presented at the District Administrative Leadership Institute (DALI) conference. Specifically, I shared our approach to using various tools to do outreach around some of our biggest topics: boundaries, school safety. Also, at the meeting I had the opportunity to see an interesting VR (virtual reality) opportunity. In addition to the classroom application, we could also use VR to create renderings of our pending construction projects. VR would enable the Board, staff and the public to view future school designs.

Boundaries Communication

Attached to this email you will find an overview of our communication plan for boundary transitions. It includes welcome events, sample letters and our FAQ for parents.

Upcoming Events

Monday, October 22	Monta Loma ELAC, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 23	Monta Loma SSC, 4:30 p.m. Graham PIQE, 6:00 p.m. Castro ELAC, 6:00 p.m. Bubb PTA, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 24	Graham Fall Band Concert, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 25	Cafecito with Superintendent, 5:00 p.m., Castro/Mistral MUR Castro/Mistral PIQE, 6:00 p.m. Crittenden ELAC, 6:00 p.m.
Friday, October 26	Stevenson Trunk or Treat, 5:30 p.m. Graham Dance, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 27	Huff PTA Auction, 6:00 p.m., MV Senior Center

The Superintendent's Calendar in Review

- Met with six direct reports
- Met with representatives from Mountain View Educational Foundation
- Lead the weekly Cabinet meeting
- Met with two Board members
- Presented at the Second Harvest Food Bank community event
- Held goals conferences with two principals
- Worked with others from superintendent's office out of the Graham office for two days
- Met with parents at Graham
- Had lunch with Graham staff

From the Director of Technology

- David Harris, Tech TOSA and Jon Aker visited classrooms at Landels
- Network Technician Nick Haffen and Jon Aker completed network walkthroughs at Castro, Mistral, and Stevenson

- Supporting the school sites. In the last month, we have received 581 support requests and we have resolved 80% of those requests

From the Public Information Officer

- Full day of videotaping for safety, boundaries and testing "Let's Talk" video series
- Climate survey data preparation
- Attended Graham parent coffee
- Boundaries letters and information coordination for parents
- Parent emergency communication
- Charter petition communication
- School marketing videos edits

From the Chief Academic Officer

This week Cathy Baur had a planning meeting with Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services and the HEARD Alliance to further discuss our rollout of Kognito suicide prevention training for teachers and next steps for developing our process and protocol. Cathy served as an observer at Crittenden during the districtwide emergency drill. She walked through some co-taught classes at Crittenden and participated in a Dyslexia Summit to learn more about the new California Dyslexia Guidelines. Cathy and Tara Vikjord worked on the logistics for the Social Studies Advisory Committee and Science Advisory Committee.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

This week in the Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment department, Tara met with five principals to support them and review their site plan goals and actions. She facilitated the Coaches meeting with a focus on RTI in each of the schools and best practices in the areas of assessment, resources, and programming. Tara met with the RTI teachers at Bubb school to discuss the model, instruction, assessment, and expectations for NGSS and PBL in the school RTI design. Tara worked with Tabitha Miller to facilitate the first Dual Immersion Advisory Committee meeting with a focus on a self-evaluation of the current program and a scope and sequence for the team meetings throughout the year.

Federal, State and Strategic Programs

10/17: School and community engagement facilitator meeting focused on data review of site enrollment, free/reduced lunch application status and community follow up.

10/19: SPED/EL joint reclassification meeting. Process review and initiation of alternate process for the 2018-2019 school year.

10/12: Arline Siam attended the MVLA Articulation Meeting to discuss placement for our 8th grade students

Coordination of November *Culturally Responsive Parent Engagement Strategies* --Saturday teacher professional learning in partnership with Foothill College.

Evening/Weekend Events/Trainings

(Saturday)

10/13: Arline Siam attended the Dual Language Community of Practice
Attended training at SCCOE on best practices for dual immersion

Heidi Smith supported second session of Vision Literacy district-wide ESL classes at Castro School.

10/15: DELAC meeting. Required training of parents for annual notification letters, ELPAC score notices and reclassification criteria reviewed.

10/16: SIOP new teacher onboarding training 3-6pm Graham Middle School--Session 2 of 3 supported by Arline Siam and Pearson (SIOP).

10/17: "ALL" long term English learner summer program parent and student trimester meeting. Review of students' current grades

10/19: Dual Immersion advisory committee--supported by Arline Siam

Site Visits

10/15: Castro/Mistral Joint meeting about SLS services and combined PIQE offering.

10/16: Theuerkauf--teacher release day grades 1-2 focused on early language acquisition strategies through science content, ELPAC practice tests, and supplementary materials for ELD

planned lessons for 3 weeks-- facilitated by Arline Siam

10/17: Crittenden--Leadership check in with assistant principal and principal

10/18: Graham Middle School and Landels SIOP walkthroughs with principals

10/19: Mistral SIOP walkthrough with principal

Special Education

Monthly staff meetings were held with middle school special education teachers and speech therapists. Gary Johnson attended an English Learner Community of Practice meeting at the county office of education. This is a series of meetings with professionals from various districts that work with English Learners and/or students with disabilities. Annual goal setting meetings were held with coordinators and school psychologists.

Preschool

Golden Bell Award

The Golden Bell validation visit was postponed from the original date of October 15 to this afternoon. Terri Wallace just finished giving the representative a tour of Latham Preschool. The students were especially friendly and charming, spontaneously offering to dance for the representative and sharing big smiles, high fives and plenty of conversation. It was an enjoyable visit, giving Terri the rare opportunity to showcase what we do at the preschool, our hard-working staff and incredibly engaging students.

Emergency Drill

The district-wide emergency drill always makes our preschool staff a little nervous. Our students are very young, have only just started school for the first time and may not understand exactly what a practice emergency drill is. It can be a potentially scary situation

for some children. However, our students never cease to amaze us. They were very cooperative and well-behaved, followed instructions and we made it through the entire drill with no tears. Our staff works very hard to practice emergency procedures at least once each month in the classroom, in addition to our campus fire drills. The ongoing preparation by our staff helps to ensure not only that our students know what to do but that they also remain calm and feel secure in their preschool environment.

From the Chief Human Relations Officer

Human Resources:

- The HR Department received “update training” regarding new Education Code regarding teaching credential assignment monitoring.
- State Bill 840 directs the California Teaching Credential Commission to begin the process of data sharing and automated monitoring for the purpose of meeting federal requirements consistent with the State Plan for ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) through a State Assignment Accountability System.
- The Santa Clara County Office of Education provided an overview of new requirements for Districts in monitoring and aligning teacher credentials to District coursework/curriculum. The COE will be conducting

Student Services:

The smooth transition of students to their new boundary school has been the priority of the Student Services Department. Working with Shelly Hausman, our Public Information Officer, the Student Services Department has developed parent communication in all transition boundary areas and developed a process to provide information and support to parent questions regarding our boundary changes.

Health Services:

Our District nurses have completed hearing and vision screening at nine of our ten schools, with the final school completed by next week. Vision and Learning Services will provide free glasses to our students in need of glasses at Theuerkauf, Crittenden, and Castro Schools.