

From the Board Room ...

Notes from the Board of Education Meeting: 6/6/02

... informing all

Let's Celebrate!

Two really exciting announcements have been made at the last two Board of Education meetings. Both of them involve an influx of new money for the district's educational reform programs.

First, the receipt of a multi-year, \$250,000 grant from the RGK Foundation of Dallas, Texas. This categorical grant is to be used for work the district will be doing with the prestigious University of Pittsburgh. The University has chosen only six districts in the nation and SMMUSD is one! In the multi-year program our senior leadership team will be coached in strengthening leadership practices and processes; they will come back to the district and share that knowledge with all levels of the leadership team.

Finally, we have formed a partnership with Santa Monica-based Lili Claire Foundation and UCLA, which will provide top-notch instruction for Special Education Instructional Aides, as one way for special needs students to receive even greater support in our classrooms. It is anticipated that some IA's may progress to certificate level instruction.

Hats off to all the folks who worked so hard on securing these grants!

the voting block

June 6, 2002

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All major agenda items passed, 7-0 (unanimously) with motion by Mr. Pratt, second by Mrs Brady and no abstentions.

Appointments

Dr. Steven Frankel - Director
Standards and Assessments

Christina Rivera - Director
Curriculum and Instruction

Anwar Salosh - Samohi
Assistant Principal

Ruth Esseln - Samohi
Assistant Principal

Other important decisions or announcements included:

+ **BP5117 - Interdistrict Permits**

The Board approved the suggested amendments regarding involuntary loss of housing and siblings of recent graduates. Permit-granting order was revised. Contact Maggie Hanson X216

+ **Two new Parcel Tax Committee Members** were approved and welcomed:

Kip Dellinger and Nat Trives

+ **Adoption of School Board Meetings for 2002-2003**

Important Items Coming Before the Board

Communications:

Staff Responses to DAC Reports/Superintendent's Recommendations (6/17/02)

Consent:

Retiree Recognitions (6/17/02)

Discussion:

Independent Study P.E. (6/17/02)

Budget Reductions 02-03 (6/17/02)

Strategic Plan (6/17/02)

Recommendations on

A Proposed New Parcel Tax (6/17/02)

Major Action:

Final Budget Approval (6/27/02)

Strategic Plan Approval (6/27/02)

A special "Thank You!" to all the moms and dads and students and teachers

Copies of School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) for all schools are now available on the district's website, www.smmusd.org

and principals who brought presentations before the Board this year. It is critical to on-going district success to witness first-hand examples of the wonderful achievements taking place in our schools every day. And thanks, too, to the PTA members who helped make the artwork displays so vibrant, both in the Board Room and, remarkably, on the road!

What terrific reminders of the value of student-centered education.

Please check the district website for important updates and contact numbers.