



BUENA PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD BITS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting
of August 25, 2014

PRESENTATION

For the past 15 years, Gilbert School teacher Leslee Milch has provided a summer reading program to students at Bellis Park in Buena Park. This year, members of the Buena Park Library, Giving Children Hope Organization and Successful Families for Buena Park partnered with Ms. Milch to provide additional services to the students and families participating in the program. Ms. Milch conducted the reading program on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. beginning June 4 through July 30 with 50 to 100 students attending each day. Students received a gently used book to take home, the Buena Park Library signed children up for library cards and checked out more than 1,000 books, the Giving Children Hope Organization provided nutritional snacks and the Successful Families group provided nutritional information to parents while their students were enjoying story time. All three community groups are looking forward to expanding their role in the program for next year and hoping to open the program at other schools as well.

2014 SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT

Corey School Principal Valerie Connolly and Gilbert School Principal Jason Kunczewicki each provided administrative leadership for three weeks during the 2013-14 Summer Success Academy from June 9 through July 18. Selected long-term English language learners, students at EL Level 3, students at risk of retention, and Pre-K-7 special education students received targeted instruction using curriculum from Houghton Mifflin's "Summer Success" for ELA and Math, Santillana "Camp Can Do" for ELD instruction, Singlish ELD supplemental materials and two programs, Second Step(K-5) and Why Try(6-8) to build self-regulation and social and emotional competence skills. This comprehensive curriculum mirrored the curriculum taught during the school year and was designed to reduce the summer "slide" effect. Data indicates that all students assessed gained in fluency from end of school year to end of Summer Academy. Teachers worked in teams with students rotating between classes for Math and ELA curriculum. Special education students were mainstreamed into regular education classes where appropriate with aides and teachers pushing in for assistance. Additional volunteer interns from Buena Park High School provided one on one assistance. Discussion was held regarding next steps and recommendations including: (1) student selection...earlier and more targeted on specific skill, (2) early planning for effective delivery, (3) focus, skill-based academies with targeted instruction, (4) more teacher collaboration time, (5) separate 6th grade and junior high students at the junior high campus and (6) teacher alignment for assignment.

GANG REDUCTION INTERVENTION PARTNERSHIP (G.R.I.P.) REPORT

The Orange County Gang Reduction Intervention Partnership (GRIP) partners include the Orange County District Attorney's office, investigators, Buena Park police and probation officers, community partners, teachers and parents who work together to help deter at-risk students between fourth and eighth grade from joining gangs. Students enrolled in the program are from gang-prone neighborhoods who are struggling in academics or with behavior or attendance. GRIP partners with local agencies to provide families with counseling, parental classes, after-school education and many other services. GRIP also focuses on truancy, providing incentives for kids to stay in school, parent-teacher involvement, and sports camps. Good behavior earns rewards such as attending an Angels game at the end of the year for free and a day at the Ford Motor Company's Design Center, where students tour the facility, listen to a speaker and check out the assembly line. Deputy District Attorney Tracy Rinauro expanded on Buena Park School District's involvement with the GRIP program at Gilbert and Whitaker Schools and the inclusion of Buena Park Junior High School in the 2014-15 school year.

BOARD POLICIES

The Governing Board approved the adoption/review/revision/deletion to Board Policy 5117 Interdistrict Attendance.

<p>CSEA CONTRACT SETTLEMENT & AB1200</p>	<p>Government Code Section 3547.5 requires public school employers to publicly disclose the provisions of all collective bargaining agreements prior to approval. The agreement includes (1) formal elimination of five furlough days previously negotiated for 2014-15, (2) a 4% salary increase for CSEA staff members effective July 1, 2014 including contingency language specifying that if another bargaining or management unit receives a unit-wide salary schedule increase greater than 4% that the District will increase CSEA's increase to the higher percentage, (3) the hiring of three additional Library Media Clerks, (4) increasing hours for Special Education Instructional Assistant IIIs who currently work 4-5 hours/day to 6 hours/day, and (5) contract language specifying that floating holidays must be utilized in the year accrued.</p>
<p>RESOLUTION #14-05:</p>	<p>Resolution #14-05 was approved by the Governing Board authorizing the issuance and sale of a portion of the General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2014, in an aggregate principal amount not exceed \$23,000,000, for purposes of financing projects authorized to be financed under the Bond Measure, according to the terms and in the manner set forth.</p>

<p align="center">“News You Can Use”</p>	
<p>Beatty School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We would like to welcome 1st grade teacher Brianna Hedstrom and 6th grade teacher Brittany Magliocchi to our Beatty staff. • Congratulations to Beatty Special Ed PK Teacher Stephanie Dayton on the birth of her baby boy, Cody Joshua Dayton born 8/15/14. • Many thanks to the fabulous Beatty teachers and staff members for a great start to the school year and for a wonderful Back to School Night. • Beatty sends their thoughts and prayers to our clerk typist Yvette Viramontes wishing her a speedy recovery.
<p>Corey School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to our PBIS team for helping kick off a great year– Heather Guay, Wendy Roxas, Kristie Mendez, Cathy Hackett, Caroline Park, Breanna Bee, David Mauldin and Valerie Haynes. • Corey would like to welcome our new librarian, Loretta Rodriguez and our new typist clerk, Erin McPhillips. • Thank you to everyone who participated in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge.
<p>Emery School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are so excited to add Dee Cavenee to our Emery teaching team. Dee will be teaching 3rd grade this year. • Welcome to Matt Lemen who is with us temporarily teaching our upper grade moderate class. We are so happy to have him here with us. • As well, welcome to our new counselor, Ivonne Mena. Ivonne is quickly becoming involved with our students and staff. • Welcome everyone!
<p>Gilbert School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gilbert School would like to welcome their new staff members to the family: Tim Jones and Emily Prosser-teachers, Regina Singleton-typist clerk, Bibi Perez-Food Services Manager and her staff, and Alfonso Sandoval-noon duty. If we missed anyone, welcome! • Thank you to all staff members for making the first weeks of school a ROARing success!
<p>Pendleton School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Back and a shout out to all the Pendleton staff for a smooth transition to a new school year. • Congratulations to Keith Quijada on the birth of his son, Gavin Keith Quijada. • Condolences to Janet Acevedo at the loss of her father-in-law, our thoughts are with you and your family.
<p>Whitaker School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to Arlene Fraser, Kim Ivora, Sally Santos and Carolyn Revtyak for supporting our Whitaker HSO. • We would like to welcome Elaine Salango, Georgina Suarez, Silvina Lee, Aloma Mohammed and Brianne Stein to our staff this year. We are so lucky to have all of you. • Many thanks goes to Jeanette Solomon for all of her scheduling expertise.
<p>B.P.J.H. School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BPJHS extends a warm welcome to Erik Bagger our new Principal. • A BIG thank you to Polyn Spirtos who is temporarily filling in as an assistant principal at BPJH while we search for a replacement for Bill Lynch who secured a principal position in another district during the summer. • Congratulations to our new school secretary Donna Spiva who is taking over the reins from Sue Pike who retired in June.
<p>District Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condolences are extended to District Psychologist Shirley Doi on the loss of her mother. • Welcome new District Office employees: Marivic Andres-payroll and Sue Tran-Child Nutrition. • Congratulations to sub bus driver Rodrigo Cervantes and his wife who are expecting not one, not two, not three, but four babies...that's right quadruplets...2 boys and 2 girls in the coming month. They are blessed indeed!