



BUENA PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD BITS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting
of November 9, 2015

PRESENTATION

The Buena Park School District Education Foundation recently conducted its First Annual Art Contest. The theme of the contest was “My Big Dream.” The top four winning students received a \$25 Target gift card and their artwork was framed and presented to the Gold and Platinum Sponsors of the Foundation at the November 9, 2015 Board meeting. Winning students personally presented their artwork to the Sponsor.

CHARLES G. EMERY SCHOOL REPORT

Emery School Principal Jennifer Pesavento and Kindergarten through grade six teachers’ Chantel Pettitt, Kelli Palmer, Rebecca Park, Ana Ngo, Dee Cavanee, Bob Mize, Jennifer Schell and Steve Little reported how they are using the Classrooms Without Limits program at Emery. Students are engaged using the interactive whiteboard; Chrome books to take Accelerated Reader (AR) tests and Starfall for reinforcement activities; iPads for research, AR testing, Story Works, ST Math and assignments; Airplay for Common Core mathematical problems, accessing textbooks online; and using the application “Notes” in math to display answers. Students are also submitting essays using their iPads and Gate students use their iPads to create videos and design new classroom configurations using pictures and analysis.

REPORT OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Following years of measuring student achievement by the STAR system, Buena Park School District has moved into the era of multiple measures, California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). Multiple measures provide ongoing instructional feedback for teachers and students through district benchmarks, Smarter Balance interim assessments and the CELDT testing. District Literacy TOSAs’ Stephanie Williamson and Vanessa Gomez shared statistical data and findings for Early Literacy, English Learners, and Title III AMAO 1 and 2. Dr. Kaivan Yuen reported on the CST Science scores for fifth and eighth grade indicating that eight grade students transitioned to the National Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and grades TK through seven will follow in 2016-17. Dr. Miramontes shared baseline data for the Smarter Balance Performance (SBAC) in ELA and Math. Fifth and sixth grade students did better in ELA than the other grade levels and third grade students performed significantly better in math than all other grades. Next steps include implementing a performance management system that will measure student achievement through formative, interim and summative assessments.

CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL SITE SAFETY PLANS (CSSP)

Education Code Section 32280 et.seq., provides requirements for comprehensive school site safety plans. In establishing such requirements, it is the intent that all California public schools, in cooperation with local law enforcement agencies, community leaders, parents, pupils, teachers, administrators, and other persons who may be interested in the prevention of campus crime and violence develop a comprehensive school safety plan that addresses the safety concerns identified through a systematic planning process. Further, Education Code Section 32286 specifies timelines for an annual review, update and reporting of the key elements of the plan by each school-site council or school safety planning committee.

<p>2015-16 SINGLE SCHOOL PLANS FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT</p>	<p>The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001 requires districts to be more accountable for academic progress of all students. One of the regulations outlined in NCLB is that schools must develop a Single School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) each year and that it is approved by the local School Site Council for each school and also approved by the district Governing Board. Each school's staff has conducted a comprehensive analysis of data to set specific goals and determine actions to improve academic achievement of all students. These comprehensive plans have been approved by each of the respective school site councils and received input from the English Learners Advisory Committee.</p>
<p>CONTRACT/SERVICE AGREEMENT(S)</p>	<p>The Governing Board approved the following contract/service agreement(s) on behalf of the Buena Park School District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Roofing Systems, Inc., will complete the roofing project at Beatty School per bid #16-01 • Danny Letner Inc., will complete the roofing projects at Corey School District Office per Bids #16-02 and #16-03 • Momentum Teaching, LLC, will provide two additional days of professional development per Bid #16-14 • 1 iPad Gratis LLC, A Better Tomorrow Education, Club Z! and Oxford Tutoring will provide supplemental education services to students who are eligible.

<p style="text-align: center;">NEWS YOU CAN USE</p>	
<p>BEATTY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to BPSD Teacher of the Year, Gil Kim, who was recognized at the awards banquet at the Disneyland Hotel on November 10. • Many thanks to Beatty's FANTASTIC teachers for your efforts in building positive relationships with our families. Your hard work to assemble all that is needed for parent conferences is greatly appreciated. • A shout out to Beatty's translators (Elizabeth Cabral, Mimi Arias, Elisa Rios, Maria Rios, Amelia Estrada, and Yvette Viramontes) for supporting our teachers and families.
<p>COREY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to Jeannette Kaufman and Wendy Roxas for all of your work assembling our school-wide paper quilt. • Thank you all Corey teachers for the time and effort you devoted to our families for parent conferences.
<p>EMERY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to all the people who worked to make our Board presentation successful, including all the staff, teachers, parents, and students who came out in support of our school.
<p>GILBERT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A BIG thank you to our teachers and Bilingual IAs for the successful and well-attended parent teacher conferences!
<p>PENDLETON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kudos to the PBiS team for organizing Pendleton's first Bucket Filling Week. • Thank you to the Kindergarten, first and second grade teams for opening your rooms to principals and district staff. They appreciated seeing Footsteps2Brilliance in action.
<p>WHITAKER</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to Arlene Fraser, Sally Santos, Kim Ivora and Elaine Salango for being instrumental in our Fall Festival. It was terrific! • Our condolences go out to Jeanette Solomon and her family for the loss of her brother. Our thoughts are with you. • Thank you to Ian Speirs and the entire maintenance department for your efforts in putting our vandalized classrooms back together so promptly.
<p>B.P.J.H.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome aboard Colin Woodward, BPJH's new Science teacher. • Thank you to Dorothy Sedia for conducting Tech Tuesday this month. Great Job! • Best wishes to Steve Marcum for a speedy recovery. • Kudos to Carol Hoffman for organizing the 7th grade Diabolo assemblies. • All the best to Jackie Barry in her new position at Sonora High School, we will miss you!
<p>DISTRICT OFFICE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to everyone who planned and participated in the Halloween activities, it was a lot fun. • Congratulations to Katie Purnick for best costume and Sheryl Burgess for best pumpkin carving.