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Upcoming events:

- ◆ Feb 20 Washington Day—no school
- ◆ Feb 23 DELAC/Parent Meeting
- ◆ Mar 3 K-6 Report Cards Go Home
- ◆ Mar 4 Leadership Development, 8:30-3:00 pm
- ◆ Mar 7 K-8 Minimum Day
- ◆ Mar 13 Governing Board Meeting
- ◆ Mar 14 7-8 Minimum Day



New Alternate Supports Through Debate

Alternative Supports (formerly known as Supplemental Educational Services) is a federal program through Title 1 that provides students who receive free or reduced price lunches and are low achieving students with additional academic support. This year, BPSD is providing our students support through Debate. Students who scored at the Standards Not Met and English learners received priority in this new intervention. About 80 students participated in the first session of program, and another 220 students will participate through this year. Through Debate, students learn the skills needed to closely read nonfiction texts, use textual evidence from credible sources to develop written arguments, speak confidently and authoritatively on their topic using evidence and presentation skills, and listen actively to their opponents' arguments and develop an on-demand rebuttal.

During the first session of program, students were very hesitant to speak and they felt very uncomfortable speaking in front of the class. At the last session and during the culminating event, students had structure in their speeches, used evidence to support their claims, spoke confidently, and embraced the spotlight. Now, these students are armed with critical thinking skills, evaluation skills, and presentation skills that will follow them throughout their educational and personal lives.



BPSD Welcomes New Family Services Specialist

The Office of Student Programs and Staff Development welcomes Erika Rodarte, Family Services Specialist. Erika will be using her skills to support parents of English learners in our district by coordinating resources, providing parent trainings, recruiting for preschool, and increasing parent engagement. The Family Services Specialist is supported through federal Title III funds, specifically restricted to supporting English learners. One requirement of Title III is parent engagement, and this is where Erika will focus her work. She will be visiting schools, getting to know each school community, visiting ELAC meetings, working with parents directly, all to help promote student achievement in our English learners group. Please help us welcome Erika to the Buena Park School District.



EAP Services

Self Insured Schools of California, BPSD's medical plan carrier, has announced a monthly outreach program to boost awareness of its Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Each month, SISC will provide a weblink to inform staff of specific support services available to them through the EAP. February's featured service is Child Care. During the month of February, you can access more details about the Child Care resources provided through the EAP at: www.anthemeap.com Password: SISC. The SISC EAP is available to all District employees as part of your health benefits package.

Governing Board & Staff Study Coherence

At a recent special meeting of the Governing Board, Cabinet and Principals met in Study Session format to review the book *Coherence* by Michael Fullan and Joanne Quinn. Michael Fullan is a consultant to school districts worldwide, and most recently is assisting California's State Board of Education, and Department of Education regarding whole system change for the State's public education system.

At the study session, Superintendent Magnuson facilitated the group review of Chapters 1 & 2, highlighting the *Coherence Framework* of focusing direction; cultivating collaborative cultures; deepening learning and securing accountability for school improvement. For the



two-hour session, discussion on the relevance to system changes being designed and implemented at the State level and at BPSD was held.

School Secretaries Collaborate

On Thursday, February 9, school secretaries from all seven school sites and from Administrative Services gathered for their quarterly secretaries' meeting. These meetings provide an opportunity and forum for the secretaries to share and obtain information on topics of importance in fulfilling their critical roles at their school sites. The group welcomed back Phuong Pham-Le, our Administrative Services secretary, who just returned from maternity leave. The team also thanked Janet Acevedo, our Pendleton Elementary school secretary, who very capably filled in during Phuong's absence.



Topics of discussion at Thursday's meeting included the Transitional Kindergarten (TK) program, the district-wide Kindergarten (Kinder) Faire held at Buena Park Junior High School, and the upcoming Aeries training conference. The school secretaries appreciated the attendance of Dr. Miramontes and Marie Fanchuchi who provided clarification to recent changes to TK registration procedures. School Secretaries provided feedback and suggestions to make future Kinder Faires even more successful. The secretaries were delighted to be invited to participate in planning activities for next year's TK and Kinder registration events.

Thought for the day:

"Whether you think you can or think you can't—you're right." —Henry Ford

Board Highlights

ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION, 2017 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY BALLOT

The Governing Board voted for the following eight candidates on the California School Boards Association 2017 Delegate Assembly Ballot: Alfonso Alvarez-Santa Ana USD, Bonnie Castrey-Huntington Beach Union HSD, Karin M. Freeman-Placentia-Yorba Linda USD, Ira Glasky-Irvine USD, Diana D. Hill-Los Alamitos USD, Al Jabbar-Anaheim Union HSD, Robert A. Singer-Fullerton Joint Union HSD, and Suzie R. Swartz-Saddleback Valley USD. CSBA Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2019.

RESOLUTION #16-12: ESTABLISH TEMPORARY INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Education Code Section 42603 provides authorization for the Governing Board to temporarily transfer funds to another fund or account of the district for payment of obligations. The transfer shall be accounted for as temporary borrowing and shall be repaid either in the same fiscal year, or in the following fiscal year if the transfer takes place within the final 120 calendar days of the fiscal year. The Governing Board authorized the temporary transfer between the following accounts for fiscal year 2016-2017: Fund 01-General Fund, Fund 12-Child Development Fund, Fund 13-Food Services Fund, Fund 14-Deferred Maintenance Fund, Fund 25-Capital Facilities Fund, and Fund 40-Special Reserve Fund.

APPROVAL OF THE 2014-15, 2015-16, AND 2016-17 CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION (CARS)

Each year, school boards are required to approve the CARS for funding state and federal aid programs. The CARS winter data collection includes reporting on state and federal funding programs, certification that all state and federal rules and regulations will be observed, and the use of funds will be reviewed and audited according to the standards set forth by the California Department of Education. The report consists of Fiscal Year 2014-15 closeout reports, Fiscal Year 2015-16 carryover and expenditure reports, and Fiscal Year 2016-17 reports for Title I, II and III funds, district allocations, and site allocations.

BOARD POLICES

The Governing Board approved the following Board policies for adoption/review/revision/deletion:

BP0450 Comprehensive Safety Plan

BP1230 School-Connected Organizations

BP1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures

BP2121 Superintendent's Contract

BP3112.2 Certification

BP 4112.24 Teacher Qualifications Under the No Child Left Behind Act

BP4113 Assignment

BP4121 Temporary/Substitute Personnel

BP5111.1 District Residency

BP 5116 Intradistrict Open Enrollment

BP5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment BP5145.7 Sexual Harassment

BB9222 Resignation

BB9240 Board Training

BB9270 Conflict of Interest

BB9323 Meeting Conduct

CONTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENT(S)

The Governing Board approved the following contracts:

- Christy White Associates will conduct a financial statement and performance audit for the Measure B bond program, Fiscal Year ended 6/30/17.