

Weekly from Dr. Rudolph

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Bullis Charter School:

I am sending this out to our school community:

District staff recently met with representatives of Bullis Charter School about the school's recent announcement of its intent to open an additional school in Mountain View in 2019-20 that would serve low-income students. The District asked them direct questions about how Bullis would serve all students.

MVWSD needs more information on:

1. Bullis' academic performance, specifically data demonstrating success with their proposed identified targeted subgroups
 - a. S.E.D. (Socio-Economic Disadvantaged)
 - b. Latino
 - c. Special Education
2. A clear understanding of which District sites Bullis is proposing to use under Proposition 39, provided that Bullis enrolls 80 students from within the MVWSD boundaries.
3. An understanding how Bullis plans to target and provide a preference within their lottery systems for low-income students

Additionally, we briefly discussed the impact that a charter school would have on a school district that is undergoing a shift in boundaries. Considering the proposed timing of their submittal and Bullis' desire to open at the start of the 2019-20 school year, I requested that they follow the [California Charter School Association's](#) recommendation for a charter petition submittal "in the spring 1.5 years before {Bullis' planned opening}."

Considering that school boundaries are changing in 2019-10, I informed the team from Bullis that while it is too early to tell which sites would meet the Proposition 39 requirements for shared facilities. With that said, I did note that the Castro / Mistral site as well as the Theuerkauf site are not viable options due to enrollment, preschool, transitional kindergarten and other District student programming.

North Bayshore:

Dr. Harding and I continue to meet with Google and Sobrato to work on finalizing terms for a school solution for the NBS precise plan. While there has been some concern about whose demographers have the right projections, we are now closer to agreeing that the numbers necessitate at least one elementary, one middle and one high school. We are planning on sharing more enrollment data to them so that they can provide us with a proposal for a school solution.

Upcoming events

Tuesday, October 9

Graham PIQE, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 10 Parent University @ Crittenden, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 11 Graham SSC, 4:30 p.m.
 Landels Family Fun Night, 6:00 p.m.
 Castro/Mistral PIQE, 5:30 pm.
Friday, October 12 Monta Loma PTA, 8:30 a.m.

The Superintendent's Calendar in Review

- Held goals conferences with four direct reports
- Led the weekly Cabinet meeting
- Met with five direct reports
- Participated in the Leadership Team meeting
- Met with Board president
- Attended the PTA Council meeting
- Met with tourists from Google who were visiting from China
- Met with representatives from Bullis Charter School
- Worked out of the Theuerkauf office, toured classrooms and met with parents for a coffee
- Participated in the Board meeting

From the Public Information Officer

- School visits and parent coffee at Theuerkauf
- Government relations meeting and communications preparation
- Public records requests
- District receptionist interviews
- Google coding event logistics and media relations
- District boundaries communications preparation

From the Director of Technology

- Hosted a visit of educators from Tokyo. We took the visitors on a tour of classrooms at Crittenden and Monta Loma.
- Attended Google coding event at Castro
- Supporting school sites. We have received 716 support requests in the past month and have resolved 83% of those requests.

From the Chief Business Officer

Capital Projects

Contractors continue working to complete summer work. Sod is coming this week/next week to finish up the fields at Castro/Mistral and Stevenson/Theuerkauf. The curing period is 2-3 months. We anticipate full use by January 2019. Staff and consultants are working on the additional play structure for Castro/Mistral, and the expanded structure at Stevenson. Both structures are planned to be complete by March 2019. Play structures at schools required architectural drawings and the Division of the State Architect (DSA) approval, and both will need to be publicly bid for the

construction work to occur. The new Library and SDC classrooms at Bubb, Huff and Landels are progressing toward the December completion, as well as, the new Stevenson MUR building with the anticipated opening of late January.

Fiscal Services

The first payroll of the school year was closed for the month of September 2018.

There were 711 of employees paid and the total gross amount for September payroll was \$4,437,367.02

Position control has been updated to capture all the staff changes and assignments.

The total amount of AP checks for September 2018 was \$12,826,253.25 toward 257 payments. All sites except four schools have gone live with Online Requisitions. The staff at the sites and departments are provided ongoing support and training during the post implementation period.

Food and Nutrition Services

This week Food and Nutrition Services made it a project to reach out to families that did not sign up this year with an application for the Free and Reduced Meal Program.

To date we are at 28.92%, Free and Reduced students, which is a drop of over 5%.

This year we are currently serving over 3000 meals per day.

At Crittenden Middle School, we rolled out a breakfast cart, to assist with meal service.

A trial text messaging program to reach out to parents who owe for their child's meals at the middle schools was rolled out and seems to be working. Meal payments have increased to pay on negative lunch accounts.

The food truck bids have come in and the truck will be ordered soon.

Maintenance Operations & Transportation

Maintenance:

We are working hard on getting caught up from the flood of work orders. We currently are at 79 open work orders.

Business Services

This week I attended Cabinet, the South Bay Area School Insurance Authority Executive Board meeting, and the Board meeting. I met with the Dr. Jones, Principal of Vargas to review the current plans of the new campus, worked with Special Education Director Johnson on the grant for a new All Inclusive Playground at Landels, met with principals of Bubb, Huff and Landels to review the new library and new SDC/RSP rooms, met with Ms. Ghysels to plan the first meetings of the Workplace Safety Committee, met with Fiscal Services Director Lakshmanan as we continue to work on the First Interim Budget Report for December, and participated in a conference call with our financial adviser and attorney regarding workforce housing.

From the Chief Academic Officer

Cathy Baur attended the meeting with representatives from Bullis Charter School to learn more about their possible proposal for a charter school. In addition, she worked on site plans in preparation for the October 18th Board of Trustees meeting and continued with goal setting meetings and budget meetings for her direct reports and departments.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

This week in the Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment department, Tara met with three principals to support them and review their site plan goals and actions. She also met with two instructional coaches to support their planning and work. Tara presented information about elementary mathematics at the Mistral parent coffee on Wednesday morning. She also worked on updating writing exemplars in preparation for the trimester 1 writing assessments.

Federal, State and Strategic Programs

Site Visits:

10/1: Mistral ELD Walkthroughs and Traffic Management Improvements

10/3: Graham ELD Walkthroughs

10/2-10/4: Crittenden Arline supporting interpretation at middle schools

Revising reclassification criteria, RFEP Monitoring preparations, and interpretation/translation support to sites was a focus this week.

Organization of newly expanded English as a second language classes offered on Saturdays to all sites' families with childcare and light snacks provided. Classes will start this weekend thanks to the Board approval of the Vision Literacy contract at the last Board meeting.

Evening Event Support:

10/3: Graham ELAC - Arline Presented on reclassification, ELD and EL supports.

Special Education.

Staff meetings were held with school psychologists and elementary special ed teachers. Topics covered included our new educationally related mental health referral and assessment process, review of the IEP documentation of goals, progress monitoring, and reporting, and an overview of our new Welcome Binder for parents of newly identified students with disabilities.