

Weekly from Dr. Rudolph

March 23, 2018

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 28 Mistral PTA, 6:00 p.m.
 Theuerkauf PTA, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 29 Elementary School Open Houses
Saturday, March 30 Stevenson Silent Auction/Sock Hop at Masonic Lodge

The Superintendent's Calendar in Review

- Met with five direct reports
- Led the weekly Cabinet meeting
- Met with two Board members
- Attended the focus groups regarding qualities of a principal at Theuerkauf, Mistral and Graham
- Attended the Graham PTA meeting
- Met with three directors
- Met with representative from CSMA regarding planning for next year
- Met with City staff regarding staff housing
- Participated on an immigration panel in Los Altos
- Met with MVEA president

From the Public Information Officer

- Multiple public records requests
- Monitoring school safety online conversation- Thoughtexchange
- Monta Loma web site redesign- launched beta at <https://betamontaloma.mvwsd.org/>
- Parent and staff communications
- Hosted 45 Latin American educators on Tuesday at Crittenden and Theuerkauf as part of a Google education connection
- Social media updates
- Web site updates
- Media requests
- Participated in the Mistral focus group session on Wednesday
- Parent U "college mindset" promotion

From the Director of Technology

- Working on completing erate application for 2018 to upgrade the network switches and access points at Castro, Mistral, Stevenson, and Theuerkauf
- Hosted a visit from educators from six different Latin American countries. They visited classrooms at Crittenden and Theuerkauf.

- Interviewed applicants for technology support technician vacancy

From the Chief Business Officer

Capital Projects

Huff, Bubb and Landels MURs are moving along and heading for completion in June (though rumor has it they would like to finish before the summer construction starts).

Castro will be moving into the new school on June 4-5. The Mistral campus will be full of activity this summer with the removal of the temp campus, repairing the asphalt and grass, and new library and Kinder rooms. Theuerkauf gets a full classroom modernization, MUR expansion and main office overhaul. Graham has both a courtyard project and the City will be replacing the synthetic turf. Monta Loma's new roof will be placed, and the Admin/Staff room building will be modernized. Stevenson's new campus is progressing, though not as fast as they should have been. The nicer weather will hopefully give the contractor a kick to get moving. Crittenden is waiting for the new track and field to open. The site is conducting a Walk-a-thon this Friday. The contractor agreed to safe off the area and let the kids use the track. An estimated date for completion is now mid-April, and the lights are late April.

Fiscal

As part of online purchasing project, we are working with the Santa Clara County Office of Education to complete Requisition Routing Master Files setup this week. This is the final stage of the system setup and the next step will be getting the QCC access information to all new users and group training.

As part of adoption budget, we are setting up meetings with all sites and departments to review 2017-18 budget and work on 2018-19 budget allocation.

Food & Nutrition Services

Second Harvest Food Bank has offered to purchase "hot boxes" for our after school BTB programs for students to have a hot meal after school. We are working with the Fiscal Services dept to narrow down the cause for the increase in the general fund contribution, to prepare for the 2018-2019 budget adoption.

General Business/Chief Business Officer

This week has been focused on various meetings, with Directors, Supt, Cabinet. We had a Summer 2018 Moves meeting with staff and Greystone to start to finalize plans we've been discussing for a while now. I attended the Theuerkauf principal focus group meeting

From the Chief Academic Officer

This week Cathy Baur met with Dr. Rudolph and representatives from the Community School of Music and Art to debrief the art and music programs in 2017-18 and begin planning for the 2018-19 school year.

Cathy Baur and Tara Vikjord met with Tammie Wu and Sharon Parker from the Center to Support Excellence in Teaching (CSET), Stanford University Graduate School of Education. MVWSD has a fantastic opportunity to participate in the Wipro Science Education at Fellowship hosted by CSET. The District will be able to have classroom teachers participate in two years of training in science with a focus on improving instructional practices in science, growing as teacher leaders, and increasing student achievement in the sciences. There will be 3 cohorts for training over the next four years.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

This week in the Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment department, Tara Vikjord and Cindy Lundberg continued to deeply analyze district benchmark assessments. Cindy created a document to share with principals identifying the standards from the District ELA benchmark with the lowest performance and providing resources to reteach those standards. Tara and Cindy also met to review and discuss the elementary RTI data, identifying trends in RTI groupings rotations, group assessments to guide instruction, and student growth.

Tara has continued to work on preparing for the upcoming CAASPP testing. Cindy has been collaborating with Arline to plan for the summer program. Tara shared a survey with teachers to identify their professional development needs and preferred times for optional training and is compiling results to share with the Professional Development Committee next week.

State and Federal Programs and Strategic Initiatives

Continued federal program monitoring document uploads and site visit planning for on-site visits April 17-20th.

Valdes summer school testing at both middle schools conducted.

Spring reclassification- list and timelines shared at a meeting with coordinators. Eligibility lists shared with principals.

K-5 early learning language acquisition summer school planning with Science A to Z representative. LTEL Achievement for Language Learners summer program planning--staff recruitment.

3/22: MVEA negotiations

Evening Events:

3/22: Parent University "Developing a College Mindset Now!" Crittenden MUR.

3/20, 3/21, and 3/22: Principals forums supported with interpreters and district staff (Heidi and Arline alternated) for Theuerkauf, Mistral and Graham.

Site Visits:

Landels: Focus on discussing EL interventions, program supports and practices. Leadership transition plans discussed with respect to communication of EL programming, data and current models for future leadership's review and/or adjustment.

Board Reminder--PIQE graduation @ Graham Middle School 3/27 6-8pm.

Special Education

Special education hiring is in full swing. We have openings for psychologists, speech therapists, and teachers, both resource, and special classes. All positions have been advertised and interviews are set for candidates. We may still need to contract some positions in 2018-19, however, we have received a few applications for each area and will hire those that are qualified. Gary Johnson, Director of Special Education, and Arianna Mayes, program coordinator, attended a workshop last Friday, March 16, regarding the implications of the new California Dyslexia Guidelines in terms of practices districts should begin implementing, including a universal screening tool for dyslexia for kindergartners and how to assess for special education eligibility if dyslexia is suspected. Gary attended the University of California at Santa Cruz teacher recruitment fair Wednesday night. There weren't any special education candidates, however, approximately 15 elementary and middle school candidates expressed interested in our positions and were invited to apply.

From the Chief Human Relations Officer

Logistics for advertising for and interviewing candidates for principals for Graham, Mistral and Theuerkauf as well as conducting focus groups for parents at all three schools.

Negotiations with Mountain View Educators Association.

Met with all principals regarding staff.