



Board Briefs

The Board of Trustees met on February 16, 2010 and March 9, 2010 in the District Board Room.

😊 Dr. Tim Baird shared the following Good News 😊

- 😊 Gerry Devitt and his staff were praised for dealing with the heavy rains and addressing any problems quickly.
- 😊 La Costa Heights teachers Sandra Chapman and Natalie Christ received great praise from a parent for the “great year” her children are having in their classes. Principal Leighangela Brady was also praised for the many positive changes she has brought to LCH.
- 😊 Congratulations to Ocean Knoll 2nd grader Seth Helmer. His artwork was chosen to be displayed at the County Office of Education .
- 😊 Of the four Mission Estancia student essays that were chosen as finalists by the local chapter of the Daughter’s of the American Revolution, student Jonny Baham’s essay will go onto the district level and then possibly state level.
- 😊 Kevin LaPittus, Director of Child Nutrition, held a “Name Your Own Pizza” contest. It was a big success with winners chosen from each school.
- 😊 A teacher wrote to thank Gerry Devitt for his amazing support in helping to have a whiteboard installed so quickly.
- 😊 The Ocean Knoll children’s garden has been chosen to be scheduled as a field trip for teachers as part of a “Gardening w/Class Conference.”
- 😊 Third grade students were the grateful recipients of dictionaries through the Encinitas Rotary Club.
- 😊 Dr. Baird announced that both Olivenhain Pioneer and El Camino Creek have been selected for site validation visits as part of the California Distinguished School recognition application.
- 😊 Dr. Baird commended Dr. David Miyashiro for the extensive professional growth that he has organized for teachers districtwide.
- 😊 Dr. Baird shared the success of Principal for a Day. Dr. Baird shared it was a pleasure hearing the many positive comments about students, staff and leadership and the excellence they observed as they spent the morning at our schools.
- 😊 Dr. Baird announced that Olivenhain Pioneer had a site validation visit as part of the California Distinguished School process and El Camino Creek was scheduled for next week. Final word of their selection was expected sometime early April.
- 😊 Tim Reeve, Principal of Park Dale Lane, shared a letter from a parent praising Liz Young with the Time for Kids program and the positive impact Ms. Young has had on her son.
- 😊 A parent wrote to commend Ocean Knoll teacher Trish Crowe for the incredible year her child has had this year in her class.
- 😊 Toni DeCarlo received praise from ILC last week. She joined in providing a vision board activity that everyone thoroughly enjoyed.
- 😊 Congratulations to Flora Vista. One of their three teams competing at the regional Destination Imagination will advance to the state tournament in April. They also had two of their teams awarded the ImagiNation DaVinci Award, one of the competitions most prestigious recognitions.
- 😊 Abby Saadat received a note of appreciation for Payroll Technician Renee Brown’s participation as a presenter at the CASBO annual conference.
- 😊 Dr. Baird received letters from Cal State San Marcos commending teachers Robyn Litt and Meredith Mills for the leadership positions they filled over this past summer for the California On My Honor Civics Institute. Ocean Knoll teacher Stephanie Parisi received a note of thanks from a parent for all she does to make all her students” feel good about themselves.”
- 😊 Ocean Knoll principal Angelica Lopez received a note of thanks for taking the time to give a tour of the school to incoming parents and making them feel welcome.
- 😊 Kevin LaPittus, Director of Child Nutrition, and his staff received thanks for their support with Capri’s annual Jog-a-Thon insuring its success in raising over \$20,000.
- 😊 Nancy Jones received a note of thanks from a staff member for keeping them informed.
- 😊 Janet England received praise for her quick response in approving and having flyers distributed.
- 😊 Paul Ecke Central custodian Ernie Vallas received glowing praise from the PTA for all his hard work and always being willing to help and all done with a smile on his face.
- 😊 La Costa Heights Principal Leighangela Brady received a letter from a parent praising her child’s teacher Kim Brown and further shared her praise for her child’s IEP team and commented how well organized and prepared they are.
- 😊 Principal Angelica Lopez was praised by a parent for the professional Special Ed team at Ocean Knoll and thanked Mrs. Lopez for her leadership.
- 😊 Dr. Baird extended his personal thanks to executive cabinet members, Dan Grider, Abby Saadat and David Miyashiro, and staff. He shared that they have all put in many extra hours in working toward maintaining excellence while dealing with major budget cuts and have never lost focus of the district’s commitment to “children first.”



School News

Paul Ecke Central Principal Andriana Chavarin along with students Griffen Batholomew and Dustin Demkiw presented on the S.O.A.R. (Sharing Our Acceptance and Respect) program. The objective of the program is to help students learn about disabilities so they can support and encourage their classmates with disabilities at school. Thirty-three fourth to sixth grade students are participating in the program.

Flora Vista Principal Stephanie Casperson presented on the Character Counts program at Flora Vista and how the six pillars of character were communicated with students, parents and the community on a daily basis. A video showing the many activities, including assemblies was shared.

INFORMATION

- ✓ The Board of Trustees approved the budget guidelines and budget philosophy for 2010-2011 which will be used in directing the district in building the budget.
- ✓ The Board of Trustees approved the designation of the Pacific View site as surplus. This designation will allow the board greater flexibility in future decisions regarding the possible sale or lease of the property.
- ✓ The Board of Trustees approved the collective bargaining agreement with the Teachers of Encinitas with a 0% salary increase and 0% increase to benefits.
- ✓ The Board of Trustees adopted Resolution 13-0910 approving the commencement of Certificated Layoff, Discontinuances and Reductions of Services. Dr. Baird stated the district was required to issue notices by March 15, 2010 prior to having more concrete budget information, therefore, a greater number of notices than believed would be necessary were being issued in order to be prepared for worse case budget scenarios.
- ✓ The Board of Trustees adopted a Resolution in support of Containment of Health Insurance costs joining other districts countywide.
- ✓ The Board of Trustees approved the creation of specialized care instructional assistant positions. These positions would replace services contracted out for a cost savings and also fold three hour positions into one.
- ✓ The Board of Trustees nominated candidates for the 2010 California School Board Association Delegate Assembly.
- ✓ David Delacalzada, Director of Informational Technology, gave an overview of the analysis and the findings of the district's technology infrastructure needs. The Board members commended Mr. Delacalzada for the work he has accomplished in such a short time.

❖ *Welcome to the following New Stars of the Encinitas Union School District* ❖

Wendy Bram, Teacher; Kelly Opiola-Johnson, Speech and Language Pathologist;
Instructional Assistants Specialized Care Jennifer Oillio, Darc Austin, Kelly Downs,
Sheridan Meredith and Hank Stelzland, Adriana Abelar

The Board of Trustees Gratefully Accepted the Following Donations:

For Capri: Cash for instructional materials from California Community Foundation, cash for consultants from EEF and cash for field trips from PTA; for El Camino Creek: cash for technology from EEF, cash for play scripts from EEF, cash for programs from Wells Farog Community Support, cash for ALEKS licenses from Coastal Community Foundation; for Flora Vista: cash for school supplies from Triona O'Hanlon & Damian Cunningham, cash for cameras from PTA; for Mission Estancia: cash for consultants from EEF; for Ocean Knoll: cash for JA Biztown from Encinitas Rotary, cash for 6th grade camp cash for music and dance consultants from the PTA; for Olivenhain Pioneer: cash for native American flute program from EEF, cash for consultants from EEF; for Park Dale Lane: cash for NTI phone system from PTA, cash for cameras from EEF; for Paul Ecke Central: cash for School as a Garden project from the Paul Ecke Family, books for the media center from Sue Spray.

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The next Board Meeting will be April 20, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. (6:30 p.m. Public Session) in the District Board Room.