

## Minutes from Morse Cluster Meeting 3/9/2016

5:40 JoAnn Fields, Cluster Chairperson, opened the meeting, followed by introductions by everyone present. Dr. Shirley Wilson explained that she was standing in for Lamont Jackson for the next three weeks.

### LCAP Update

Melissa Evick, Cluster Co-Chair, gave a quick review of what we accomplished at our last meeting. Since no one volunteered to attend the next LCAP Planning Session on March 19, 2016 JoAnn will ask Frances or Ms. Garcia, Cluster Secretary to send out an email requesting volunteers.

### School Updates

SCPA just finished their WASC process and did very well. Jazz band will perform next week. Fifteen to twenty SCPA students qualified to go to Pittsburgh for the National High School Competition. More info is on the school's website.

Penn ES was proud to share that their budget was approved and all stakeholders held their Young Audiences program as a "non-negotiable" and budget priority. You can view the Penn teachers and principal participating in a flash mob to celebrate Dr. Seuss day on their webpage and/or YouTube.

Zamorano successfully held a Grandparents Day last week. They also had a Read Across Zamorano Day last Thursday. March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> all are invited to attend their Talent Show. We would like to give a shout out from our school to SCPA and Bell MS for coming to Zamorano for an articulation meeting with our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Bell MS thanks the elementary schools that paid for buses to send 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents over to visit Bell. They were able to see, first-hand what Bell has to offer students. Mrs. Hubbard-Jackson, Bell MS Principal, is hoping to get to do the same with her 8<sup>th</sup> graders visiting Morse HS. Two students were selected to play with the SD Youth Orchestra. Sadly, a Bell MS teacher passed away this week. She had taught at Bell for 15 years.

Audubon K-8 recognized a large increase in students receiving Perfect Attendance from the first trimester to the second. Saturday School was cited as one of the contributing factors.

The Boone ES community voted to change their bell time and minimum day in order to focus on being aligned with the cluster.

Perry ES highlighted the DoDEA Arts Grant that allows their 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders to have lessons co-taught by their teachers and artists as they learn social studies, science and/or math through art.

## Roundtable

Placing Cluster Alignment as the main item for next month's agenda was discussed and agreed upon. Julie Martel will be invited.

JoAnn has invited Dr. Sharon Whitehurst-Payne to our next meeting.

Cluster Congress info was shared regarding Morgan Hill vs. CDE.

A request to look into possible support for students in our cluster schools, especially Middle Schools in the social/emotional area was discussed. It was suggested that Dr. Moore could be invited to our next meeting as we worked on alignment.

Some problems were noted that may be limiting parent/community involvement at our Cluster meetings. Having no child care and sending out the agenda late seems to be hindering participation.

JoAnn shared info for opportunities offered by the NAACP for students from 14 to 24 years old. (Please ask JoAnn for handouts.)

JoAnn shared info about the Urban League of San Diego Golden Pyramid Awards.

6:60 Meeting Adjourned