

Morse High School Cluster meeting minutes March 11, 2015

Attendees: Maria Gomez, principal Harry Shelton, Jean Freeman, Sally Smith community member, Rachel Wohnhaas parent at Bethune and Perry, Rikki De Flora parent (Bethune and Perry) and co-chair, Principal Karen Mooney, Yvonne Munguia ELST, Principal Mary Cannie, teacher Silvia Gongora, Vice Principal Emmitt Dodd, parent Wendy Rodriguez of Freese and Bell, Principal Shannon Lewis, Zamorano resource teachers Jennifer Porter and Joanna Gavino, Zamorano Caroline King, Don Vita of Boone and SCPA, Principal SCPA Tim Farson, AXA Advisor Michael George, Fulton Sherie Edwards

Principal Karen Mooney started meeting at 4:30 pm at Zamorano School.

Introductions and school updates included Freese had guest readers in classrooms and student showcase in 2 weeks; Zamorano teacher is finalist for Teacher of the Year, upcoming Grandparent Day; Boone has engineer presentation of 3D copier creations and jobs available in 20 years for current students; SCPA Tim Farson has 8th graders working with seniors on a film and a former student video will be featured at Cannes Film Festival, a homeless student earned full-ride scholarship' Perry School had excellent PR on a math collaborative with Ashley Bates a math resource teacher

Becky Phillpott of Dropout Prevention - Presentation and handouts on SDUSD school start dates

Phillpott discussed Start Dates for school year and the membership of the Calendar Committee which is advisory only. Furlough days did not permit setting a calendar in recent years but now setting for 2 years. No change for 2015-2016 start date of September 6, 2015. More than a year of notice to community about future dates which will align with county districts and community colleges. Stakeholder feedback sought. Feedback cards were passed out and website survey is posted on district website. Special Education extended year affects calendar change. Factors considered for change in start dates were presented.

Area Superintendent Lamont Jackson -Review of By-laws for Morse Cluster

By-laws approved with changes. Jackson will check about posting information on district website. Jackson wants principals to bring 2 school representatives and wants more parents to attend. Cluster should be the parents.

Elections tabled to next cluster meeting.

No cluster meeting on April 8 due to school closures of year-round schools. Jackson adjourned meeting at 6:45 pm.