Meeting Date: April 4, 2018

Meeting Location: California Suite
101 Twin Dolphin Drive
Redwood City, California

Board Members Present: Susan Alvaro, Hector Camacho, Jr.,
Jim Cannon, Beverly Gerard, Rod Hsiao,
Ted Lempert, Joe Ross

Staff Officials Present: Anne E. Campbell, Secretary
Marcia Serpa-Garcia, Executive Assistant

Other Staff Present: Marco Chávez, Michelle Holdt,
Patricia Love, Nancy Magee, Lori Musso,
Gary Waddell

1. **OPENING ITEMS**

   a. **Call to Order**

   Board President Susan Alvaro called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

   b. **Approval of Agenda**

   After a motion by Mr. Ross and a second by Mr. Lempert, the Board unanimously (Alvaro, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Hsiao, Lempert and Ross) approved, the April 4, 2018, agenda as presented.

2. **PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS**

   There were no persons wishing to address the Board.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

   a. March 21, 2018, Regular Board Meeting

   After a motion by Ms. Gerard and a second by Mr. Lempert, the Board unanimously (Alvaro, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Hsiao, Lempert and Ross) approved, the Minutes of the March 21, 2018, Regular Meeting as presented.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

   b. Adopt Joint Resolution No. 18-12 Honoring San Mateo County Office of Education Certificated and Classified Employees

   After a motion by Ms. Gerard and a second by Hsiao, the Board unanimously (Alvaro, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Hsiao, Lempert and Ross) approved, the Consent Agenda.

5. BUSINESS SERVICES

   a. Adopt Resolution No. 18-13 Authorizing a Cash Flow Loan to Bayshore Elementary School District Pursuant to San Mateo County Board of Education Resolution 17-22

   Deputy Superintendent Denise Porterfield said she was unable to attend the Board Meeting because she was attending the California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO) Conference in Sacramento and the first mandatory meeting was taking place at the same time as the County Board Meeting.

   Deputy Superintendent Porterfield said Resolution 18-13, authorizing a cash flow loan to Bayshore Elementary School District (BESD) was before the Board for its consideration. She reminded the Board on May 17, 2017, it approved Resolution 17-22 authorizing loans for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 to districts in the county that need temporary assistance as a result of a small district needing cash assistance. At the same time, the County Office of Education, the County Treasurer and the County Controller’s office developed a joint resolution authorizing the transfer of funds as a result of cash flow issues.

   Ms. Porterfield reported BESD has done some amazing things to build a twenty first century school for their students. They set a budget and were able to stay within it. They combined their local bond measure funds with a State Bond and developer fee estimates for 71 new housing units to come up with a budget. She said of the $7.0 million in approved local bonds the district has issued and spent $3.25 million. Deputy Superintendent Porterfield said BESD has taken out a Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) loan in the amount of $2.2 million in anticipation of receiving $2.7 million when the Governor sells construction bonds. BESD is also using $900,000 of budget funds in anticipation of receiving $900,000 in developer fees. The district is still waiting to receive $3.6 million in cash to pay for the building.
Deputy Superintendent Porterfield explained although the district did build their school within the budget, they had to spend cash faster than it was received. She said the San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE) has reviewed the numbers and determined the funds the district will receive through the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and compared its cash expenditures showing the district will be in a negative cash status at year end. When a district can’t make payroll, they are considered insolvent. Ms. Porterfield said the budget is good and the cash will come in. Although the district has $3.75 million remaining to issue in local bonds, $2.2 million must be held back in the unlikely event they are not funded by the State Bond, to pay off the Bond Anticipation Note. BESD will be issuing the remaining funds from the Local Bond, but the timeline indicates funding will not be complete until late May. The Local Bond amount issued will be approximately $500,000 short of their needs for 2017-2018.

Deputy Superintendent Porterfield asked the Board to authorize a loan, not to exceed $1.5 million, to ensure a positive cash balance for the Bayshore Elementary School District. The loan is to be repaid in full no later than December 31, 2018, with interest at the rate the funds would have earned on deposit with the San Mateo County Treasurer. She noted collateral for the loan are the Local Bonds to be issued, and the developer fees upon receipt. SMCOE will withhold the district’s Principal Apportionments should the district not comply with the repayment agreement.

Deputy Superintendent Porterfield said SMCOE and BESD will work on the Memorandum of Understanding for repayment terms as soon as both boards approve their respective resolutions.

Ms. Porterfield respectfully asked the Board to approve Resolution No. 18-13 and said Superintendent Campbell had been briefed and could answer any questions the Board might have.

Superintendent Campbell said SMCOE had been in close contact with Bayshore Elementary School District Superintendent Audra Pittman who reported the BESD Governing Board will adopt a resolution to officially request a loan from SMCOE. Ms. Campbell reiterated the budget is solid but the timing of available funding is out of sync and SMCOE does not want BESD to be considered insolvent at the end of the year.

Superintendent Campbell then answered questions from the Board.

After a motion by Ms. Gerard and a second by Mr. Lempert, the Board unanimously (Alvaro, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Hsiao, Lempert and Ross) approved, Resolution No. 18-13 Authorizing a Cash Flow Loan to Bayshore Elementary School District Pursuant to San Mateo County Board of Education Resolution 17-22.
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES


Deputy Superintendent Gary Waddell said he was pleased to bring a report on Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) to the Board and commented he would be co-presenting with Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator Michelle Holdt. Dr. Waddell said he would share information in his role at SM COE as well as the Statewide Chair of the Visual and Performing Arts Subcommittee.

Deputy Superintendent Waddell said he wanted to talk about the arts education that is happening at SM COE as well as aspirations for future work. He said he has seen dynamic programs across the State of California in his role as the Curriculum and Instruction Steering Committee (CISC) VAPA Lead and is hoping to bring some of that work to San Mateo County. Dr. Waddell said the work is being approached in a similar way to the model being used for Environmental Education: forming an Arts Advisory Committee that has representatives from the community; talking about the power of the arts to help children understand themselves, each other, and the world they share; and not only to become masters of those arts disciplines, but also using those arts as a doorway to other content areas and to be engaged in and excited about their own learning.

Deputy Superintendent Waddell reported statewide, we are at a point where VAPA standards are being rewritten. He explained there are national VAPA standards and said California is in the midst of a process of looking at its older VAPA standards and mapping them to the national standards that include these VAPA content areas: Visual Arts; Performing Arts; Dance; Theater, and Multimedia. Deputy Superintendent Waddell said once that process has concluded and the Instructional Quality Community has approved the standards, estimated by November 2018, statewide work will begin on an Arts Framework for implementation across the State. He said this is grounded in the notion of arts being core to learning. Dr. Waddell said when resources are challenged the arts are one of the first areas to be cut and commented we imagine a future where that won't be the case and a deep arts learning will take place throughout the schools in San Mateo County.

Deputy Superintendent Waddell said CISC’s VAPA Subcommittee in conjunction with the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) Arts Initiative has been hard at work engaging in events bringing art leaders from around the State together for professional learning around arts education. Dr. Waddell said SMCOE is fortunate to have Michelle Holdt working to launch a bold Arts Initiative that supports deep arts learning. He then asked Ms. Holdt to tell the Board about her work.

Ms. Holdt reported she has been with SMCOE for the past 15 months and during that time she has worked on:

- Professional Development and support for VAPA teachers and leadership teams at San Mateo Union High and Sequoia Union High School Districts, as well as leading professional development workshops for VAPA and classroom teachers, in Arts integration in: San Carlos, Ravenswood, San Mateo Union High, Sequoia Union High, Belmont-Redwood Shores, Hillsborough, and South San Francisco
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- Partnerships with: SamTrans “Art Takes a Bus Ride” for students grades 1-6; San Mateo County Arts Commission Visual Art Supplies and Scholarships; and showcasing local non-profit arts education organizations via a VAPA packet sent to 172 schools
- Presentations at: STEM Fair and Arts Expo (March 4, 2018, at the San Mateo County Fairgrounds); Council for Instructional Improvement (CII) at SMCOE, Friday CAFÉ, Respect 24/7, SMCOE Staff Retreat, Arts Education Alliance of the Bay Area (AEABA), and CISC
- Arts Now Community – Planning an Arts Now Community with the California Alliance for Arts Education and community stakeholders that launched with a breakfast on March 16, 2018. This will lead a 3-5-year arts education initiative in partnership with community stakeholders, nonprofit organizations, school leadership and SMCOE. The community stakeholders team will lend support to SMCOE when writing a County Office Arts Plan as well as support in terms of assessing and looking at what art currently exists in San Mateo County

Ms. Holdt explained the STEM Fair has been around for the past 30 years and said this year was the first STEM Fair and Arts Expo. She said Doron Markus talked with her last year about adding Arts to the STEM Fair since a new larger location at the San Mateo County Event Center has been secured. She said this was a huge undertaking and turned out to be a huge success.

Ms. Holdt said one of her personal philosophies is about leadership and inviting everyone to the table. She said one thing about working at SMCOE is that there is a lot of high quality arts education taking place, but people feel like they are working in silos and are now eager and excited to be part of an initiative, a leadership team and working to build community. Ms. Holdt is excited that people are coming forward and asking be part of this collaboration.

Ms. Holdt shared SMCOE is in partnership with the Peninsula/South Bay Maker Educator Meet-up, STEM, Maker Meetup and will have a screening of Landfill Harmonic on May 17, 2018. She said this film documents a community in Paraguay that made musical instruments from recycled trash. Ms. Holdt announced she and Maker Education Coordinator Robert Pronovost will cohost this event.

Deputy Superintendent Waddell and Ms. Holdt then answered questions from the Board.

7. OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

a. Receive Initial Proposal from the California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 158, to the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools for 2018-2019

Associate Superintendent Lori Musso explained that two collective bargaining negotiations proposals were brought before the Board for receipt. She said the first Initial Proposal was from the California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 158, which represents the
Paraeducators and Naturalists. Ms. Musso explained the current CSEA Chapter 158 contract goes through June 2019 and is not open for full contract negotiations but have brought two reopeners for salary and benefits to the table.

b. Receive Initial Proposal from the San Mateo County Educators Association (SMCEA), to the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools for 2018-2019

Associate Superintendent Musso explained the San Mateo County Educators Association’s (SMCEA) contract expires in June 2018 and the Initial Proposal is a successor negotiation with SMCEA asking to negotiate any and all parts of the contract.

Ms. Musso said negotiations must begin by May 1, 2018, which is why the sunshine process has begun. Public hearings will take place at the April 18, 2018, Board Meeting, and then negotiations can begin.

c. Receive Initial Proposal from the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools to the California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 158, for 2018-2019

Associate Superintendent Musso explained this is the employer proposal to the California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 158.

d. Receive Initial Proposal from the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools to the San Mateo County Educators Association (SMCEA), for 2018-2019

Associate Superintendent Musso explained this is the employer proposal to the San Mateo County Educators Association (SMCEA). She said for this contract it was determined what would be negotiated through a process with all site administrators who work with the school sites and Cabinet.

e. Superintendent’s Comments

Superintendent Campbell said she is a firm believer that “better late than never” is a good philosophy to have, and when you become aware of an oversight it needs to be rectified. She said she recently became aware of an egregious oversight and enlisted the support of Board President Alvaro to assist in correcting this oversight.

Superintendent Campbell then asked Associate Superintendent Musso to join she and Board President Alvaro in the front of the room.

Superintendent Campbell said the tradition at SMCOE is that for every five years of service staff is recognized with an award to designate those milestones. She explained that Ms. Musso has worked at SMCOE since 2001 and has never received a service award in terms of being honored at the recognition events. Ms. Campbell said after looking in Ms. Musso’s personnel file she
figured out what happened. She said Ms. Musso was hired on August 13, 2001, as the Pre-Intern/Intern Coordinator in Instructional Services, and in September 2001 became the Reading/Language Arts Coordinator. Ms. Campbell said Ms. Musso was in high demand because of her professional development skills and left for a couple of years before returning as the Administrator of Curriculum Services, which led to a gap in her service. In 2008-2009 Ms. Musso should have received a five-year service award pin and in 2013-2014 she should have received a 10-year service award pin, but somehow the Human Resources system didn’t understand gaps in service.

Superintendent Campbell thanked Ms. Musso for her service and presented her with a bouquet of flowers. Board President Alvaro presented Ms. Musso with a five-year service award pin and a 10-year service award pin.

Superintendent Campbell said she had a busy couple of weeks since the last Board Meeting and started her report with the news that on April 2, 2018, Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson announced the California Distinguished Schools. There are six Distinguished Schools in San Mateo County:

- Cipriani – Belmont-Redwood Shores School District
- Sandpiper – Belmont-Redwood Shores School District
- Lincoln – Burlingame School District
- North Hillsborough – Hillsborough City School District
- Encinal Elementary – Menlo Park City School District
- College Park Elementary – San Mateo-Foster City School District

Superintendent Campbell commended the schools for the extraordinary work that they have accomplished. Ms. Campbell announced the Distinguished Schools Award ceremony will take place at Disneyland on May 3, 2018. On May 4, 2018, the California Gathering of Great Educators will also take place at Disneyland where individuals from the Distinguished Schools will share best practices from their schools. Ms. Campbell said the Principals from the Distinguished Schools in San Mateo County will be invited to the June 6, 2018, Board Meeting, where they will be honored.

Superintendent Campbell said on March 28, 2018, she joined several people at the California Charter Schools Conference in San Diego to make a presentation on Environmental Education at the Environmental Literacy Steering Committee meeting. She said she was advised what to do if she were faced with California Teachers Association (CTA) protestors at the session. Ms. Campbell said the presentation went well and the Charter Schools were interested in Environmental Education. She said the Environmental Literacy Steering Committee’s mission is to broadcast throughout California the Environmental Literacy Blueprint.

Superintendent Campbell reported on March 27, 2018, Dr. Vera Jacobson-Lundberg, Career Technical Education (CTE) Coordinator, hosted the CTE Advisory Committee meeting bringing together representatives from the high schools and the private sector who provide guidance on CTE. She said the room was filled and Dr. Jacobson-Lundberg planned an interesting program
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including a discussion about artificial intelligence and the implications for the workforce of the future. Ms. Campbell said there was a panel of former students of Dr. Jacobson-Lundberg’s when she worked at Carlmont High School, Sequoia Union High School District, who had participated in the Academy Program. She said each of them spoke about what they are doing in the 21st Century Workforce. Ms. Campbell explained they are each working in untraditional types of endeavors and have taken different pathways to get there. She said it was fun to hear them talk about what they are doing now, which demonstrated to her how important it is that students have a mentor or teacher who takes a personal interest in them in high school. Ms. Campbell said each of these young people thanked Dr. Jacobson-Lundberg for being that person for them. Superintendent Campbell said she has enjoyed these events over the past few years and commented this event started with a small group of people.

Superintendent Campbell acknowledged and thanked Early Learning Support Services (ELSS) Administrator Jean-Marie Houston, and her staff as well as the Ravenswood staff for their hard work during the past few weeks on the Child Development Center (CDC) in the Ravenswood City School District. She announced the State has officially accepted Ravenswood City School District’s relinquishment of their California State Preschool (CSP) slots and said she received a letter from the California Department of Education (CDE) offering SMCOE those slots. Ms. Campbell said negotiations will now take place between the CDE and SMCOE for the State Preschool slots and once that agreement is in place licensing will look at providers, the site and hopefully fast-track the process so there is little or no gap between services. Ms. Campbell reported Ravenswood will do everything they can to make this transition as smooth as possible and will leave everything in place.

Superintendent Campbell reported she recently visited The Primary School in East Palo Alto, which is the school Priscilla Chan has started bringing together children’s health and education for underserved communities. She said most of the time there is a physician on-site. Ms. Campbell noted that having visited many preschools there are more children wearing glasses at The Primary School because they have discovered during developmental pediatric screenings there are many vision impairments that are not diagnosed. She said glasses are provided to the students attending The Primary School. The Primary School is also doing a lot of work in the mental health realm with a focus on Social Emotional Learning and understanding many of these children have various kinds of trauma in their lives. Staff is tuned in to the child’s mood when they are in school and attend to their emotional needs. Superintendent Campbell said The Primary School is a very interesting model and commented the school will expand into first grade next school year. Ms. Campbell said The Primary School is co-located with the Child Development Center and is interested in partnering with the new providers.

Superintendent Campbell thanked Board President Alvaro for her gracious introduction, and Board Member Cannon and Board Member Hsiao who attended the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center (PCRC) Event where she was honored. She said it was nice to receive the 2018 Warren Dale Building Empathy & Respect Award and thanked her colleagues who attended the event.
Superintendent Campbell wished Board Member Hsiao a happy birthday and thanked him for celebrating his birthday with the Board and SMCOE staff.

Superintendent Campbell announced that registration is now open for the Annual California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Conference as well as the ability to make hotel reservations. She suggested Board Members let Ms. Serpa-Garcia know as soon as possible if they wish to attend.

Superintendent Campbell announced the San Mateo County School Boards Association (SMCSBA) would hold its April 16, 2018, Dinner Meeting at the County Office. She said Board Member Hsiao is hosting the SMCSBA and said the focus of the meeting is Sharing Innovative Teaching Models. She said Mr. Pronovost and Mathematics Coordinator Kim Bambao from SMCOE, and Representatives from the Menlo Park City School District, would be making presentations at this event.

Superintendent Campbell said this time of the year many graduations and events take place and asked the Board to let Ms. Serpa-Garcia know which events they wish to attend.

Superintendent Campbell respectfully requested the Board consider adjourning its meeting in memory of Harvey Schloss who recently passed away. Ms. Campbell said upon Mr. Schloss’ retirement he became interested in early care and education and over the past three years had become a passionate advocate for children and families becoming involved with the Childcare Care Partnership Council as well as The Big Lift.

8. BOARD MEMBERS

a. Discuss/Act on Legislation

There was no legislation to discuss.

b. Discuss/Act on Letter Supporting the Inclusion of Provisions for Increased Safety and Access for Youth in Potential Ballot Initiatives for Transportation Improvements

Board President Alvaro said at her request, a letter was brought forward for Board consideration supporting provisions for increased safety and access for youth in potential Ballot Initiatives for transportation. Ms. Alvaro said the Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) has been leading a movement and lobbying SamTrans to gain more access for students with bike riding paths, safe transportation routes and safe walking routes to school. Ms. Alvaro said YLI asked her if she would sign on to their initiative, which became broader and included many groups. After some discussion a decision was made to write a letter to SamTrans on behalf of the Board encouraging initiatives for the students.

Mr. Hsiao thanked Board President Alvaro for spearheading this letter and expressing the issue of safety and access consideration for children.
Mr. Ross echoed Mr. Hsiao’s comments and added he appreciates that the Board is taking a stand and thanked Ms. Alvaro for bringing this to the Board.

After a motion by Ms. Gerard and a second by Mr. Ross, the Board unanimously (Alvaro, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Hsiao, Lempert and Ross) approved, sending a Letter Supporting the Inclusion of Provisions for Increased Safety and Access for Youth in Potential Ballot Initiatives for Transportation Improvements.

Mr. Camacho commented he didn’t see any school board representatives sitting on the SamTrans Board.

Ms. Alvaro suggested when a vacancy on the SamTrans Board opens up in the future it could be something the San Mateo County Board of Education might encourage.

c. Discuss California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Vision and Mission Statements

Board Member Gerard explained she wanted her colleagues to look at the CCBE Vision and Mission Statements to remember what the organization is about and what is driving the work that is being done. Ms. Gerard said CCBE is ambitious in its proposals for the future and noted this was an important discussion at the recent CCBE Retreat. Ms. Gerard reviewed the Vision Statement and said CCBE wants to be known as a voice of education. She said the Board of Directors spent a great deal of time on the Mission Statement and what the organization considers statements of pursuit to accomplish its mission. Ms. Gerard said the Vision and Mission Statements as well as the Core Beliefs and Values were the result of a long, thoughtful process and noted a lot of what will happen at the CCBE Conference in September came from this work.

Mr. Ross said he was struck by CCBE’s work and said its themes are making choices that are significant and not necessarily just words. He said stating that “All students can learn and succeed” depending on their school is actually a controversial thing to say in education because often the inference one draws from education policy is that the reason students are not learning is because of something outside the school system such as poverty or something that schools can’t do anything about. Mr. Ross said what he reads is a statement that all students can succeed. He said he was struck that the “Schools” section leads off with “Schools must be held accountable.” Mr. Ross said he is curious to see what will be presented at the CCBE Conference.

Ms. Gerard reported the meeting was interesting in that many members were outspoken and she thought it was a very progressive step.

Mr. Hsiao noted the first comment under State and Federal Government that states “County Offices of Education must have adequate, predictable, and fair funding, and must be permitted to retain and expend for educational purposes all revenues collected from local taxpayers for those purposes.”
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Mr. Cannon asked Ms. Gerard if she thinks CCBE is taking steps in the right direction.

Ms. Gerard said there were some years in the past that didn’t work as well, and said today’s leadership is strong and reaches out for partnership and support for various issues.

Mr. Camacho said he agreed with Mr. Hsiao’s comments and appreciates all of the work the CCBE Leadership is doing.

Board President Alvaro thanked Ms. Gerard for bring this to the Board and asked her to express thanks to the CCBE Board of Directors and the Executive Board.

d. Board Member Comments

Mr. Lempert

Mr. Lempert said he was sorry to miss the PCRC Event where Superintendent Campbell was honored with the 2018 Warren Dale Building Empathy and Respect Award.

Mr. Lempert wished Mr. Hsiao a happy birthday.

Mr. Hsiao

Mr. Hsiao reported he attended the PCRC Event and congratulated Superintendent Campbell commenting she was a gracious honoree. Mr. Hsiao said he enjoyed the event and appreciated Cabinet members attending to celebrate Ms. Campbell. He acknowledged and thanked Board President Alvaro for her excellent introduction of Superintendent Campbell.

Mr. Hsiao reported he attended the Silicon Valley Leadership Group’s recognition of State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson. He said Superintendent Torlakson has a good record noting an increase in student achievement and metrics, and said he hopes his successor can fill the big shoes he is leaving behind.

Mr. Hsiao acknowledged the emails sent by Ms. Serpa-Garcia sent regarding the YouTube shooting in San Bruno and the lockdown at SMCOE’s K-12 facility. Mr. Hsiao reported he attended a presentation that Senator Dianne Feinstein delivered this past week. He said when the assault weapons ban was in place it stifled production of automatic weapons and as soon as the law concluded, production of these weapons skyrocketed. Mr. Hsiao said it is unfortunate and difficult to control the increase in the production and sale of assault weapons. He is concerned that mentally unstable individuals are able to buy assault weapons, giving them the ability to do a lot of damage. Mr. Hsiao said he appreciates the work being done to try and prepare what will probably be inevitable acts at our schools and hopes that gun control bills can be passed to reduce the risks to students and staff.
Ms. Gerard

Ms. Gerard announced she is looking forward to attending the SMCSBA Dinner Meeting on April 16, 2018.

Ms. Gerard wished Mr. Hsiao a happy birthday.

Ms. Gerard commented there aren’t enough awards to give Superintendent Campbell for everything she has accomplished and congratulated her on receiving the 2018 Warren Dale Building Empathy and Respect Award.

Ms. Gerard said she was pleased to receive the updates during the incident at San Bruno.

Mr. Ross

Mr. Ross reported he was working in the area the day of the shooting in San Bruno and said he knows many of the officers on the San Bruno Police Department and commended them for the excellent job they did. He said when you think about YouTube and Google they call it a campus because it looks like a school and was vulnerable.

Mr. Ross reported earlier in the day Menlo-Atherton High School had a threat and said unfortunately this has become part of our life. Mr. Ross said he appreciates everything the office has done to try and stay ahead of this.

Mr. Ross congratulated Superintendent Campbell on her recent award.

Mr. Ross wished Mr. Hsiao a happy birthday.

Mr. Ross announced he will attend the SMCSBA Dinner Meeting on April 16, 2018.

Mr. Ross said he was struck by some of the Distinguished Schools identified by the California Dashboard and asked if the Distinguished School recognitions are responsive to the new framework of evaluating success that looks at how all students are doing rather than just the top scoring students. He said if the Dashboard is looking at the balanced assessment it would be interesting to know if these schools have been Distinguished Schools in the past. Mr. Ross said he looks forward to hearing from the Principals when the Board recognizes the San Mateo County Distinguished Schools in June.

Mr. Cannon

Mr. Cannon said what struck him about the list of Distinguished Schools was that it was close to being the same schools and thought he didn’t see any schools from the north county. He wondered what is going on for schools that have less resources and higher poverty.
Superintendent Campbell reminded the Board the California Dashboard is based on various factors, and we now need to figure out how to move the variables to help the under resourced schools be successful. She said the California Dashboard considers all students and is a new process for the Distinguished Schools program.

Mr. Cannon said he was thinking about Zap the Gap and how the committee talks about knowing what work should be done to increase achievement and suggested for next year giving thought to the elements of what those things are and how can they be emphasized at the next Zap the Gap event.

Mr. Cannon said Superintendent Campbell’s acceptance speech at the PCRC Event was gracious, warm and natural. He said she presented a wonderful example of her own experience with conflict resolution.

Mr. Cannon said Superintendent Campbell was also gracious and warm in her presentation to Ms. Musso.

Mr. Cannon thanked Board Member Gerard for all the years she has been active with CCBE helping to bring it to where it is today.

Mr. Cannon said he and his wife were talking earlier in the day about the YouTube shooting and remembered in the late 1990s a junior high school student brought a gun to school and said everyone was shocked. He said his reaction to the incident at YouTube was thank goodness it was only a hand gun and thought about the different level of perspective today than so many years ago.

Mr. Camacho

Board Vice President Camacho thanked Ms. Serpa-Garcia and the County Office for the communication the Board received during the incident at YouTube. He said he appreciates how the office keeps the Board in the loop with what is going on in SMCOE schools and in San Mateo County. Mr. Camacho said constituents have questions and want to understand. He said he appreciates all the efforts staff make to keep the Board informed.

Mr. Camacho reported he recently attended two trainings: Advanced Governance Training; and Advanced Training for Charter School Oversight. He reported what was learned from the Charter School Oversight session was understanding the role of an authorizer through the appeal process and as an authorizer through a countywide benefit charter. Mr. Camacho suggested the Board review SMCOE’s Charter School Policy and Handbook to look at the countywide benefit charter versus appeals since they are so different, especially knowing that charter schools could become more prevalent in the foreseeable future.
Mr. Camacho said he also attended a session regarding how County Offices and Special Education Local Plan Areas (SELPAs) work together, which was interesting because the structure of SELPAs are so different throughout the State.

Mr. Camacho said the work Ms. Gerard does with CCBE is similar in that there are many different issues within the State. County office priorities and the work each office does is different in each area, which is a good reminder for him whenever he attends statewide events.

Mr. Camacho reported he attended the Commission on the Status of Women – Women’s Hall of Fame Event on Saturday, March 24, 2018, at Cañada College. He said Naomi Patridge, the first Asian American elected to public office in San Mateo County, and Erin Tormey, who founded the Coastside Farmers’ Market in Half Moon Bay were honored, and said he appreciated learning about them. Mr. Camacho said he was pleased to support and attend the induction of Kalimah Salahuddin to the Women’s Hall of Fame. He said her acceptance speech was touching and straight from the heart, and as expected was about family, people and dignity. Mr. Camacho said Ms. Salahuddin is a tremendous leader in San Mateo County and many school board members, along with Dr. Waddell and Associate Superintendent Nancy Magee were in attendance to celebrate her.

Ms. Alvaro

Board President Alvaro congratulated Ms. Salahuddin on her induction into the Women’s Hall of Fame. She congratulated Erin Tormey and said she was very pleased that her good friend Naomi Patridge was also honored. Ms. Alvaro explained that as a child, Ms. Patridge and her family lost their family farm when they were interned during WWII; first in San Bruno and then in Topaz, Utah. The family came back to the Coastside to rebuild their life and eventually Ms. Patridge mentored a vast number of young women who were struggling being in two cultures. Ms. Alvaro said Ms. Patridge was empowering to the girls because she had similar experiences and understood what they were going through.

Ms. Alvaro reported she was happy to attend the PCRC Event and said she thought the important part of the award they gave to Superintendent Campbell was empathy and respect, not only to Ms. Campbell but also to everyone who works with her. Ms. Alvaro said she was pleased to be part of the ceremony and thanked Superintendent Campbell for allowing her to make comments on her behalf.

Ms. Alvaro drew the Board’s attention to an article that appeared in the San Mateo Daily Journal written by Dorothy Dimitre titled “Closing the Gap.” Ms. Alvaro said Ms. Dimitre’s comments about Zap the Gap suggested it takes more than just the schools to solve this issue. Board President Alvaro said what has struck her is the dialogue that has opened up about these issues can be attributed to The Big Lift and Zap the Gap and that pleases her.
Ms. Alvaro thanked staff about recent events in San Mateo County. She said she knew about the YouTube shooting and immediately thought about the K-12 Special Education site because it was so close. She was pleased to get word from SMCOE that the students were on break and the staff was all OK. Ms. Alvaro reiterated how important it is to keep the Board in the loop when things like this happen.

Ms. Alvaro said she is angry that this has to be on our radar screens all the time. She said growing up in the 1950s there was a different kind of threat, but it was not the same as today’s threat that any day someone could just come on to a campus and shoot people. She said when she was a parent of a small child she didn’t have to worry about that or be afraid to send him to school every day. Ms. Alvaro said she is angry that our leaders in the United States don’t think that gun control has anything to do with our educational system.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Alvaro said the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Harvey Schloss and asked Board Member Lempert if he would like to say a few words.

Board Member Lempert said he knew Mr. Schloss very well in his role as a Trustee as well as in his role with Children Now. He said the Board often talks about all of the meetings that Superintendent Campbell attends and commented Mr. Schloss also attended the early learning-related meetings in San Mateo County, Santa Clara County, as well as in Sacramento. Mr. Lempert commented Mr. Schloss volunteered through his congregation at Temple Beth Am in Los Altos Hills by organizing the congregation to become early childhood advocates. He said that congregation hosted researchers, advocates, and Gubernatorial candidates. Mr. Lempert said he told Mr. Schloss if 100 religious congregations of any faith did what he did at Temple Beth Am we would have childcare and preschool for every child because he was such a force of nature. Mr. Lempert thanked the Board for adjourning in Harvey Schloss’ memory because he worked with staff from the County Office, but also because he was the example of one person making a difference. Mr. Lempert said there is a lot of those kinds of people, but there isn’t enough of those kinds of people.

Mr. Lempert said in the past few years a week did not go by where he didn’t talk with Mr. Schloss and said he will miss him.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m. in memory of Harvey Schloss.

Anne E. Campbell, Secretary

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