

Board Meeting January 27th, 2010

Student Board Reps:

Freedom: Leiken Poppino

- Fiesta Dinner was held last week
- Freshman in Training class sponsored a “Grab ‘n Go” free snacks during passing period (Food donated)
- Back to Boot Camp day 2/2 to touch base with the Freshmen
- Boys VS Girls Rally on 2/1
- Cold Stone fundraiser 2/3
- Food fair next week
- Pennies for patients goal of \$10,000 this year for leukemia

La Paloma: Kaitlyn Gervasoni

- Night in Tuscany Spaghetti dinner \$10.00 2/25
- Foster P foundation speakers came to discuss goal setting
- Golden Gate Community Day buddies were visited
- Monthly theme “Fairness”

Liberty: Jenneh Kamara

- Liberty Idol raised \$2250 for the Kayla Shepard Memorial Fund
- Mr. Liberty will be coming in April
- Began Black History Awareness project
- ASB applications are out
- Leadership surveyed the students this week to give Administration and Staff and idea of the students’ perceptions of what Liberty needs for them to be successful.
- Varsity Cheer will be attending the nationals in Las Vegas

Heritage: Bailey Hamblin

- Celebrated the teachers for the semester (did not catch the names as student spoke rapidly and left quickly – No shame in telling us who you were!)
- Haiti coin drive \$\$\$ to American Red Cross
- Honor roll assembly for 1st semester held
- Exit exam next week
- Spring fling is coming
- New production “Into...?..” February 24-27 and March 5-7th performances

Staff comments: None

Superintendent’s Report:

Jerry Glenn:

- Shared with the many visitors in the audience that it is not normal for two board members (Holly Hartman and Joann Byer) to be absent at the same time.

- He recently attended the Superintendent's Symposium in rainy Monterrey and learned about the challenges of 1st year Superintendents. Also, listening to other Superintendents made him feel good about the shape we are in due to the states difficulties. In the past our district has been very well managed and as a result we are in much better shape with our programs and staff than many other districts.
- \$3.8 Million to be cut for next year.
- The "War on Failure" 40 member group has met to discuss and categorize the suspected reasons for failure among our students. Purpose of the group in to eventually give recommendations and helpful suggestions on how to combat this problem.
- H1N1 flu vaccine is available this Saturday for FREE (Staff only no students) with Dr. Campbell – appointment is necessary.
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Erik Faulkner:

- Christina Barajas has won the Daughters of the American Revolution and Chevron Scholarships
- Tolerance, Respect, Unity and Equality or TRUE conference was held at FHS
- 1/13 Challenge Day Follow up – Leiken has somehow finagled a Free trip for her and her mother to New York and a shopping spree!!!
- 2/1 8th grad parents night from 5-6 and again 6:30-7:30 in the Multi-purpose room
- Due to the fact that the board members come to Freedom sporting events with Heritage and Liberty attire, Erik presented each board member with a Falcons cap.

Colleen Sanchez:

- January's theme was Respect so activities had to do with Martin Luther King and Teachers
- Last Thursday a Career Day was presented
- Honor roll assembly was held
- Susan Laird began an Essay contest for the students a few years ago and the success has astonished us all (my opinion). This years contest has begun.
- Thomas Mitose will be representing us at the county level for "Poetry Out Loud" to be held on Superbowl Sunday.
- February will bring work experience to the forefront for the Independence students. A program run by Mr. Black allows students to gain credit while working (of course they have assignment related to work) A Workshop will also be held and Sharon Baugh will present a job skills workshop on February 11th. On the 25th, will be "Get a Job day"

Larry Rodriguez:

- 1/12 La Paloma held its Open House – Parents were encouraged to come as report cards would be handed out and an opportunity to speak with the students' counselor was given.
- The speakers at the Foster P Foundations' day were successful businessmen who were once at risk students themselves. The program was funded by the County department of Education. It has 24 students who are participating in a 12 week

program designed to help students set and attain goals. The program is once a week for an hour and lasts twelve weeks.

Andy Parsons:

- Exit exam next week
- February is registration month
- 2/9 Open House 5-7 Academy/Career Fair 7:00 Departmental Showcase.

Tim Halloran:

- Financial Aid night was recently held. Thank you to Kelly Perkins.
- 2/9 Open House – A.P. informational Meeting, Parents informational speech, Academies and Departmental displays.
- 1/28 Challenge day at the Veterans Hall in Brentwood
- Athletic Boosters will be sponsoring a CRAB FEED at the Veterans Hall on 2/6
- Girls Volleyball, Water Polo, Soccer, Basketball, and Wrestling have all had a successful year...Go Lady Lions!!!
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Board comments

Steve Barr:

Thank you to Erik for the lovely hats as I have been enjoying all of the district sports this year and appreciate the proper attire.

Yolanda Mendrick:

Thank you for the hat.

Ray Valverde: No comment

La Paloma High School Student recognition: Joshua Newman-Baptista

- 2 semesters' GPA 3.57
- Respectful and Hardworking
- Contributes intellectually to classroom discussion
- Positive addition to La Paloma

Independence High School Student recognition: Connor Horsefield

- Student popular with students and staff
- 3 years on honor roll
- Competed in "Poetry Out Loud"
- Mark Johnson says that Connor is reliable, respectful and punctual. He has a 3.67 GPA and is ranked third in his class. Connor has a mischievous wit!

Freedom High School Band requested permission to attend the Heritage Music Festival competition in Anaheim 4/8-11. The \$27,000 cost is self-funded through various fundraisers. This request was approved

Presentation of the AVID program at FHS:

Overview of program

-Targets “kids in the middle” to engage, support, teach , and develop them into viable college-bound students.

-“AVID isn’t mandatory for anyone to take, but if you do, it’s a privilege.”

AVID Junior

Key players

-AVID Coordinator

- Neil Boden

-AVID Administrator

-Tara Biancamano

-AVID Teachers

-Neil Boden, Katie Libby

-AVID Counselor

-Tracy Carroll

-AVID Parents

-AVID Tutors

-Peer tutors and college level tutors

-AVID Students

-Freshman- Seniors, 77 currently

Day to day activities

-“AVID is all about pushing you to go above and beyond...”

AVID Junior

-The class focuses on Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, and Reading (WICR)

-Foundational activities prepare students for college acceptance and success:

-Curriculum

-Tutorials

-Organization

Benefits of program

-School/District Level

-Contributes to college-going atmosphere

-Improved attendance rates

-Student GPA

-Fewer suspensions/disciplinary interventions

-Student Level

-Leadership opportunities

-Classroom community

-Support in challenging and rigorous curriculum

From the students

-“AVID helps me focus on the areas I really do not pay much attention to. AVID still helps me keep organized and on top of my grades and most importantly it has helped me prepare for college.”

-“AVID allows me to come to school and enjoy it.”

-“[AVID] has made me a harder working student, more disciplined and my overall attitude toward school has changed.”

Consent Agenda: Approved

1. Classified Employee(s) Retirement
2. Certified Employee(s) Request for Maternity Leave
3. Certified Employee(s) Retirement
4. Heritage High School Rally Squad to Travel to Anaheim for Nationals
5. Liberty and Heritage High School Playmakers to Travel to Ashland, Oregon for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival
6. Liberty High School Choral Students to Attend the 32nd Annual Performance Tour
7. District Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints
8. Intra-district Open Enrollment Selection Procedures for 2010-11
9. Contract for Audit for Financial Statements
10. District Audit Report for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year
11. Resolution 2010-01: Lease Agreement Certificate of Participation (COP)
12. 2009-2010 Interdistrict Transfer Requests as Recommended by Superintendent

Administrative Action

1. The La Paloma project has been split into two separate projects due to economic reasons. The board was asked to approve the splitting of the project and give the okay to begin work on Addendum A which will be the preparation of the site for the building.
2. Approval of summer school at HHS 2010. Approved pending budget.
3. Approval of New courses for 2010-2011
 - LHS: 3-D Design
 - LHS: Advanced 3-D Design
 - LHS: Culinary and International cuisine
 - LHS: Culinary and International arts and humanity
 - FHS: Yoga plus
4. Revised Courses of study for 2010-2011
 - Entymology – change in the course of study to reflect UC Elective
 - Creative Writing “ “
 - Ethical Decision Making name change to Peace and Conflict studies.

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