

MINUTES
September 15, 2005

- CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by President Eubanks at 1:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag and an inspirational reading led by Armen Bacon.
- ATTENDANCE Members present: President Keith Eubanks, Vice President Delbert Cederquist, and Members Barbara Thomas, Dr. Sally Tannenbaum, and Dr. Allen Clyde.
- Participating staff: Superintendent Peter G. Mehas; Deputy Superintendents Larry L. Powell and Daniel Pietro; Armen Bacon, Senior Director to the Superintendent, External Communications; Jan Biggs, Senior Administrator to the Superintendent, Legal Department; and Elizabeth Torres, Board Secretary.
- Visitors: Jamie Perry, Judy Dorn, Marisa Gamboa, Pam Coronado, Ken Campbell, Henry Berumen, Belinda Meyer, Michelle Roman, Stephanie Morris, Paul Gong, Charlotte Nunn, Janie Rocheford, Gloria Hobbs, Gary Sells, Josh Espinoza, Randy & Kimberley Reed, Gloria Hobbs, Brian Nunn, Jake Bloodworth, Jennifer Quinn, Charlene Samuelian, Rita Contreras, Randy Mehrten, Ed Folsom, Jim Coiner, Sheryl Weaver, Bertha Dominguez, Dr. Katherine Flores, Monica Rivera, Susan Hamp, Melissa Putnam, Don Holder, Patty Lehman, Mike Robinson, and Ruben Castillo.
- AGENDA Member Cederquist moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.
Approved
- MINUTES Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the minutes of August 18, 2005; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.
Approved
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH We are proud to honor Randy Reed as the October 2005 Employee of the Month. Randy is a vital part of the Media Services Department and is to be commended for revamping this department at FCOE.
- Randy has taken the department through some difficult times and has systematically addressed protocol issues and concerns. He continues to excel in working collaboratively with staff to maximum potential. Under Randy's exceptional leadership he has raised the bar on work ethics for the Media Services Department. It is rare that a week goes by that his department is not recognized for services above and beyond the call of duty. To put it quite simply, they are "SIMPLY THE BEST".
- Randy is also to be commended for his outstanding leadership role in the new Channel 96 project. Without his dedicated effort, the channel would not have been launched in such a timely fashion. It will be exciting for FCOE to see the impact of this project this coming year as we begin programming outstanding educational television. This new medium, with Randy at the helm, will offer a new way of reaching many students, parents, and teachers, as well as, the community. It is certain to raise the level of awareness of educational issues throughout the Valley.
- In addition, Randy's community service efforts serve as a role model for others. He has recently finished a Citizen's Police Academy and a Political Leadership Academy that took many personal hours to complete. He truly believes in his community and his FCOE family. He takes great pride in each project that is given to him and most recently completed a board project science video that is sure to win honors in the near future.
- Randy, you are a pleasure to work with on a daily basis. You are a credit to the education profession and are a pleasure to have on the FCOE team.

It is with pride and appreciation that we present this certificate to you today as the October 2005 Employee of the Month.

Congratulations!

Mr. Reed thanked his wife Kimberly, Janie Rocheford, Armen Bacon, Superintendent Mehas and the School Library Media Services team for their contributions to his success at the Fresno County Office of Education.

MOVED TO:
FACILITIES UPDATE

Jamie Perry, Director of Facilities, reported to the Board on the following:

- Teilman Recreational Project
- Ramacher Covered Walkway
- Current Projects Under Construction
- Projects Ready to Construct
- Plans in Progress
- Modernizations (all schools are eligible for modernization)
- School Energy Efficiency Program
- State Funding

RECESS

The Board inquired on project development and thanked Ms. Perry for her presentation.

MOVED TO:
SPECIAL
PRESENTATION
Sunnyside High School –
Doctor's Academy

The board recessed at 1:52 p.m. and reconvened at 2:15 p.m.

Superintendent Mehas gave an overview of the original vision and inspiration that gave birth to the Doctor's Academy project and introduced Dr. Katherine Flores, M.D., who presented on the following:

- Mission of the Academy
- Vision of the Academy
- Academy Funding
- Partners & Participating Schools
- Objectives
- Educational Pipeline
- Students in the Education Program
- Ethnic Background of JDA & DA Students
- Gender of JDA & DA Students
- Offerings to Academy Students

Ms. Sheryl Weaver, Principal of Sunnyside High School, presented on the following:

- Offerings to Academy Students
- Junior Doctors Academy
- Summer Enrichment Program
- Preparation for Four-Year Universities
- Internships
- Cohorts
- Success Statistics

MOVED TO:
SPECIAL
RECOGNITIONS

Scout Island Partner –
Certificate of
Appreciation

Superintendent Mehas and Dr. Gary Sells spoke of Mr. Henry Berumen's business accomplishments and contributions to local area monuments. They thanked him for his partnership and contribution of a large granite boulder to the Scout Island Project.

President Keith Eubanks thanked Mr. Berumen for his generous gift and presented him with a certificate of appreciation.

Mr. Berumen thanked the County Office and County Board for the recognition.

MOVED TO:
SPECIAL
PRESENTATION
Board Project 2005-06
Obesity Prevention
Approved

Deputy Superintendent Powell prefaced the presentation by explaining that three directors from three different FCOE departments would work collaboratively on the proposed project.

Judy Dorn, Director of Health Services, introduced Safe & Healthy Kids Wellness & Nutrition Program Consultant, Michelle Roman, as the presenter of the proposed project.

Ms. Roman presented the following as the focus of the Child Obesity Awareness and Reduction project:

- School Wellness Policy to address nutrition and physical activity: A mandate and not an option for the 2005-06 school year.
- Establish an FCOE school wellness/school health advisory committee
- Student Leadership: Targeted sites are Westside, Burrel, Riverdale, and Washington Union
- Region IV Migrant Parent Conference: Parent education component
- Project Goals: 1) Draft the school wellness policy to address requirements, needs/issues raised in the environmental assessment, and current policy appropriate to districts; 2) submit the wellness policy to the school board for June 2006 approval; 3) develop a plan to implement the wellness policy, review progress on a regular basis, and report back to the school board on a regular basis.

Board Members and Superintendent Mehas asked questions, shared ideas, and suggested potential partnerships.

MOVED TO:
COURT &
COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS
Adoption of Resolution
No. 2005-21, Character
Counts Proclamation,
October 16-22, 2005
Adopted

Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt Resolution No. 2005-21, October 16-22 as Character Counts Week; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Court Schools Report

Pam Coronado, Coordinator of Court Schools reported on the Character Counts program and the collaboration with Probation and Mental Health. She stated that Character Counts provides a common language amongst all agencies involved in dealing with the Court School students.

Marisa Gamboa, Court Schools Teacher on Special Assignment, presented a four-minute video explaining

Court Schools
Accreditation

the Character Counts program.

Ms. Coronado reported that Court School received a full-term 6-year accreditation with a 3-year mid-term review. She credited a successful outcome to the hard work of the Court Schools staff.

Approval of Court &
Community School
Handbooks
Approved

Ms. Gamboa reported that Court School's action plan is a 6-year plan containing five main components. She commended the Court Schools staff for supplying the information necessary to develop the plan.

Ken Campbell reported on the revisions and updates made in the Court & Community School handbooks. Member Clyde moved to approve the revised Court & Community School Handbooks; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
LEGAL/CREDENTIALS/
HUMAN RESOURCES
Adoption of Resolution
No. 2005-22, Early
Retirement PERS,
10/01/05 – 01/01/06,
Caruthers USD
Adopted

Member Clyde moved to adopt Resolution No 2005-22, the provision of two years of additional service credit to qualified classified employees in the Caruthers Unified School District; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
BUSINESS SERVICES
Acknowledge Receipt of
Annual Disclosure of
FCOE's Investment
Policies
Acknowledged

Member Thomas moved to acknowledge the receipt of Annual Disclosure of FCOE's Investment Policies; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Acknowledge Receipt of
Annual Disclosure of
FCOE's Actual Pupil
Attendance
Acknowledged

Member Cederquist moved to approve the Annual Disclosure of FCOE's Actual Pupil Attendance; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Award Bid
No. C2005-05A, Site
Work for Selma High
New Re-locatable
Classroom
Authorized

Member Thomas moved to authorize Award of Bid #C2005-05A to the lowest responsible bidder, Durham Construction Company; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Authorize Bidding
Deferred Maintenance
Projects
Authorized

Member Clyde moved to authorize to go to bid for Modernization and Deferred Maintenance work at Beth Ramacher Educational Complex and Teilman Educational Center; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

MOVED TO:

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES

Approval of Meetings to Attend	None.
Board Project 2005-06 Approved	Member Clyde moved to approve the “Childhood Obesity Awareness and Reduction” program as the 2005-06 Board Project; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.
Approval of Trustees Association Membership Dues Payment Approved	Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the payment of Fresno County School Trustees Association membership dues (\$450.00); seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.
CSBA High School Task Force Report	<p>Member Cederquist reported on the outcome of the August 15, 2005 High School Task Force meeting.</p> <p>Member Thomas stated that California students are the only students in the nation that have to be found proficient on the Federal Adequate Yearly Progress.</p> <p>Deputy Superintendent Powell reported on the reasons the State Board of Education settled on the current requirements and reported on possible up coming changes.</p> <p>Superintendent Mehas reported on a growth model FCOE submitted to U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spelling and State Board of Education Member Alan Bersin. Superintendent Mehas recommends educators work toward a combination of the standard and growth models. He is hopeful that Federal and State organizations are working toward developing more realistic models for educational standards and growth.</p>
Receipt of Correspondence	None
Comments by Board Members	<p>Member Tannenbaum commended FCOE staff for a comprehensive presentation on Childhood Obesity project.</p> <p>Member Cederquist reported on a successful attendance at the Fresno Area College Night.</p> <p>Member Clyde shared his excitement for the potential outcome of the Childhood Obesity project.</p> <p>Member Tannenbaum commended Armen Bacon for a successful All Staff Day.</p> <p>President Eubanks read the card Member Thomas sent the Board thanking them for their condolences following the passing of her brother.</p>
MOVED TO: SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT	<p>Superintendent Mehas reported on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Governor Schwarzenegger’s Visit to Washington Union: Governor Schwarzenegger made a positive impact on the students and staff at the high school.■ State of the County Address: The Board of Supervisors presented highlights of the programs and activities in their areas. There were many partnerships mentioned that linked with Fresno County Office of Education programs.■ Hurricane Katrina Refugee Education Task Force: FCOE was asked to develop protocols to assess arriving refugee students. Superintendent Mehas appointed a team of FCOE staff. Armen Bacon reported that FCOE, along with representatives from Fresno USD, Clovis USD, Central USD and State

Center CCD, have developed protocols for processing the students. To date 116 individuals representing 58 families have arrived, and 20 students have been placed into districts. Per the request of the Office of Emergency Services, forms have been developed to track arriving hurricane victims. We are positioned to take more students.

- Negotiations: FCOE has ratified with classified. Negotiations are ongoing for certificated. Mr. Jan Biggs reports good communications with the CTA bargaining unit and is projecting a possible agreement by the October 13th.
- Pace Academy Charter School: Deputy Superintendent Pietro reported that the West Fresno charter has been audited by the State and the decision is being made whether or not to shut down the charter. The charter owes a million and a half dollars to various people and organizations. The administrator of the charter has threatened to rally activist groups against the County Office. FCOE has fulfilled their obligations in all matters pertaining to the charter.
- Proposition 74 Sample Resolution: Santa Clara COE supports the teacher tenure issue.
- Fresno USD: Deputy Superintendent Pietro reported that the district still needs ratification from all bargaining units. He also stated that the district has a plan in place for this year and the next two years.
- Parlier USD: Deputy Superintendent Pietro reported the discovery of more debt for the district. The district has a September 26th deadline to submit a balanced budget to the County Superintendent. October 8th is the deadline for Superintendent Mehas to approve or disapprove of their budget.
- Fresno County Committee on School District Organization: Next meeting is September 29, 2005.

INPUT

None.

FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS

Superintendent Mehas will invite Washington Union to present their Health Institute program at a future board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn at 5:05p.m

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