

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

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Business Services

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Education Services

Paul Bommersbach
Asst. Superintendent
Human Resources



More than 75%
of first-year
students attended
Brave Camp



Board Member Reports

Board members shared their activities in July including travel, time spent with family and friends and attending LUSD activities. All five were able to attend lunch on July 27 at the Leadership Retreat where all district administrators meet to plan for new year. Franky Caldeira, Sarah Read and Jerri Thiel joined Lompoc High staff on positive home visits greeting the families of incoming ninth grade student. The Board members noted the sense of excitement in the community around the beginning of school and expressed will wishes for a great start. Several members have joined staff in the LUSD booth at the Old Town Market.

Tom Blanco had the opportunity to connect with Lompoc High alumni Patty Lee, nee Thompson. After her time at LHS she first graduated from USC and then George Washington University Law School. The Hon. Patricia Lee is now an Associate Justice on the Nevada Supreme Court. Justice Lee is the first African American woman and the first Asian American to serve as a Nevada Supreme Court Justice. Mr. Blanco shared that Justice Lee will be connecting with LUSD students in the future to share her story.

Jerri Thiel is participating in the Youth Leadership Lompoc Valley program having previously completed the Leadership Lompoc Valley program. She shared that 18 students are signed up and ready to go in the new school year.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Finneran shared highlights from her summer including the opportunity to present her son with his diploma when he graduated and enjoying quality family time. She acknowledged staff who worked on the numerous projects that continued through the summer including the hiring of staff, deep cleaning of District facilities, bond information gathering and planning, the summer food program that fed children throughout the summer and the multiple teacher groups who worked on standards alignment, assessments and more.

The superintendent has attended many events including the VSFB Change of Command Ceremony, hosting the LUSD Booth at the Old Town Market, speaking to the AHC/UCLA Thriving Youth class and the Cabrillo Hall of Fame Induction Celebration. She noted that the CHS event was really special and greatly enjoyed learning more about the culture and experiences at Cabrillo High. In addition to completing the Superintendents Academy for Female Leaders in June, Dr. Finneran attended the leadership retreat, new employee orientation and met with Board President Franky Caldeira and cabinet members to plan for the coming year.

Reminder of Focus Areas

- ◆ Build positive culture rooted in trust
- ◆ Increase academic achievement
- ◆ Improve facilities

Presentations / Reports

Lompoc High School Positive Home

Visits: Lompoc High Principal Celeste Pico shared the history of positive home visits at LHS and how they came to focus on incoming freshman this year. A team of LHS administrative, certificated and classified staff members, joined by Board members and social workers, visited 385 homes. Important information, supplies and a personal invitation to Brave Camp were shared with families. Brave Camp is the freshman orientation program at LHS. Eleven and twelfth grade student assist staff in at Brave Camp. This year, 75% of the incoming freshman attended.



Next Meeting

Tuesday, August 22, 2023
Education Center Board Room
5:30 p.m.



Cabrillo
Hall of Fame
Celebration


Hapgood Fire Emergency Status: Doug Sorum, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented an update on the fire loss mitigation process for the J-Building at Hapgood. All items that were lost in the fire have been replaced or have been ordered with the exception of 20 I-Pads. The ordering of the 20 I-Pads is in process. Approximately 95% of the non-structural work is done. The repair of structural items is still waiting on approval from the Department of the State Architect (DSA). DSA approval is expected in the next three weeks. Once approved, the structural repairs will take 12-14 weeks to complete.

45 Day Budget Revision: Doug Sorum, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, gave a summary presentation of revisions made to the budget since it was adopted at the end of June. When the State's report came out, four areas of revision were required. Mr. Sorum reported that these revisions resulted in increases to the District's restricted budget. The next fiscal updates will be the unaudited actual financial report in September and the first interim budget report in December.

Classified Personnel Update: Director of Classified Human Resources Lacy Gillepsie updated the Board on the status of classified vacancies and recruitments. The NEOGOV employee recruitment system is casting a wider net and resulting in a much higher number of applicants. Several job classes are requiring multiple testing times. Twenty-nine regular employees and 22 substitute employees have been hired since June 26.

Board Approvals and Discussions: The Board approved 34 consent items and 8 action items. President, Franky Caldeira informed the Board that they would be receiving the LUSD Back-to-School Night schedule soon and encouraged Board members to attend these events.

See More Information

June 27, 2023 Board Meeting Agenda 

LUSD Back-to-School Night Schedule 

District School Year Calendars 