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BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at San Pasqual Union School

- Meeting called to order at 5:04 p.m. to allow public comment on closed session agenda items. Board Members Baker, Goe, Gourley, Merz and Murray were present. Superintendent Burroughs and recording secretary Jenny Grassy were also present. Adjournment at 5:04 p.m. for closed session.

Regular Session

- Meeting called to order at 5:45 p.m. to allow public comment on closed session agenda items. Board Members Baker, Goe, Gourley, Murray, and Merz were present. Superintendent Burroughs and recording secretary Jenny Grassy were also present.
- Public was welcomed. The flag salute was recited.
- Hearing of the Public: No one addressed the Board
- Member Goe motioned to approve the current agenda and minutes from the 10/08/2024 Board meeting. Member Gourley seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- SPETA representative Mrs. Michalski addressed the Board on behalf of SPETA.
- San Pasqual Union social worker Mrs. Travers addressed the board and gave a demo presentation on Kelvin, which produces school climate and safety survey results.
- Mr. Burroughs gave a presentation on new software, which allows for classroom monitoring and management of student computers. Software can:
    - Increase student engagement
    - Focus on accountability, productivity, and safety
- Mrs. Zdunich delivered the Assistant Principal Report.
    - Spotlight on Kagan Professional Development Day
        - **Kagan Professional Development**: Staff participated in a full-day immersive session focused on collaborative learning and Kagan structures.
        - **New and Refined Strategies**: Teachers engaged with new strategies like Round Table, Rally Quiz, Numbered Heads Together, and Quiz Quiz Trade, while refining familiar ones like Round Robin and Stand Up, Hand Up, Pair Up.
        - **Hands-On Experience**: Teachers had the opportunity to experience and adapt the structures for diverse classroom needs, both for team-building and content-focused activities.
        - **Support for Critical Thinking**: The session highlighted how specific structures support knowledge acquisition, procedural learning, and critical thinking skills development.
        - **Ongoing Implementation**: Teachers, including Ms. Cutchin, Mrs. Cottam, and Mrs. Michalski, have already started using these structures in

their classrooms. Plans to continue expanding Kagan structures through upcoming PD sessions and with the help of the Kagan Instructional Leadership Team.

- Foundation:
  - **Scramble for the Saints Tournament**: Scheduled for May 3rd, awaiting confirmation with Dos Osos Golf Course manager; date and registration details to be announced soon.
  - **Saints Soiree (Prom - The Sequel)**: Planning underway for the event on Saturday, February 8th, with promotions and registration opening in early November.
  - **Grant Awards**: $6,576.89 awarded at the last SOAR assembly to projects including MS Graphic Novel Collection, Dramatic Play Center, EL Grant, and Craft Club
- PTO
  - **Holiday Season Event**: "Snuggle Up for the Season" on Friday, 12/13 from 6pm-8:30pm, featuring activities like cookie decorating, crafts, face painting, hot cocoa, and a holiday boutique. Volunteers needed for coordination.
  - **Holiday Boutique**: Returning event led by Mrs. Vitale and Mrs. Hawkins, with Mrs. Yandell shadowing to take over in the future.
- DELAC and More
  - **DELAC Health Tips Flyer**: A flyer with fall health tips will be sent home, covering topics like staying active, handwashing, and dressing appropriately for the season.
  - **Collaboration with PTO**: DELAC is exploring a potential collaboration with the PTO for the "Snuggle Up for the Season" event, with details still being finalized.
  - **Next DELAC Meeting**: The upcoming DELAC meeting will be held on Monday, December 16th, featuring a family potluck holiday celebration.
- Red Barn Arts
  - **RBA Projects**: Off to a great start with exciting projects underway.
  - **Clay Projects**: Many classes have completed clay projects with Keely.
  - **Holiday Art Projects**: Students are engaging in fun Thanksgiving and Christmas-themed art, exploring different mediums and styles.
- Upcoming events/activities:
  - 11/13 Shelter in Place Drill
  - 11/11-11/30 PTO Sees Candy Fundraiser
  - 11/19 SSC Meeting
  - 11/20 6th Grade Hatsheput Performance
    - Kagan ILT meeting
    - Family Life Parent Night
  - 11/21 Mr. Burroughs to Live Well Conference
  - 11/22: End of Trimester 1 (minimum day)
  - 11/25-11/29 Thanksgiving Break
  - 12/2 School Resumes
  - 12/3 CAASPP ILT Meeting

        - 12/6 Report Cards Home
        - 12/10 Next Board Meeting
        - 11/7 - Veterans' Day Assembly
        - 11/11 - Veterans' Day observed (No School)
- Superintendent's Report:
    - Facilities Updates:
        - **Solar**: Awaiting ROI reports for new location. Costs may increase based on feedback from Baker, which could decrease return on investment.
        - **Cabling**: Project moved to Winter Break.
        - **Playground**: Timeline TBD, likely scheduled for Winter or Spring Break.
    - Trustee Updates:
        - **Welcome New Trustee**: Amelia Redmond.
        - **Congratulations to Returning Trustee**: Kami Goe.
        - **Recognition for Trustee Angie Baker**:
            - Served over 2 decades at San Pasqual Union School.
            - Began as a "room mom" 20 years ago, and elected to the school board in 2008.
            - Served as Board President for the past 7 years.
            - Key contributions include hiring 3 superintendents and navigating changes in state funding (LCFF), assessment (CAASPP), and accountability measures (CA Dashboard, LCAP).
            - Acknowledged for outstanding leadership and service.

Action/Discussion Items

- Member Goe made a motion to approve the proposal from GEM Inudstrial, Inc. Member Merz seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Gourley made a motion to approve the Intre-Selpa Tuition Agreement between San Pasqual union and Escondido Union School District. Member Goe seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Merz made a motion to approve the contract with Advanced Communication Cabling, Inc. Member Gourley seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Gourley made a motion to approve the Gamut Policy Manual Changes. Member Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/2.
- Member Gourley made a motion to approve the December Board Meeting Dates. Member Merz seconded the motion. Member Murray motioned to start the organizational meeting on December 16, 2024 at 4:45 PM. Member Goe seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.

Consent Agenda

- Member Merz made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Gourley seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0

Comments by Trustees:

- Member Gourley - I'm delighted to see the response rates to the surveys, and the results are really promising. Additionally, the improvements to the Book Fair have been tremendous. A huge welcome to Mia—I'm excited to see what you bring to the board and how your voice will be heard. I truly appreciate the diversity of opinions on the board and the open dialogue we share. It's refreshing to know that, even with differing viewpoints, we can walk out of a meeting with mutual respect. That said, I'm sad to see Angie go. She has brought so much compassion, kindness, and wisdom to the board. She's been gentle when guiding me through my mistakes and gracious in every interaction. Angie, you will be very much missed, and the legacy you leave behind is truly remarkable.

- Member Murray - I wholeheartedly second all of that. We have such a diverse background on this board, and I truly appreciate that. Angie, thank you for your passion for education and for your remarkable ability to articulate it so clearly. You've always come from a place of deep compassion. We are incredibly grateful for your service and everything you've brought to the table

- Member Goe - I completely echo the sentiments shared by the women before me. We truly are a great community because of the diverse, opposing viewpoints we bring to the table. I've learned so much from all of you, especially how to take my passion and temper it when necessary—something I'm still working on! Angie, I wish you all the best in your next chapter, and I'll be thinking of you in "grandma heaven." Also, a very happy birthday to Mark!

- Member Merz - I'll admit, I'm not always the best at keeping things moving forward, but over the past six years, I've had the privilege of working alongside Angie, and during that time, she has always been a steady, calming presence. Her leadership as president has been truly inspiring. It's been an honor to work with and support you, Angie. I think we might need a "What Would Angie Do?" sign as a reminder of your approach to handling everything with grace and poise.

- Member Baker - The highlight of my life has been witnessing the energy and enthusiasm of our children. They truly are the light of our lives, and they represent our future. I can't think of anything more meaningful than investing in them—they are our driving force. I recently read *The Anxious Kid*, and I'd like to share a couple of key takeaways. First, phones in schools: There are so many studies showing that limiting phone use in school is critical, and I'm glad we've taken the lead in this area. Second, the importance of free play: Our children don't get enough unstructured playtime. The book emphasizes the need for longer recess periods. One idea that stood out was the creation of a "Free Play Club," where a monitor would oversee play sessions once a week. This simple program led to improved test scores, fewer instances of bullying, better social connections, and a decrease in truancy. It's truly remarkable what free play can do. Additionally, the book

discusses a homework strategy I found valuable—though I can't remember the exact name. It encourages students to do something they wouldn't typically do on their own. This not only helps parents realize what their children are capable of, but it also empowers students to learn new skills. These are my parting words: I highly recommend this book to anyone who hasn't read it. I have loved working with all of you, and I am deeply grateful for this school and the impact it has had on my children. It truly has been the best place for them. The years go by so quickly, and I will always treasure this time.

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: December 16, 2024 @ 4:45 p.m. - Regular Meeting