

Update from Dr. Rudolph

November 22, 2019

Upcoming Events

Monday, November 25, 2019	Vargas PTA, 8:15 a.m. Mistral Kinder Coffee, 8:45 a.m.
Tuesday, November 26, 2019	
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	District Office and schools closed

The Superintendent's Calendar in Review

- Met with five direct reports
- Led the weekly Cabinet meeting
- Participated in EERB with MVEA
- Presented regarding future growth at the DELAC meeting
- Attended the City Council meeting
- Presented at the Leadership Team Meeting
- Met with Board president
- Met with City Council members
- Worked out of Graham School for two days
- Presented at the Board meeting
- Met with Assemblymember Marc Berman
- Attended the Chamber's Athena Awards luncheon where Trustee Blakely received the Athena Award
- Met with parents
- Hosted a coffee with the superintendent at Graham
- Toured classrooms at Graham with Board members and Graham administrators
- Had lunch with the Graham staff

From the Director of Technology

- Supporting the school sites. In the past month, we have received 638 support requests and we have resolved 86% of those requests.
- Attended the Chief Information Officer conference in Long Beach
- Attended the Datazone user group meeting at the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

From the Public Information Officer

- Master Facilities Plan work
- Graham site visit and parent coffee
- i-Ready communications to parents and www.mvwsd.org/ireadyreport
- Health benefits open enrollment logistics and promotion
- MV Parent U promotion
- Athena Award lunch

From the Chief Academic Officer

This week Cathy Baur worked to finalize details for the December 4th Parent University session – Navigating Mental Health and Support. The event is a panel discussion which will address the following topics:

What is typical development and behavior?

Signs and symptoms of depression and anxiety

Mental health at different developmental stages

What are the schools doing to reduce stress, provide support, and promote mental health?

If a child/adolescent is experiencing an issue, how can you determine if it's a typical behavior or something more serious?

When should a parent be concerned?

How can parents have an open conversation on difficult topics with their kids?

The Panel includes:

Christine Wang, EdM, Heard Alliance

Eduardo Bunge, Ph.D Professor, Palo Alto University, Director, Master of Science in Psychology

Dr. Moira Kessler, Md Clinical Assistant, Professor Stanford Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

Alicia Carter, MVWSD School Counselor, Crittenden Middle School

Kristin Castillo, Student Services Coordinator, Los Altos High School

Cathy walked through classrooms at Castro Elementary and Graham Middle School, attended the Assistant Superintendent's meeting and the Assessment and Accountability Network meeting at the Santa Clara County Office of Education. She also revised the California Dashboard presentation. The California Dashboard is supposed to be released the week of December 9th. The District is planning to present the results to the Board on December 12 pending the actual release date.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

This week in Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, Tara coached four principals. She facilitated the first Elementary Social Studies Curriculum Adoption Committee meeting on Monday. Colleen Walsh, Middle School Literacy coach, provided training to the team regarding the shifts in the Social Studies framework and led the team through a process of understanding the focus of content, inquiry, citizenship, and literacy and language development in Social Studies. Heidi Galassi supported the training by sharing the evaluation rubric that will be used to evaluate programs and discussing the plan for the committee. The team is ready to start evaluating the available programs in the coming weeks.

Tara worked closely with Ranen Bhattacharya, Middle School Science coach, and principals to prepare for the first Science Curriculum Adoption Committee meeting next week. Tara also worked closely with i-Ready, Jon Aker, and principals to prepare for a smooth and positive Diagnostic 2 testing schedule that begins next week.

Tara also participated in the Mathematics Leadership Collaborative at the Santa Clara County Office of Education along with Karin Halvorsen, Middle School Math Coach. The first meeting engaged the group in principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion in math.

Federal, State and Strategic Programs

Events

11/18: DELAC meeting with a focus on EL Board Goal 1 student progress update and next steps. Superintendent Rudolph presented the Future Growth and solicited parent feedback. A decision was made to include sharing of models of success from sites at every DELAC meeting.

Site Visits

11/20: Heidi Smith visited Landels for a leadership check in with the principal and conducted instructional walkthroughs focused on supports for English Learners during instruction. In addition, she observed a newcomer English Learner class.

Other

11/20: Claudia Navarrete, Department Secretary, lead and facilitated the EL Assessment Coordinators meeting to review reclassification process needs or issues.

11/21: Heidi Smith attended the SCCOE State and Federal directors meeting for categorical and State updates.

11/22: Priscila Bogdanic attended the SCCOE Restorative Practice training/meeting.

11/22: Heidi Smith facilitated the district instructional coaches meeting about English Learner instruction guidelines, models and materials.

Arline Siam worked on the PURE Good holiday party items for families in need of support and cheer.

Priscila Bogdanic completed and disseminated the McKinney-Vento Chronic absenteeism monthly report to site facilitators and principals for follow up, supported and monitored student attendance for a chronically absent student and presented at the administrative leadership team meeting about Right at School Scholarship updates and status.

Heidi Smith presented/facilitated a discussion with principals about English Learner materials, Designated English Language Development instruction and opportunities for actions at sites to ready students for ELPAC assessments.

Heidi Smith and Claudia Navarrete, Department Secretary continued work on the English Learner Profile follow up tool.

Claudia Navarrete worked with the technology department on ensuring accuracy with English Learner long-term and at-risk data pulls in PowerSchool, interfaced with sites about Language Line interpretation platform and use, finalized Parent U flyers, and conducted routine English Learner data corrections in PowerSchool.

Special Education

This week, the special education team has been busy attending school site collaborations and administrative check-ins.

The director attended the Dyslexia parent support group. This group meets monthly for an hour and a half from 7-8:30 at the Mountain View Community Center. This week's meeting focused on screening and assessment for children with suspected dyslexia.

Preschool

This week in preschool, the team continued enrollment. The preschool currently has 190 students and 16 vacancies, with 20 children on the waiting list. Preschool teachers and staff had parent-teacher conferences, held parent and child soccer classes at Theuerkauf and a family engagement activity about literacy. Terri Kemper, Director, attended a two-day fiscal training, conducted a parent tour of the inclusion classroom, and continued with teacher coaching and evaluation.

From the Chief Business Officer

Capital Projects

Vargas

The pulling of the wire has been scheduled by PG&E. As an added precaution we will have one of our construction managers onsite during the scheduled time.

Fiscal/Facilities

- The annual audit was completed and we are awaiting the final report.
- The team is continuing to work on the first interim and has started to apply the updates to the multi-year projection. .
- Rebecca Westover attended a two day CASBO CBO's symposium/training
- Open enrolment for benefits has continued and the team has been reaching out to individuals who have not completed their benefit audit or enrolled
- Provided support to a site on how to manage their budget and track information