

Weekly Update from Dr. Rudolph
Week of October 17, 2022

The Superintendent's Message:

Groundbreaking: Just a reminder that we will be dedicating the new teacher housing complex right before the start of our next board meeting. You should have received information about where to park and what time to arrive. If not, please be on the lookout for the information. To keep us time bound, our meeting will start immediately after the event.

Site plans: Site plans have been posted on the website and are available for review. If you haven't done so already, please work with Nancy to schedule a time to meet with principals to discuss the plans. As mentioned, these plans are still in draft form and could undergo minor changes between their publishing and final approval.

CAASPP report: The state has released state test results. We will be presenting MVWSDs performance at our next scheduled meeting. Although the state test underwent some changes, which fundamentally make it a different test, we still plan on comparing the results of last year's examination to our last round of testing (2019). This year should be treated as a baseline year from which we should start to build again from.

The Superintendent's Calendar in Review

- Met with five direct reports
- Led the weekly Cabinet meeting
- Led the Leadership Team meeting
- Held two Feedback sessions
- Met with the staff of Stevenson School
- Met with the staff of Theuerkauf School
- Met with Pete Gorman
- Met with Board President
- Attended Safe Routes School Committee meeting
- Met with the staff of Crittenden School
- Held a Cabinet check-in meeting
- Attended the PTA Presidents meeting
- Held the Huddle Team meeting
- Participated in the MVWSD Board meeting

From the Director of Technology

- Supporting the school sites. In the past month, we have received 571 support requests, and we have resolved 81% of those requests.
- David Harris, Tech TOSA, and I visited classrooms at Stevenson and Theuerkauf.
- Launched automated attendance notifications this week. When a student is marked absent, a call and email will go out an hour after school, letting the parents know that their child was marked absent and reminding them to contact the school if they haven't already.

From the Public Information Officer

- Crisis communications and staff meetings
- Planning for promotion of school marketing materials and enrollment process video scripts. Meetings with CAO Baur, Director Dagar, Specialist Mitchner and Student Services team
- Two public records requests
- Meeting with City PIO

Director of Equity

This week, Director Pohlman (Henderson) made progress on the following projects:

- United Against Hate Week - Collaborated with the leaders at MVLA and our administrator at both Middle Schools. She is working diligently with them to connect our middle schools via programming events for this week and beyond. She has also reached out to partners at the MV teen center and city council.
- LT -- At the LT meeting this week, Megan introduced some scaffolding for event management for United Against Hate Week. Principals will be helping build the scaffold to solidify the event programming for that week as soon as possible.
- Consultants -- Megan met with Kate Fletcher and the student services team to continue building the enrollment questions and weighted lottery.
- Equitable Access to Choice Schools -- Megan facilitated the BOT presentation on Equitable Access to Choice Programs on October 20th.
- Significant Disproportionality -- Megan continued to edit the 2022 CCEIS plan and presented it at the BOT meeting on October 20th.
- District Equity Advisory Committee (DEAC) -- Megan is preparing for the next meeting to take place on Monday, November 7th, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.
- Equity Framework and Scorecard - Megan synthesized the feedback she got from the District Equity Advisory Committee for the Readiness portion of the framework, and she distilled the information into a slide deck to present to Superintendent Rudolph for his initial feedback. She is currently working on the Representation portion of the scorecard.
- Site Visits - This week, Megan did an Equity site visit at Bubb Elementary School.

Chief Human Relations Officer

This week in the Administrative Services Department, the Student Services team has continued working to prepare for open enrollment for the 2023-24 school year. The team met with Shelly Hausman and Corrine Mitchner to update and prepare enrollment information. The team also continued to support new families in the district for the current year. This week, we have welcomed approximately 20 new students to our elementary and middle schools.

The Human Resources department has focused its attention on systems to support the recruitment of staff. The team is utilizing these new systems to recruit for current open positions as well as in planning for the upcoming hiring season in the spring. We have been posting, interviewing, and hiring for various classified positions in the district.

This week, our COVID team processed 4 positive student cases.

Tara Vikjord met with a member of Acknowledge Alliance this week to learn more about the company's programs and offerings in support of schools. She also attended a Transitional Kindergarten workshop hosted by the California Department of Education to learn more about state updates and requirements

From the Chief Academic Officer

Educational Services Update

This week Cathy continued work on School Plans for Student Achievement. She and Director Dagar worked together to continue to support principals with feedback on all sections of their plans. Revised drafts are due back to Cathy on October 19th. On October 24th plans will be posted on the website and shared with the Board of Trustees for review. On November 17, school plans will be on the agenda for the meeting of the Board of Trustees for approval. Cathy also began to prepare for her role in the upcoming emergency drill. On Thursday, Cathy attended a TK webinar that was focused on funding and the connection between Early Childhood Education. She also attended a meeting with representatives from Health Connected to review options for providing programming options for students with Special needs. Cathy met with her direct reports and attended the Ed. Services check-in meeting and the cabinet meeting. She also attended the Leadership Team meeting and the meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

This week, Director Swati Dagar continued to review School Site Plans with Chief Academic Officer Baur. After initial feedback last week, Site Administrators revised plans and reshared their school plans for another review. Plans will be shared with the Board of Trustees and the public on Monday, 10/24. Director Dagar supported a few principals with Site Plan queries and led the districtwide STEAM Teacher bi-monthly meeting. She also attended the Board of Trustees meeting and the Superintendent's Community Check-in. Director Dagar participated in her standing meetings and commitments below:

- 1:1 check-in with Chief Academic Officer Baur
- Cabinet Meeting
- Leadership Team Meeting
- Weekly Education Services Directors Meeting

Health and Wellness

This week Coordinator White continued site visits to promote the LSWP Nutrition Promotion and Education goals. He attended the Challenge Team meeting, where Mountain View Police Chief Chris Hsiung presented on youth and digital safety. Coordinator White continued to facilitate COST meetings at Castro as the team continues to grow the model's implementation. Coordinator White collaborated with Directors Jinbo and Chang to develop next week's Parent U presentation on Social-Emotional Learning and Mental Health. He also attended the staff meeting at Bubb in support of the implementation of Sown to Grow. Coordinator White assisted Director Jinbo in making grief counselors available to Stevenson and Theuerkauf staff.

MTSS and Dyslexia

This week, Acantha completed Universal Screening: Reading Instructional Design & Intervention, Part II, and presented to instructional leaders at the district Leadership Team meeting, which focused on instructional planning at the site level and district communication to parents/guardians. Acantha met with Director Dagar to plan for Universal Screening communication and streamline other assessments and initiatives timelines. Acantha also continued work on the development and refining of the district's plan to support students with dyslexia. She continued to build her knowledge of new information regarding reading by attending EdWeek's *It's Never Too Late: Ensuring Older Striving Readers Succeed* to ensure that older elementary and middle school students are also supported in the district's efforts. Lastly, Acantha began planning for future rollout of the revised SST process.

Expanded Learning

ELOP launched successfully on Monday, Oct 17, at CA/MI and ST/TH with a total of 2 additional Right at School classes and 3 additional Y classes. As Right at School and the YMCA are able to hire more staff, we will add additional classes of students at these sites and open ELOP at the next school site.

In Learning Recovery, the PSA for Paper to use in writing instruction at the middle school will come to the Board on November 3. Elementary classes will begin with the remaining FEV hours in November. Terri Lambert also continues to be the acting Principal at Mistral Elementary in Ms. Olaciregui's absence.

Terri participated in the following:

- ELOP planning meetings with Director Chang
- ELOP planning meetings with RAS and YMCA
- Meetings with Paper and FEV staff
- Various Mistral Elementary staff and parent meetings, events, etc.
- Introductory training for RAS staff in ELOP and classroom management

Special Education and Support Services

Director Jinbo's focus this week has been on meeting the needs of our students, teachers, and staff who are coping with the grief of losing their peer, friend, student respectively.

Counseling supports have been provided this week by our community partners: Community Health Awareness Council (CHAC) and Pacific Clinics. Additional support has been provided by The Bill Wilson Center for Living with Dying and Animal Assisted Crisis Response (AACR).

Our Special Education team continued to support IEP teams with the timely completion of IEP meetings and supporting students with IEPs at Crittenden who are impacted by the loss of their classmate

State and Federal Programs

Geoff Chang has been working with the HR department to review applications and set up interviews for an At-Risk Intervention Supervisor job opening at Mistral and a School Community Engagement Facilitator job opening at Graham. Interviews will take place this week. He continues to support Terri Lambert as she oversees the implementation of

Expanded Learning, currently at Castro/Mistral and Theuerkauf/Stevenson. Geoff is also meeting with principals to support the scheduling and development of Parent University Extension events at each site while assisting with the content and logistical work around the next Speaker Series event: Social Emotional Learning at School and Home, with Coordinator White and Director Jinbo. He is also coordinating SLOP training for Instructional Coaches in November and visited Imai with Margaret Poor to observe SLOP and Designated ELD in action. Margaret facilitated an "ELD 101" training for elementary teachers this week and is getting ready for the next offering on 10/24 on Content and Language objectives. Her focus continues to be on teacher training and support as well as the revision and improvement of newcomer routines across the district. Assisting her in this effort is Leticia Corcoran. Leticia is also working on updating and improving data systems related to ELs, while collecting data on continuously-enrolled ELs for a future board meeting presentation. The end of Trimester 1 is coming, which means it is also report card translation time, coordinated by Leticia. Priscila Bogdanic worked with student services on how best to collect McKinney-Vento information during the annual registration process. She continues to support McKinney-Vento families and planning a holiday party sponsored by Pure Good. Both she and Margaret are assisting with the operations and promotion behind the Parent University Seminar: Comienzo Fuerte (Strong Start), which has attracted over 150 participants over three weeks.

Preschool

Preschool teachers and instructional assistants spent their staff development day building knowledge and strategies to support positive behavior and social-emotional development. Trainers from the Inclusion Collaborative (from the SCCOE) reviewed what healthy social-emotional development looks like and the importance of fostering relationships. They discussed PDAs (Positive Descriptive Acknowledgement - acknowledging moments when students are doing things correctly), establishing environments that promote positive behavior, and facilitating conflict resolution between children. Preschool staff received Calming Kits to use in their classrooms to help students self-regulate. Terri Kemper and the Early Education Coach, Kate O'Malley, did a mini-training on Developmentally Appropriate Practice (DAP), environments, and routines with the TK teachers. The TK team requested a tour of the preschool classrooms, and they were enthusiastic about future training and coaching opportunities with Terri and Kate.

Terri Kemper's calendar in review:

- Attended Inclusion Collaborative meeting
- Held new staff orientation meeting
- Held Goal Setting meetings with instructional assistants
- Held check-in meetings with the new site director
- 1:1 meeting w/Chief Academic Officer, Cathy Baur
- Attended Strong Start Coalition meeting
- Participated in LPC Title 5 Provider's meeting
- Student observation w/district and private behavior therapists
- Held Teacher PLC meeting

- Held Earthquake and Run, Hide, Defend training
- Attended district Leadership Team meeting
- Met with Principal Michelle Williams to discuss the TK teacher coaching plan
- Completed/submitted CDE Quarterly Attendance & Fiscal report
- Held monthly Preschool Community Meeting w/staff and parents

From the Chief Business Officer

This week

- CBO held 1:1 meetings with the Director of Fiscal Services and Budget Analyst
- Bond sale
- Director and Budget Analyst met for a weekly check-in
- Attended the County's Fiscal Director's meeting
- Met with Monta Loma, Vargas, and Theuekauf's Principal
- Director and Budget Analyst attended a webinar on Legal aspects of accounting for study body organization

Capital Projects

The most exciting news this past week was the sale of \$100 million in bonds. The District was also upgraded to AAA by S&P, which saved taxpayers' funds when the bonds were sold. S&P cited strong financial management as well as a positive financial outlook as reasons for the upgrade. We will bring a report to the next board meeting outlining the sale.

We are getting ready to connect all phase 2 solar sites with PG&E but are experiencing the same issues we had with phase 1 sites and PG&E not wanting to honor the grandfathered rate. We anticipate that we will be able to receive the grandfathered rate, but it is taking a bit of time for our team to work through PG&E's channels.

All of our light poles have been delivered, and the bollards are scheduled to arrive the week of October 24th. Once they have arrived, the installation will be scheduled. As part of our HVAC project, we are also adding Johnson Controls to our Bard units across the District. When the Bard units were put in several years ago, Johnson Controls did not have a system to "talk" with the Bard units. Johnson Controls allows the District to control the HVAC system remotely, which aids us with energy management.

Proposals are in for our lease-leaseback window project, and we will be scoring the proposals this next week. Bids for storage at Stevenson and Vargas came back significantly less than they came in prior to the summer. However, they are still over our original proposed budget due to material and fuel costs.

Our security camera project is continuing, and over the next few weeks, staff will be reviewing the field of view at each school site and making adjustments as needed. Carducci has preliminary plans for review for Vargas, and we will be meeting with the site to review any concerns next week.

We continue to have issues with our marquee signs. Originally, Stewart Signs indicated it was because of the tamper shield over the signs that caused the LED panels to overheat. It

has now been a year since we removed the tamper shields, and the LED panels are failing at an unacceptable rate. We are working to find a permanent solution.

Child Nutrition

Child nutrition had a short week last week. This week Child Nutrition tested new menu items that were scratch-prepared and sourced locally. In November, we will serve meat-filled empanadas, vegetarian chili, and beef chili. Chef Dalton cooks a roast to prepare the beef chili and then shreds the meat into the Chili.

This week's fresh fruits are red plums, Delicious Apples, bananas, dried cranberries, orange wedges, Arizona watermelon, broccoli, assorted lettuces, cucumber, carrots, and house-made Ranch Dressing.

Maintenance, Operations, and Transportation Department

The Maintenance and Utility Teams have been working on work orders as well as supporting the school sites with custodial duties. The grounds team has been trimming bushes, cleaning campuses, and doing work orders. The Transportation team has been conducting Emergency Evacuation drills for the bus riders.

Meetings:

- Campus walks Stevenson & Castro
- Transportation Check-in
- Leadership team
- Met with the SPED dept.
- Custodial interviews for Graham
- Mot 1 on 1

The current work orders received and closed this week are as follows:

- Received - 38
- Closed - 45