

Subject: Superintendent's Monthly Report to the Board – February 16, 2017

The following matters and events have occurred since the Report of January 19, 2017:

CCSESA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

I attended the CCSESA General Membership Meeting in Monterey from January 22nd through January 24th. During the conference, I attended the CCSESA Legislative Committee Meeting and the Local Educational Consortium Meeting. I also met with the Region 5 Superintendents (Monterey, San Benito and Santa Clara) to review issues concerning our area.

THE ORIGINAL THINKERS SERIES

I was invited by George Blumenthal, Chancellor, University of California Santa Cruz, to a breakfast meeting on January 27, 2017 at the Hotel Paradox. This meeting of community and business leaders was the first in a series of monthly forums taking on issues of local significance. The topic of this meeting was "Migration and the Noncitizen in the Trump Era" with Associate Professor Catherine Ramirez, Latin American and Latino Studies and director of the Chicano Latino Research Center.

AFRICAN AMERICAN REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCES (AAREA) EDUCATORS OF EXCELLENCE RECEPTION AND DINNER

I attended the 2017 AAREA Educators of Excellence Reception and Dinner on January 27, 2017 in Oakland. This event centers on celebrating and cultivating a brilliant, resilient and strong educational community. Eight northern California educators were recognized during the dinner including Barbara DeBarger, Associate Superintendent, San Lorenzo Unified School District.

CAAASA AFRICAN AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

I was invited to attend and moderate during the CAAASA African American Leadership Academy on January 28, 2017 which was sponsored by the California Department of Education and the Association of California School Administrators. The Academy was geared toward African-American school administrators looking to advance their careers in education.

2016 FOOTBALL POOL LUNCHEON AND AWARDS

On January 31, 2017, Commissioner Kirk Osborn held the 2016 COE Football Pool Luncheon for those participants "Above the Line" and "Below the Line". The "Eaters" were treated to a number of delicious treats by the "Feeders" and we also had an excellent awards ceremony that highlighted the highs and lows of the football season.

CALIFORNIA COLLABORATIVE FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE (CCEE)

On February 2, 2017, I attended the latest CCEE meeting in Sacramento. Highlights of the meeting included: Renewal of fiscal agent contract; Revision 2 to the 2016-2017 CCEE Budget; CCEE Organizational Development Proposal; Update on LCFF professional development training implementation plan; and Approval of Local Educational Agencies Pilot Program.

LEADERSHIP SANTA CRUZ EDUCATION DAY

The 2017 Leadership Santa Cruz Education Day was held on February 3, 2017. Graniterock was the Day Sponsor for the event. Sandy Mast, Director, Inside Education, led the 37 participants on visitations to Watsonville High School and Ceiba College Preparatory Academy. After lunch, I gave the participants a presentation on the Landscape of Educational Changes for Schools in California. The day concluded with the participants being able to engage five local superintendents in a question and answer period.

DIGITAL SCHOOLS

The COE, along with many members from the local school districts, met with Sarah Beyne, CEO, Digital Schools and her team on February 7, 2017 to identify and understand the issues and concerns faced by both parties and to understand each other's expectations and realities concerning the Digital Schools System. The meeting went very well with both sides understanding the needs of the user and the capabilities of the system. Follow up meetings to be scheduled in the near future.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

I met with Andy Stone, Director, Workforce Development Board of Santa Cruz County on February 7, 2017. The purpose of our meeting was to discuss the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Plan for 2017-2020 and also a proposed charter school for 17-24 year olds in the County.

MANAGER'S MEETING

February's Manager's Meeting was held on February 8, 2017. During the meeting, the following topics were discussed: Celebrating Black History, Introduction to the California School Dashboard, an update on developing Norms, announcements and Getting to Know Your Colleagues.

BARRIOS UNIDOS

I met with Daniel "Nane" Alejandre, Executive Director, Barrios Unidos on February 8, 2017. During the meeting we discussed a proposed collaboration to reduce gang violence in our schools through the use of a digital media program.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES (WASC) VISIT

I was asked to chair a WASC visit to Portola-Butler High School in King City on February 12-13, 2017. The visit to the high school went very well. After reviewing the high school's documentation and making my visit, the school's probationary status will be determined by WASC.

BAY AREA COMMUNITIES FOR HEALTH EDUCATION (BACHE)

I spoke with Heidi Winig, Director, BACHE on February 14, 2017. We spoke about the California Health Youth Act (AB329) which mandates Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) in all California middle and high schools. CSE implementation includes LGBT issues, general health and wellness, sexual and gender-based harassment, dating violence, and other adolescent sexual health issues. In order to implement CSE, what is needed is professional and peer level support, identifying specific district level needs and the coordination of individual district or county-wide capacity building.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY COLLEGE COMMITMENT (S4C) RETREAT

On February 15, 2017, I attended the S4C retreat here at the COE. During the retreat, we received the history and background of the S4C, clarified the benefits of the S4C from each member's point of view; reviewed the mission and vision of the S4C, identified similar and different components of like collaboratives from throughout the state, discussed if there were items that need to be added or removed from the core components/activities of S4C and determined if the current mission and vision statement for S4C required revision.

A NEW COLOR

I attended a film on February 16, 2017 called "A New Color – The Art of Being Edythe Boone" by Mo Morris. Edythe Boone is a celebrated Bay Area muralist who paints walls to build bridges toward unity. The chokehold death of her nephew and his final words ignited a national outcry for racial justice. Ms. Boone has worked on a series of community mural projects in the Bay Area such as *Oakland Walls Speak* with housing project residents (1986); Balmy Alley's *We Remember* with the families of AIDS victims (1996); People's Park's *Let a Thousand Parks Bloom* with the homeless (1997); and Berkeley's *Music on Our Minds* with underserved teens in Youth Spirit Artworks (2009).

Regular Monthly Meetings

Special Education Coordinating Agency Meeting
Meeting Migrant Head Start Videoconference
Criminal Justice Council
CCSESA Executive Board
CCSESA Agenda Committee
Force Manager's Meeting

Agriculture Board
Children's Network
S4C Steering Committee
CCSESA Board of Directors
CCSESA Accountability Task
Adult Education Block Grant