

Subject: Superintendent's Monthly Report to the Board – August 16, 2018

The following matters and events have occurred since the Report of July 19, 2018:

PAC 6 CONFERENCE

I attended the Pac 6 Conference in Mendocino County from July 30 through August 1, 2018. The Pac 6 Conference is a yearly conference for the Superintendents from Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Sonoma, Napa, Mendocino and Santa Cruz counties. This year's keynote speaker was Peter Birdsall, Executive Director from CCSESA. During the conference we also spoke about Direction and Hope from CDE, the ways in which the COE's can help each other, and the Financial and Political Savvy needed for COE's.

BUSINESS KICKOFF

The Business Department held their annual kickoff meeting at Seacliff Beach on August 3, 2018. The department held team-building activities throughout the afternoon and discussed the highlights from last year and the goals/vision for the coming year.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

The Technology Department is recommending that the COE replace board member iPads with Windows 10 devices (laptops). This will improve the ability of the teach team to manage and provide support. If the board supports this recommendation we would proceed to acquiring new devices for each board member.

NEW CCEE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SITE VISIT

The new CCEE Executive Director, Tom Armelino, came to Santa Cruz to meet with me and attend the SOS school graduation on July 25, 2018. Mr. Armelino (former ACSA President and Executive Director of NASS) took over as the CCEE Executive Director from Mr. Carl Cohn on July 1, 2018.

GRANTS

The COE has recently been awarded two sizeable grants. The first grant (\$275,000.00) was awarded to the COE from the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County for the Santa Cruz county College Commitment Program (S4C). The grant was given in order to increase the number of students who meet or exceed their math grade level expectations in mathematics and graduate high school college-ready. The second grant (\$100,000.00) was given to the COE by the Monterey Peninsula Foundation to help support school counselors in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties.

ADMIN KICKOFF

We held our annual Admin Kickoff meeting on August 2, 2018 at the Seascape Resort Golf Clubhouse. The keynote speaker for the meeting was Dr. Trudy Arriaga, former Superintendent of the Ventura Unified School District and author of “Opening Doors: An Implementation Template for Cultural Proficiency”. Dr. Arriaga spoke very passionately on opening doors to diversity in order to create opportunities in our workforce.

GIRLS AND CODING

On Saturday, August 4 2018, I attended the first girls coding class; a collaboration between Plantronics and the COE. 36 middle school girls from around the county received a full tour of Plantronics and then were paired with Plantronics engineers who gave them their first lesson in coding. This was the first in a series of sessions that the COE will be partnering with Plantronics.

CHARTER SCHOOL REVIEW TEAM

The Charter School Review team met numerous times throughout the month. The team met often to ensure that every aspect of the Petition was being carefully reviewed and examined. The Team strived for the Staff Report to be as thoroughly accurate as possible in presenting the Board with their finding.

CAAASA EQUITY TRAINING

I went to Sacramento on August 10, 2018 with CAAASA to meet with Wes Smith, Executive Director of ACSA. The purpose of the visit was to begin a conversation on establishing a statewide Equity Leadership training program.

CTEP ORIENTATION

I attended the CTEP Orientation on August 13 2018. During the Orientation, Mr. Steve Hoy was announced as the new CTEP/Charter school Coordinator. The CTEP Orientation is held in order to have employees from all of our sites/districts together to go over the mission and outlook for the new school year.

MANAGER’S RETREAT

We held the Manager’s retreat today (August 16, 2018) at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. During the retreat we went over our plans for 2018-2019 and beyond as well as the budget, communication and grant development, professional learning and modified evaluations.

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