

## **PCTE**

**June 14, 2012**

**7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

### **Meeting Minutes**

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**Present:** Ginny Boris, Diana Dille, Mark Ford, Carol Fry Bohlin, Ken Magdaleno, Jim Marshall, Janell Morillo, Sherri Nakashima, Larry Powell, and John Welty.

**Guests:** Wes Sever, Kingsburg Elementary Charter School District; Nicki Sullivan, Madera County Office of Education, and Chris Williams, Central Unified School District

The March 8 Meeting Minutes were approved as distributed.

Superintendent Mark Ford is retiring at the end of the month and introduced Wes Sever as his successor. Superintendent Larry Powell announced he is retiring on June 30 after 42 years!

#### **Common Core** – *Larry Powell*

Existing California teaching standards are best-matched for the incoming Common Core standards. There is a Common Core app for iPad/iPhone so it is clear a lot is being done to get this out to the public. This type of accessibility is important for parents of students. There is a two to three year window when pencil and paper testing will be phased out. The county offices are working to help alleviate the many questions and concerns from teachers about this transition.

There is not a consensus with the direction we are headed with this but we are trying to understand what people want to see and how that will be implemented. API – until charter schools reach 800 the governor will not eliminate high school exit exams. The biggest concern about a majority-only budget is that we do not know what will happen behind closed doors. Even if the governor's initiative passes in November, there is not state money.

Not much money has been allocated for Common Core professional development. It is preferred to professionally develop before implementation but that will not be the case.

Computer-only testing will be fully implemented by 2017-2018. Teacher education programs will need to reevaluate their programs. It is the biggest single shift in K-12 in 50 years.

Ginny Boris gave some examples of how things are shifting with this type of test. There has not been a 1-1 match between the California Department of Education and Common Core. Jim Marshall is attending a state-wide meeting on Common Core and teacher preparation. The CSU education deans are meeting next month to discuss this topic.

#### **Central Valley Educational Leadership Institute** – *Ginny Boris (handout)*

This year there will be 14 Fresno County Schools participating at no cost. The FCOE has asked CVELI to take the lead on the Rural Schools Network. CVELI continues to host Exemplary Practices Conferences which bring educational leaders the Valley. Lazano/Smith has donated over \$500k to CVELI. The Center for Leadership, Equity, and Research, CLEAR, is a high priority. Strategic Education Research Projects - This is an emerging research group looking for partners. Currently partnering with San Francisco State and we would like to join. Schools take a self-assessment and our doctoral students would have an opportunity to be a part of the administration of the assessment.

### **Drop-out Rates** – *Larry Powell*

Ed Gonzalez was recently hired at FCOE to focus on drop-out rates. There is a partnership with former Mayor Allan Autry as well. The 100 most troubled kids will be the focus. An additional partnership will be announced mid-July. Ken Magdaleno had Juan Arambula speak to his doctoral class. Through CLEAR, in conjunction with CVELI, middle school programs have begun. Caruthers has just requested help with this. The Young Men's Alliance has 14 students registered. Their GPAs have increased almost two points, on average. United Black Men of Fresno is also working at schools. The number one issue is a student saying "nobody cares." This makes mentors so important.

### **Career Technical Education** – *Jim Marshall*

ROP is back in the budget (for right now). FCOE is working with CART to increase the options for students in the Career Technical area.

### **Ballot Initiative** – *John Welty*

The Molly Munger tax initiative, Proposition 38, is doing worse in the polls than Proposition 30. We will see what happens in November.

### **Advancing Student Interest in Science & Math** – *Carol Fry Bohlin (handout)*

Summer events for science and mathematics education include: Summer Academy in Geometry and Technology, Teaching Geometry with Common Core Mathematical Practices, CSET math subtests I and II workshops sponsored by MSTI, MSTI STEM Fellows, Summer Arts and Science Academy, Successful STEM Practices in the Study of Water, Climate and Field Investigations, Summer Engineering Experiences, San Joaquin Valley Mathematics Project Summer Leadership Institute, and the San Joaquin Valley Mathematics Project Administrator Institute.

WestEd is hosting a webinar titled, "Advancing STEM Education K-8 in California," on June 6, 13, and 20. MSTI sponsored David Andrews to attend the SMTI conference near Washington, D.C. The California Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators has a resourceful website. COMET (California Online Mathematics Education Times) has surpassed 6,500 readers!

Jim Marshall mentioned the new generation science standards. They are science standards similar to common core. There is a desire to invest into science professional development but no funds for implementation.

### **Other Items**

- Membership suggestions – distribute membership lists and charge to members existing PCTE members.
- Suggestion to hold a PCTE meeting in the Kremen Lab. It may be ready by fall (ED 157 – Dec. meeting)
- Sherri Nakashima will send out information regarding Commission on Teacher Credentialing meetings.
- Agenda topics – Doctoral Programs at Fresno State – Jim Marshall suggested.
- ERWC collaboration between county/Fresno State – articulation partnerships – Ginny Boris suggested.
- Professional Credential – Larry Powell suggested

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.