

HSC Meeting 2/2/2010

Start time: 7:05pm

Pablo Beltran opens and welcomes attendees to meeting. Asks for new attendees, a few in audience.

Talks about participation in next year's Home and School Club. Recruit others! A bunch of information on www.castlemonthsc.org.

Pablo introduces Dr. Johanna VanderMolen (and Mr. Jim Crawford) who then introduces the new Superintendent Dr. Eric Andrew. She is retiring and feels strongly that he is the right person to take us on the next step.

Dr. Andrew, feels fortunate to be joining the Campbell School District. Loves the community support. Says we have an outstanding reputation in Southern California where he is from. Hope is to carry on the great tradition of Campbell schools,

Dr. VanderMolen - Castlemont's API went up to 795. The district is now at 808. Test scores have gone up. Castlemont has been ranked a distinguished school in the past.

Jim Crawford – we are lean. Looking to save even more money. Bus routes lessened, less water usage, less staff. Measure H dollars have been spent. Campbell has improved its credit rating.

Dr. VanderMolen – district is in good shape, we have smaller classes, drama in the schools, special programs We have saved 36 million gallons of water. Going greener and cost savings. Fresher food for the kids and a savings of 40%. Great work in improving the schools from Measure H.

Jim Crawford – District is putting together a 20 year bond. Will need roofs as they are getting close to 30 years old. Now at 750 population, the cafeteria is too small at Castlemont. Need a new multi-use room. Will make the cafeteria a library/media site. Looking at replacing old windows. Improve plumbing issues. Courtyard needs help. Work on fields and playground areas. Walkpath around the field. Long range plans. **Fiscal accountability – no new taxes, would just extend Measure H.

Dr. VanderMolen – need 55% to support a bond. Voters came out at 65% if the bond means no new taxes. People will support but it is important to tie with no new taxes. Going out to Home and School Clubs/PTAs to campaign for this bond. Wants kids to feel good about the schools. Asking for support in helping to run a phone bank. 1 ½ or 2 hours of your time. Need finances for the campaign. Would be great if Castlemont and other HSCs could contribute \$500 to \$1000. Must make this work for our kids. Asking for help. Asking for liaison to work as the Castlemont campaign representative. Need to deliver/distribute lawn signs on a Saturday, etc.

Suggestions for bond dollars:

Need awning outside certain kindergarten rooms.

Coverings in courtyard.

Get rid of courtyard lake.

Crosswalk at Monica Lane

Want our input as this bond would go out for another 10 years.

Question: when will the bond projects start? 1 year from bond passing for some projects.

Question: Do you have people in mind to do the architecture/building work? Yes, working with firm that specializes in schools.

Dr. VanderMolen – personally thanked the Castlemont community, the teachers, and what we do for support. “Thank you for all you do. You will love working with Eric Andrew.”

Sarah Cerillo: PBIS makes a difference. Thank you teachers and Dr. VanderMolen for the support.

Ivy Sarratt: Wants to get a really good committee together to start the campaign. Please email her if you are interested in participating or leading. Send her an email! Needs a liaison to help her with the campaign. Exciting time, wants to get Castlemont’s needs addressed. Let’s make this thing work! Several parents have asked Ivy about 24:1 ratio. Castlemont is going 24:1. Does not know yet how this will impact the district. Some people may retire, go someplace else, do not yet know the domino effect but do know we are going to 24:1. What does this look like? We just do not know. Come see Ivy if you have further questions. Gets info directly from Superintendent and Jim Crawford “MoneyMan.” Do not want people to panic, 24:1 is not 30:1 as other districts are seeing.

Second awards assembly, recognizing kids. Kids are enjoying it. Want to celebrate the kids.

Pablo: Need teachers to get HSC message out. Meetings first Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

Pam W: Shame that we are not sending out HSC meeting information in the packets. Used to be district supported, now we would have to use HSC money. Going every other week now. Paper and labor is the most costly. **IDEA:** Post the school newsletter and give more per request.

Ivy – let parents know there are hard copies in the office if they want to know about the HSC meetings.

Alicia Stapes: should send the newsletter home per family, not per child.

Pablo: As newsletter editor can be frustrating when he knows people do not read it. Those without computers have access to the computer lab to view newsletters.

Pablo: HSC is open to hearing from teachers about things they need. Let us know the little things as well as the big things. Also look to use the teacher accounts. This year it is “use it or lose it.” Come to us for additional funds. Field trips are determined by the teachers.

Pam – can a company sponsor the newsletter? Pablo – the newsletter is a District communication.

ACTION FOR BOARD MEETING: Vote for \$500 to \$1000 for the Castemont HSC to provide to the campaign. Raise money potentially with a \$1000 target for this purpose. Vote.

End Time: 8:05pm