

SAUSD Board Highlights Page – October 11, 2011

Superintendent's Report

Itzel Roman, ASB president for Santa Ana High School, shared some campus news including the 100 Years on Walnut celebration of the school's current location since 1912. The celebration will include year-long special events beginning with a Bill Medley benefit concert scheduled for December 15, 2011. The alumnus is a former member of the legendary Righteous Brothers duo.

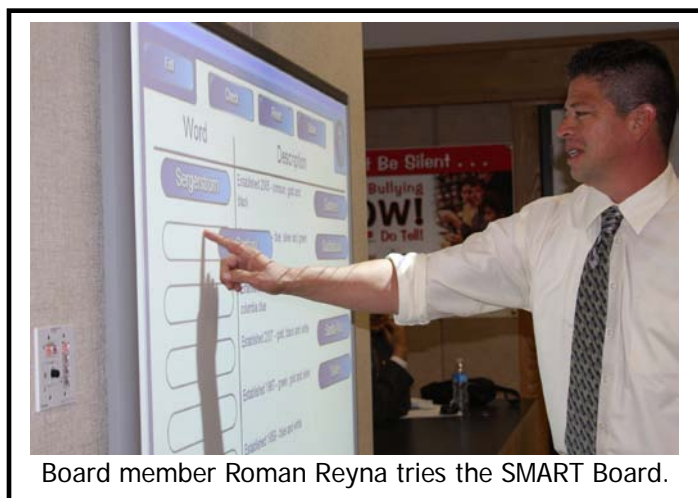
To guide her in the process of listening, learning, and leading during her superintendency, working with the Board, Superintendent Thelma Meléndez de Santa Ana has created a 100-Day Entry Plan that covers specific goals and objectives to accomplish over the course of the next couple of months. A copy of the plan is posted on the superintendent's webpage at www.sausd.us.

Part of that process involves collecting input from various school district constituents via six small community engagement focus group meetings. These are not town hall formats. Rather the meetings will be more intimate to gather thoughts and opinions from parents, community members, partners, and staff members. "We want to hear from parents about the things we're doing well, and the areas in which we need to improve," explained Dr. Meléndez. Topics will span student achievement, educational programs, facilities, and school safety and security.

Community Engagement Focus Group Meetings (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.)

- **Tuesday, October 18** - Carr Intermediate
- **Saturday, October 22** - Villa Fundamental Intermediate (9:30 to 11:30 a.m.)
- **Wednesday, November 2** - McFadden Intermediate
- **Monday, November 7** - Lathrop Intermediate
- **Wednesday, November 9** - Mendez Fundamental Intermediate
- **Tuesday, November 15** - Thorpe Fundamental Elementary.

Parents and community members are invited to participate in one of the evening focus group meetings, which will be held across the District from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The October 22 meeting will be held on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Those wishing to participate can call the Public Information Office at 714-558-5555, email pioinfo@sausd.us, or inform their school's principal to RSVP. Spaces are limited.



Board member Roman Reyna tries the SMART Board.

Board Presentation

Alex Ito, Director of Educational Technology, provided an overview of SMART Board technology in use at many of our schools. Santa Ana High history teacher Mr. Hollingshead provided a live demonstration of the types of innovative teaching and instructional strategies the tool offers to engage students in the classroom. There are 600 SMART Board interactive whiteboards installed in classrooms throughout the District, with plans for 88 more to be installed this year.



Victor Sanchez

October Classified Employee of the Month

Victor Sanchez, the plant custodian at Esqueda Elementary School, was recognized as the October Employee of the Month. Esqueda Elementary Principal Dr. Manuel Fuentes described Sanchez as a very special person who performs a special job extremely well. Colleagues praise his dedication, willingness to cooperate, enthusiasm, integrity, friendliness and kindness while teachers note his commitment to performing his job with the utmost professionalism day in and day out with a smile and without complaints. Most importantly, parents and students recognize his exceptional work. "You are the best custodian the school's ever had," said one student. According to another, "Congratulations on winning the Employee of the Month, we really appreciate all the hard work you do." Dr. Fuentes sums it all up in the following words, "he's a true team player whose

primary vision and mission is all about the precious students."

Public Hearings

- ◆ Review of Statement of Assurance for 2011-12 Pupil Textbooks and Instructional Materials per Education Code Sections 60119 and 60422 (b).
- ◆ Approval for four Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) Waiver Applications to the State Board of Education.

Board Approvals

- Adoption of Resolution No. 11/12-2900 – Assuring Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials for the 2011-12 School Year. **(Agenda item 3.0)**
- Approval of Submission of Four Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) Waiver Applications to the State Board of Education. **(Agenda items 4.0-6.0)**
 - These waivers would enable the school district to have flexibility in class size levels, Teacher Experience Index and Academic Performance Index growth requirements in QEIA-funded schools.
- Approval of joint-use agreement with City of Santa Ana for Willard Intermediate School **(Agenda Item 9.0)** and Approval of Agreement for Reimbursement of Construction Costs for Willard Intermediate School Improvements With City of Santa Ana **(Agenda Item 10.0)**.
- Approval of Cancellation of Regular Meeting of Board of Education for November 22, 2011 **(Agenda Item 14.0)**.

All Board meeting results are available on the Board of Education webpage at www.sausd.us. The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 25 at 6 p.m.**

