

Welcome to the New School Year

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Cathie Olsky facilitated the first official Board meeting signifying the start of the 2010-11 school year with an update from secondary and elementary divisions regarding being on target and prepared for the first day of instruction on August 30. Staff presented the following reports to lay the framework for programs and goals for the coming year:

- Standards-Based Report Card Pilot
- Preschool Programs
- Facilities, Construction and Building Services personnel presented their projects completed over the summer in time for the opening in a project update
- Budget update

Superintendent Russo, who arrived for the latter part of the meeting after having attended the State Board of Education meeting in Sacramento, reported on the results of the State Board's ruling on the School Improvement Grant. The State approved our \$35 million School Improvement Grant to transform six SAUSD schools.

Godinez Fundamental High junior Armando Munoz was on hand at the meeting to show off his brand new Chevy Aveo won as a result of maintaining perfect attendance during the previous school year. The contest starts up again on August 30 this year courtesy of business partner Guaranty Chevrolet.

Board members had the pleasure of recognizing global athlete Mar Angelica Rodriguez, a 2009 graduate of Valley High School. This summer Mar played in the FIFA U20 World Cup Soccer Tournament in Germany for young ladies under the age of 20. As a result of her dual citizenship status, Mar was recruited by the Mexican national team. She now is a sophomore at UC Irvine on a full soccer scholarship, majoring in Sociology and minoring in Spanish.

Parents and the community were asked to mark their calendar for the following Back-to-School Night meetings where they can get acquainted with their teachers as well as with school policies, programs and expectations for the coming year.

- Thursday, September 9 for intermediate schools
- Thursday, September 16 for elementary schools and
- Wednesday, September 22 for high schools, unless otherwise noted per school site.

Board Approval

- The Board adopted resolution no. 10/11-2846 – authorizing the school district to collect developer fees from new construction projects.

For all Board meeting results and presentations refer to the **Meeting Agendas and Minutes** section of the school district's website (www.sausd.us) under Board of Education.

