

**DEL MAR UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL SCHOOL VISITATION BOARD MEETING
BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Torrey Hills School
10830 Calle Mar de Mariposa
San Diego, CA 92130**

**Monday, May 14, 2007
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Annette Easton, President
 Steven McDowell
 Katherine White (arrived at 12:45 p.m.)

Members Absent: Janet Lamborghini, Clerk (arrived at 1:00 p.m.)
 Linda Crawford

Staff: Tom Bishop, Superintendent
 Gary Wilson, Principal (former)
 Toni Jones, Assistant Principal
 Susan Paul, Principal (new)

Others in Attendance: None

BUSINESS TRANSACTED WAS LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. The Board assembled in the Torrey Hills School Library at 12:30 p.m.
2. Former Torrey Hills Principal, Gary Wilson, welcomed the Board of Trustees to the Board visitation meeting. Mr. Wilson introduced Mrs. Susan Paul, who succeeded Mr. Wilson as Torrey Hills' Principal on May 11, 2007. Mrs. Paul commended the Board of Trustees and Mr. Wilson for the high achievement and positive school climate at Torrey Hills School.
3. The Board's visit to Torrey Hills School included:
 - A visit to the Music classroom of Ms. Michelle Beeson who is the long-term substitute for Mrs. Natalie Chiles, the regular Torrey Hills music teacher. During the visit 20 first grade students were paired with 27 fifth grade students who demonstrated proper techniques for playing mallets/ barrel instruments, egg shakers, triangles and conga drums.
 - An observation of the students in the classroom of Art specialist, Jennifer Morey, who were creating original water color drawings that were inspired by the work of Vincent Van Gough,
 - A walk to the turf area to observe certificated P.E. specialist, Mike Davis, who was directing first grade students through Bean Bag Hoopla, a running game that emphasized running endurance and flexibility.
 - A meeting with six Torrey Hills first grade teachers who were meeting as a Professional Learning Community team to analyze student performance on a recent math assessment. The

Board and the first grade teachers engaged in a dialogue about the impact of PLC practices on student performance.

- A visit to the classroom of Mrs. Uma Krishnan, the Enrichment Science teacher at Torrey Hills. Mrs. Krishnan's first grade students were analyzing the difference between herbivores, carnivores and omnivores based on animal tooth structure and types of food consumed.
 - A visit to the Torrey Hills computer lab where technology teacher, Jim Gianola, was helping first grade students to learn the technique to capture and copy habitat pictures from websites onto an Apple draw page.
4. Board Member Crawford had to depart and left the computer lab at 2:00 p.m. The remaining Board Members meet briefly in the Torrey Hills Library from 2:00-2:15 p.m.
 5. On motion by Member White, seconded by Member Lamborghini, the board voted 4-0 to adjourn the May 14, 2007 special board meeting at 2:15 p.m.
 6. The Board took no action.

Janet Lamborghini, Clerk of the Board

Thomas F. Bishop, Secretary to the Board

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