

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

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD AND VISITATION MEETING
BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Ashley Falls School
13030 Ashley Falls Drive
San Diego, CA 92130**

**Wednesday, February 6, 2008
12:45 p.m.**

Members Present: Annette Easton, President of the Board
Katherine White, Clerk of the Board
Linda Crawford
Janet Lamborghini
Steven McDowell

DMUSD Staff: Tom Bishop, Superintendent
Shelley Peterson, Principal, Ashley Falls

BUSINESS TRANSACTED WAS LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Board President, Annette Easton, called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m.

On motion by Member White seconded by Member Crawford the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda.

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2. **PUBLIC INPUT: NONE**
 3. **VISITATION TO ASHLEY FALLS SCHOOL AND OBSERVATION OF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY PRACTICES**

Ashley Falls Principal, Shelley Peterson, welcomed the Board to the PLC Wednesday and distributed a visitation schedule that would take the Board to all the PLC grade level teams at Ashley Falls School.

The Board accompanied Shelley Peterson to Room 202 where the Kindergarten teachers were discussing individual students. The Kindergarten teachers shared information about the "Response to Intervention (RTI) Program."

The Board then visited the Technology Lab where the Ashley Falls P.E, Art, Science and Technology teachers were discussing individual effort grades in each enrichment content area. They also distributed ESC rubric grades. The enrichment team shared information with the Board regarding the team's collective effort to integrate five enrichment content areas into an innovative interdisciplinary "Earth Week". The team also shared information about the "Families" program, which was introduced through Peace Builders in 2005, with the Board.

The Board proceeded to Room 302 where the Ashley Falls first grade teachers were scoring mid-year first grade writing assessments. The first grade team explained how they had successfully implemented a differentiated math program since the beginning of the 07/08 school year. They also explained why the team created a SMART goal in first grade reading comprehension, and described how the new program was implemented.

Next, the Board visited Room 402 where the Ashley Falls second grade teachers were scoring mid-year writing assessments. The second grade team explained the benefit to students of the mid-year writing assessment.

In Room 614 the Board witnessed the Ashley Falls sixth grade teachers scoring students writing assessments with a six traits rubric from the basal series. In addition, the sixth grade team described the differentiated sixth grade math program at Ashley Falls.

Continuing the visit to Room 406, the Board observed the Ashley Falls third grade teachers scoring student writing assessments. The third grade team discussed the importance of having students meet the paragraph standards.

Next, the Board went to Room 503 where the Ashley Falls fourth grade team was scoring mid-year writing assessments. The team pointed out that some students needed to improve the spelling of the word "you're". The fourth grade prompt asked students to described an animal that might sit at a desk. The teachers shared samples of graded student work with the Board.

The Board concluded the visit in Room 506 where the fifth grade team was scoring persuasive essays about prohibiting cell phones at school. The fifth grade team saw evidence of successful transitions and significant student voice in the student writing samples.

4. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Member Lamborghini, seconded by Member Crawford, the board voted unanimously to adjourn the February 6, 2008 Special School Board and Visitation Meeting at 2:46 p.m.

Katherine White, Clerk

Annette Easton, President

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