

Measure X/MLI Parent Action Team Agenda

Meeting 5:30 iCenter

- Welcome and Sign In (Adams) Committee members and community members present include: Alfredo Bazua, Dr. Darryl Adams, Mayela Salcedo, Mr. Diaz-Lopez, Edward Simoneau, Michelle Murphy, Israel Oliveros, Adrian Chico, Desert Sun Report, Francinni Zapata, 2 teachers and 3 community members did not sign in.
- Introductions of members present (Adams) - all present introduced themselves, Dr. Adams gave a brief overview of the program, the bond and WiFi on Wheels.
- Budget Report (Fromm) - Mr. Fromm could not attend so Mayela Salcedo, the Director of Fiscal, gave the financial report. Series A and Series B have been issued. 17 million is left in the bond to refresh devices. She will post a copy of the budget under the Measure X tab of the website under business services.
- Educational Technology Update (Simoneau), Educational Technology Coordinator gave overview of training programs and compiled data from 2013 to 2016: 6,201 hours have been offered for Professional Development to teachers to support instruction in the classroom. Site Technology Lead position was explained along with their coaching days for each site. TechTalks were explained as the new model for PD offered after school. SAMRai is a trademarked program with 194 graduates. T3's and teachers rely on the track-it work order system to receive support during the instructional day.
- IT update (Oliveros), Director of IT, Announced we have completed deployment TK-12, there was a hold up this year with the release of Apple Classroom Manager. Our younger students now have a 4 digit password which has been a request of our classroom teachers and now available with these new features released by Apple. Apple Classroom solution is for managing students while online during classroom, we are rolling this out this Fall along with the current solution: Teacher Tools. Connection has been upgraded at the K-12 sites and the district connection has moved from 4 Gbits to 5 Gbits. We leverage our E-Rate funds for the infrastructure as the FCC has made changes.
- Questions and Comments

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- Mr. Bazua- there is connectivity but my kids say that the iPad is crashing and losing connection. Mr. Oliveros explained that there are several reasons that this could be happening: an issue with the device, an Access point so if your student could inform the teacher or IMA in the library we can trouble shoot the issue. The connection was asked about and what it means to have a larger connection. Students are now using their smart phones for connectivity and can we manage those? No we can not. When students troubleshoot on their own this can create other issues that might hinder the connectivity. Does E-Rate replace Measure X funds? No it allows us to upgrade infrastructure. E-Rate fund discounts pay for connectivity and other requirements. For our district this is around 85-87% discount based on Free and Reduced Lunch percentages.
- How are you making these meetings public? committee members are emailed about the meetings and will now be posted on the website as the public has always been welcomed.
- What do you suggest as an Apple representative for connectivity at the Salton Sea, Mecca and North Shore area? No employee of Apple sits on this committee we are district employees and community members. WiFi on Wheels assist with this. Verizon has a program for our students to purchase hotspots, 20 community locations are available to our students and posted on our website. Connection at OA, SV, and WR is always a concern and we are working on solutions. Our hands are tied but we do reach out to companies like Google, Verizon, Time Warner, AT&T, and Sprint. We are looking at a dark fiber solution but it is millions of dollars. We have to decide on the type of model we want either all internal or with a partnership. We will post the flyer on the website for affordable hotspots from Verizon. We are looking at foundations such as the GATES foundation and others to support a dark fiber connection.

More parents entered at 6:15 so Dr. Adams reviewed the agenda and a parent translated for these parents as they needed translation. Eddie Simoneau reviewed the training programs for teachers as outlined above.

- How do we select which teachers are trained? We do not select them but we provide opportunities for them.
- My kids can open their iPads when they get home and we see no difference in our kids and we don't want them. You spent a lot of money and my kids use their telephones and the computer at home. How do I give all the devices back? Dr.

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Adams: we know that kids are using them along with teachers for educational purposes and we appreciate your opinion.

Israel restated his summary from IT explaining Apple Classroom Manager, implemented bandwidth increases districtwide and the K-12. We will continue to use E-Rate to offset the costs of infrastructure upgrades.

Mr. Chico, parent at MV and employee explained that his students come to this district because of the MLI and using GarageBand, iMovie, and the camera is something that his son enjoys. His wife is also a teacher at MV. We are always improving because I listen to the issues and I would like to invite you to my wife's classroom to see how they are being used.

Dr. Adams gave example of how Mrs. Riley at LP is using her iPads with her students to learn to spell words and find pictures to illustrate the words they are learning. Kids are learning how to be creative. In 6th grade, those students were doing the scientific method.

Was WiFi on Wheels paid for with Measure X? No general fund. There are 7 vehicles and 1 bus currently deployed in this program and all 100 buses are equipped with routers for connectivity to and from school.

Our taxes are \$250 per year for Measure X said a parent. Dr. Adams explained that it should be \$30 per \$100,000 accessed.

Mr. Bazua - I appreciate how you(the district) spoke with Verizon. This community says we are not ready for the iPads but I believe we are ready and we need it. 67% of the vote was ready and said yes. We have to keep up with technology and the other districts. Our students will be exposed to networking academy and can be certified. Students are learning to code now in the elementary schools. Mr. Lopez said his 6 year old is already learning coding. Coding is the new foreign language.

Teacher- Is this the Measure X, what is this meeting about teaching? No we discuss many topics including all aspects of the MLI. Please apply online the application is on the website and has been for the last 3 years.

Parent in Spanish - why don't I come to these meetings? I returned the iPad so why do I have to pay. That is how a bond works.

A translator was requested for next meeting. Meeting was adjourned.

- Next meeting: January 18, 2017