

REPORTER

Kings Charter Sponsors 40th Annual Fall Conference



Justin Bond (right) Keynote Speaker.
Heiko Sweeney conference chairperson.

Approximately 150 school administrators were in attendance as Kings County Charter ACSA celebrated its 40th Annual Fall Conference. The event with its theme "We Will Survive" was held at the Admiral Akers School on the Lemoore Naval Airstation on September 27, 2012.

The first 50 registrations had the opportunity to participate in a tour of VFA-122. This year's conference consisted of a vendor fair, six breakout sessions, a keynote speaker, buffet dinner, golden apple awards and concluded with the drawing for an array of raffle prizes.

The conference opened with a vendor fair featuring 12 vendors displaying their products and offering information and various prizes to those visiting their booth.

Administrators were able to attend two workshop sessions which focused on professional development topics, legal issues, and school finance.

Dr. Guadalupe Solis and Laura Gonzalez, administrators, Tulare County Office of Education, presented a session on "Our Journey to the Common Core Standards." They outlined a professional development plan which was used for both administrators and teachers.

This plan includes building awareness, creating resources, tools and training sessions for school personnel. The training program includes tasks, rubrics and various lessons. Other areas addressed were writing skills across the subjects, developing rigorous and meaningful instructional units, a focus on instructional practices, use of technology and access to sample lessons, tools and video links. "You may contact <http://commoncore.tcoe.org> for additional information on the Common Core standards," Dr. Solis said.

Gordon Carlson, consultant manager, Data WORKS, presented a professional development session on the "Well Crafted and Powerfully Delivered Common Core Lesson." Carlson was a former administrator in Kings County and a very active ACSA member. He has recently finished his 12th year as a consultant for Data WORKS.

Other workshop sessions available for administrators were: "Update from Sacramento" by Laura Preston, Legislative Advocate, ACSA; Hot Topics in School Finance by John Gray, School Services of California, Legal Issues in Education by Jim Lee and the partnership of school administration and the performing arts presented by Michael Porter, Music Teacher, Admiral Akers School.

The conference's keynote speaker was Justin Bond. He has received a number of medals, both in and out of the Military including the Purple Heart. Bond is currently volunteering for a veterans group called Segs4Vet. He travels the country helping wounded veterans by training and donating segways for them to use as mobility devices. He is also the founder of "Our Heroes' Dreams," a non-profit organization.

Golden Apple Awards were given to individuals for their outstanding dedication and contribution to their schools, students and community. Those honored this year by Kings County Charter ACSA were:

Recipient	Presenter	District
1. Reagan Tuman	Rick Rayburn	Lemoore Elementary
2. Lupe Chavez	David East	Reef Sunset
3. Carol Alstot (La Casa Garden Club)	Tim Bowers	Kings Co. Office of Ed.
4. Lemoore Rotary Club	Debbie Maro	Lemoore Union HS
5. Shannon Jacobs	Nancy Davis	Central Union
6. Cara Cummings	Charlotte Hines	Island Union
7. Mike Quinones	Paul Terry	Hanford Elementary
8. Peggy Horner (Hanford Garden Club)	Lisa Horne	Pioneer Elementary

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Presidents Message



As fall brings us a wide variety of colors we find ourselves managing a wide variety of tasks. One of Region XI goals for the 2012 – 2013 school year is to support our educational leaders as they work to accomplish their varied responsibilities. Each of our Region XI Board meetings will feature a Charter presentation

which will help our leaders implement, modify or create educational teaching strategies or leadership strategies to help our students master their grade level standards. At our Region XI September 6 Board Meeting, Donya Wheeler, Tulare Charter, presented a very relevant program on Instructional Rounds. Instructional Rounds consist of observational teams made up of principals, district office administration, instructional leaders and teachers. Donya showed us how this shared practice for observing, analyzing and discussing real time teaching and the data gathered from student assessment can truly bring a staff together for the good of the students. They use the results from the Instructional Rounds to modify curriculum, delivery of lessons and assessments to meet the needs of the students as they learn the grade level standards.

We invited Adonai Mack to our Region Delegate Assembly on October 4 to speak on legislative issues. He brought propositions 30 and 38 to our attention with comparisons and repercussions being stressed. He also spent some time discussing the Strategic Planning process being facilitated by Bill Cook. Clara Finneran, Region XI East Kern Charter President, is on the Strategic Planning Commission. She did a very nice job familiarizing the board with the strategic plan process. The Delegates broke into groups and discussed the Strategic Planning Commissions question: "Is it possible for ACSA to be a hybrid of representative government and the corporation model and/or is there an alternative beyond these concepts that would benefit ACSA?" The results were forwarded to State ACSA for the Planning Commission.

Change is always exciting, whether it is leaves from green to red and gold or the format and function of an impressive organization such as ACSA, it is always rewarding to be a part of the force that drives the change. Region XI is working hard to contact new members as well as veteran members. Our goal is to bring the value of this organization to all members and non-members in our Region. We will be a strong voice and will carry the message of the value of ACSA to all!

Kirsti Smith
Region XI President

Region XI Membership Scoreboard

Charter	Sept. 2011	Sept. 2012	(+/-)
East Kern	62	63	(+1)
West Kern	298	300	(+2)
Kings	98	101	(+3)
Tulare	310	305	(-5)
Inyo/Bodie	14	19	(+5)
CSUB Student	8	5	(-3)
Non-Assigned	14	10	(-4)
TOTALS	804	803	(-1)

"WHAT THEY SAID"

"ACSA is a wonderful organization. It is wonderful because of you. You are the core of ACSA - Charter and Regional Leaders. These are challenging times. Leadership Matters!"

David Gomez, *State ACSA President*
2012 Regional XI Planning Conference

"Don't look at reasons you can't, instead look at reasons you can."

Mike Rayburn, *Keynote Speaker*
2012 Regional XI Planning Conference

"We want to get more people involved with our region XI delegate assembly. There will be three assemblies this year."

David Tonini, *Region XI Executive Director*

"Great initial first teaching and well crafted lessons are two reasons for helping students learn more."

Gordon Carlson, *Presenter, Data WORKS*
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AROUND THE REGION

- **Tom Addington**, Region XI President-Elect, has been appointed Superintendent of Central Union School District in Kings County. He is replacing Ron Seaver who has retired. Ron was a very active ACSA member.
- **Clara Finneran**, East Kern Charter President and Principal, James Monroe Middle School, Sierra Sands Unified School District, has been appointed to State ACSA's Strategic Planning Committee.
- **Dr. Carl Olson**, Former superintendent, Fruitvale School District, was recognized at a very special retirement program on August 24 at the Double Tree Hotel in Bakersfield. Fruitvale School District staff members "went out of their way" to put on a super program. Carl has been very active at the local West Kern Charter, Region XI and State ACSA. Her served a 3 year term as Region XI's representative on the ACSA Board.
- **Terry Wolfe**, has retired; however he is still serving as one of West Kern Charter's Directors on the Region XI Board. He is also a member of Kern County Grand Jury.
- **Inyo/Bodie Charter** is now an active part of Region XI. Don Clark, Superintendent, East Sierra Unified School District, Bridgeport, is President and Rich Boccia is serving a three year term as the Charter's Director on the Region XI Board. Rich has been attending the Region's Board meetings both he and Don also participated in Region XI's Annual Planning Conference at Lemoore in June 2012.
- **Lisa Horne**, Kings Charter Past President, has been appointed as Region XI's representative in Member Services. She is replacing Steve Bogan, Superintendent, Armona School District.
- **Blanca Cavazos**, Region XI Vice President is to be commended for her services preparing for the Region's Annual Fall Conference. Our Region and CUE are once again co-sponsoring this event which will be held at Cal State, Bakersfield on Saturday, October 20.
- **Tulare Charter** has announced the dates of its three 2012-2013 major events. Annual Spring Conference, March 14, 2013, ESS Annual Breakfast, April 26, 2013 and the Annual Recognition/Retirement Dinner on May 3, 2013.

COMMENTS FROM YOUR REGION XI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



A.C.S.A.'s State Delegate Assembly met on October 11. Five delegates from your region represented you with input from charter delegates who attended the Region Delegate Assembly on October 4. The main focus of the State Assembly was A.C.S.A.'s Strategic Plan. We met with the strategic plan's facilitator, Bill Cook, who gave us a status report on the development of the plan and then solicited input from members of the Delegate Assembly. Each Region met with delegates from another region

to respond to the the facilitator's questions and provided input. Bill defined Strategic Planning as a "Means by which a community continuously creates unique and indispensable systems for extraordinary purpose". The hope is that A.C.S.A. will increase its effectiveness as an association in achieving its objectives that will be defined by the strategic plan. Keep up to date on the development of the plan through EDCAL and the A.C.S.A. website. There are no sacred cows and everything is on the table in terms of change to the association.

John A. Perez, the Speaker of the Assembly, spoke to the Delegates about the importance of passing Proposition 30 and the consequences of not passing it. He asked all Delegates to get the word out to state school administrators that their strong voice on this issue is critical. He challenged us to discuss the proposition with friends, family, and stakeholders in our communities.

School suspensions was another hot topic. Representatives from Garfield High School shared their story and how they decreased suspensions at their school. It was apparent that there is a well organized group that is making a strong effort to limit the number of suspensions and expulsions that can be made by a school and district. Your voice on this matter is very important and A.C.S.A. has fought bills limiting the flexibility school administrators now have.

Here are ten tips I'd like to leave you with to get the most out of A.C.S.A. online:

1. Strengthen your skills - www.acsa.org/professionallearning
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Please email me at davidto02@comcast.com or call me at 559 280 6228 if I can assist you in any way or if you have something you would like to share.

David Tonini
Executive Director - Region XI

TULARE COUNTY 2012 SUMMER INSTITUTE FEATURES MIKE RAYBURN



*Mike Rayburn, Keynote Speaker,
Tulare County Summer Institute*

The 2012 Annual Summer Institute Co-Sponsored by the Tulare County Office of Education, Jim Vidak, County Superintendent and Tulare County Charter ACSA, Steve Tsubol, President was held at the Edison Energy Education Center in Tulare on June 20, 2012.

Mike Rayburn, world-class guitarist and stand-up comedian, was this year's keynote speaker. Rayburn's

astounding guitar creations, uproarious songs and presentation skills encourage, inspire and challenge audiences to step beyond their perceived limitations.

"Each of us are more capable than we realize. Each of you have a great potential," Mike Rayburn said in his opening remarks to Tulare County School Administrators. "We need to get beyond our limitations and the major limitation is ourselves," Rayburn said.

He offered a variety of suggestions and advice focusing on "What if I Could?" "Don't look at reasons you can't, look at reasons you can," Rayburn said. "Create ways to meet the challenges."

He offered other advice such as:

We learn by examples. If you face a huge problem, make fun of it as we face it. Step out side of it and find opportunity in the problem. This will draw the best of you.

"Problems become opportunities by looking at the possibilities, by becoming creative," Rayburn said. "We are all creative, but in different ways - ask what if I could? Use creative solutions."

He encouraged the administrators to set goals which

don't exist. Set your dream goals, and impossible goal. "Write it down, commit to it, take action on it right away," Rayburn advised.

His closing remarks focused on administrators to resolve to be the best. Good becomes an enemy of great. Rayburn suggested that they list their ideas on what does it take for me to be the best.

This year's Institute featured seven workshop sessions. Administrators could attend two of them, a morning session and an afternoon one.

The Professional Development Sessions Included:

1. VUSD Blueprint for student achievement by Dr. Craig Wheaton, Superintendent, VUSD;
2. A Budget update by Lewis Wiley, School Services of California
3. Emergency Plans for Safe Schools by Adam Valencia, TCOE, Jose Aguilar, TCOE and Rick Stover, retired CAL Fire
4. Retirement Check-up by Ken Hochnadel, Benefits Counselor, TCOE
5. Next Generation ELD Students by Laura A. Gonzalez, TCOE
6. Cyberbullying by Desiree Serrano, Deputy County Counselor.
7. Common Core State Standards by Charlene String Ham, Instructional Consultant, TCOE.

Other features include Dr. Guadalupe Solis, saxaphonist, buffet luncheon, TCOE Theatre Company, Brian Roberts, Director.

Tulare County Charter ACSA recognized a number of Tulare County Charter ACSA Administratos of the year. Student scholarships were also awarded to various children of ACSA members. A variety of door prizes and refreshments closed out this year's successful summer institute.

REGION XI LEADERSHIP TEAM 2012-2013



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David Tonini
Executive Director

REGION XI CONDUCTS ANNUAL PLANNING CONFERENCE



David Gomez, State ACSA President attended the Region's Planning Meeting. Kirsti Smith, Region XI President, Charied the event.

Region XI's Annual Planning Conference was held at Central Union School District, Lemoore, on June 18, 19, 2012. Kirsti Smith, 2012-2013 Region XI President, led her leadership team members as they set goals, conducted various discussions on Region business items and made various recommendations for the new school year.

Region XI Executive Board Members met this first day. The nine members attending the first session reviewed the 2011-2012 Region Goals and then set the new goals for 2012-2013. The following four goals were recommended to the Region XI Board.

- Support our educational leaders.
- Ensure all students have the essential skills and knowledge needed to excel.
- Champion Public Education.
- Build Membership.

The second day started off by featuring David Gomez, State ACSA President. "ACSA is a wonderful organization. It is a wonderful organization because of you," Gomez said in his opening remarks. "You are the core of ACSA - Charter and Region leaders. These are challenging times. Leadership matters!"

A power point presentation was given featuring the top issues facing administrators in 2012-2013. The three issues highlighted were: School Funding, Common Core Standards and Student Assessment. Other activities led by President Smith included:

- Reviewed ACSA's Core Values
- Set goals for 2012-2013
- Discussed Region XI Board Responsibilities
- Reviewed councils and committees responsibilities
- Heard a report on Legislative Action by Terri Rufert, Region XI Vice President

- Update report on Region XI newsletter and handbook by Richard Schlagel, Editor
- Recommended that Region XI award a \$700 retiree lifetime membership each year
- Discussed and recommended the budget for 2012-2013
- Heard an update and report on the Region's Annual Fall Conference by Blanca Cavazos, Region XI Vice President and Conference Chairperson
- Discussed Region/Charter Membership led by David Tonini, Region XI Executive Director
- Participated in a number of special activities led by Kirsti Smith, Region XI President
- Reviewed proposed calendar of events for 2012-2013



left to right: Don Clarks, President, Inyo/Bodie Charter, David Tonini, Region XI Executive Director and Rich Boccia, Director, Inyo/Bodie Charter attended the Region XI Annual Planning Conference at Lemoore.

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Lisa Horne, past charter president and Scott Chennault, assistant principal, Admiral Akers School conducted a drawing for a wide variety of prizes to conclude the conference.

Heiko Sweeney, Kings Charter President and principal, Admiral Akers School was this year's conference chairperson. "Thanks to all that were able to attend Kings Charter ACSA 40th Fall Conference," Sweeney said. "We also appreciate those who participated in the evaluation of the conference. This will help in planning next year's conference."

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2.	Trevor Walker	Business/Analyst	Southern Kern USD
3.	Jeffery Weinstein	Assistant Superintendent/Business Services	Southern Kern USD
4.	Joy Soars		Kings River
5.	Peggy Garispe	Director/Business Services	Dinuba
6.	Marti Kochevar	Assistant Superintendent	Dinuba
7.	Harrison Favereaux	Chief Admin Officer	Lost Hills
8.	Regina Green	Assistant Principal	Wasco
9.	Charles Coleman, Jr.	Principal	Rio Greely
10.	Marlene Dietrick	Director/Personnel	Inyo COE
11.	Thomas Snyder	Deputy Superintendent	Inyo COE
12.	Blanca Price	Student Support Coordinator	Avenal
13.	Richard Little	Director/SP Education	Mojave
14.	Noemy Herrera	Assistant Principal	Rosemond
15.	Heather Richter	Principal	Tehachapi
16.	Helen Copeland	Assistant Principal	Orosi
17.	Rachel Nunes	Business Services Tech	Orosi
18.	Vickie Bimat	Chief Financial Officer	Earlimart
19.	Darin Pace	Dean	Exeter
20.	Ross Mota-Montoya	Principal	Visalia
21.	Jennifer Angell	Sp. Ed. Coordinator	Panama-Buena Visata
22.	Jennifer Davis	Food Services Supervisor	Fairfax
23.	Fidelina Saso	Assistant Superintendent	Lost Hills
24.	Jackie Villa	Admin. Asst/Supt. Sec.	Lost Hills
25.	Kathlene Felder	Ed Learning Coordinator	Corcoran
26.	Michael DeRosa	Assistant Principal	Pioneer Elementary
27.	Cheryl Bailey	Principal	Mojave
28.	Christine Orth	HR Manager	Tulare COE
29.	Karee Prather	School Psychologist	Earlimart
30.	Juan Ricoy	Vice Principal	Earlimart
31.	Steven Hatakeyama	Principal	Waukena
32.	Jason Kaff	Business Manager	Farmersville
33.	Andrea Gebhardt	Assistant Principal	Wasco
34.	Derek Moisant	Assistant Principal	Bishop
35.	Janet Hunt	Director Alternative Education	Mono COE



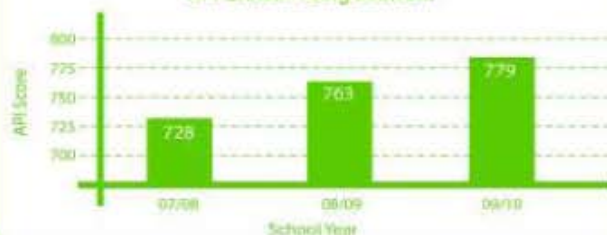
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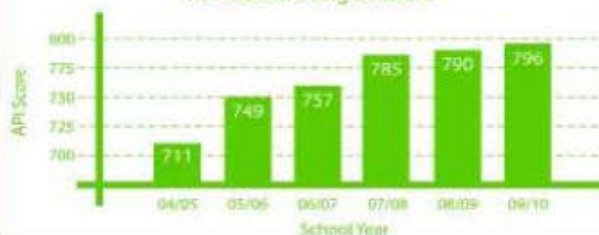
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REGION XI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2012

6	West Kern Charter Board... Nodels, Bakersfield	7:00 am
6	Regional XI Borad Meeting, Hodels, Bakersfield	8:00 am
14	Tulare County Charter Board Meeting	7:00 am
14	Kings Charter Board Meeting, Central Union School District	12:00 pm
27	Kings Charter Annual Fall Conference, Akers Elementary School	4:30 pm

October 2012

1	East Kern Charter, Indian Wells Lodge	5:30 pm
4	West Kern Charter Board, Hodels	7:00 am
4	Region XI Delegate Assembly, Hodels, Bakersfield	8:00 am
11	State Delegate Assembly, Los Angeles	7:00 am
12	Tulare County Charter Board Meeting	7:00 am
12	Kings County Charter Board Meeting, Central Union School District	12:00 pm
20	Region XI Annual Fall Conference CUE, CSUB, Bakersfield	8:00 am
30	Kings Charter Retiree Breakfast	8:15 am

November 2012

1	West Kern Charter Board Meeting, Hodels, Bakersfield	7:00 am
1	Region XI Board Meeting, Hodels, Bakersfield	8:00 am
5	East Kern Charter, Tehachapi	5:30 pm
8-10	State ASCA Leadership Summit, Sheraton Hotel & Marina, San Diego	
9	Kings County Charter Board Meeting, Central Union School District	12:00 pm
16	Tulare County Charter Board Meeting, Apple Annies, Tulare	7:00 am

December 2012

6	Tulare County Charter Board Meeting	7:00 am
6	Region XI Board Meeting, Video Confrence, Charter Sites TBD	8:00 am
14	Kings County Charter Board Meeting, Central Union School District	12:00 pm

January 2013

10	West Kern Charter Board, Hodels, Bakersfield	7:00 am
10	Region XI Awards Committee Selections	TBD
11	Tulare County Charter Board Meeting	7:00 am
11	Kings County Charter Board Meeting	12:00 pm
29	Region XI Executive Board Meeting (Ex Director's Evaluation)	7:30 am
29	Region XI Delegate Assembly, Hodels, Bakersfield	8:00 am

February 2013

4	East Kern Charter, Mojave	5:30 pm
7	State Delegate Assembly, Location TBD	
8	Tulare County Charter Board Meeting, Apple Annies, Tulare	7:00 am

8	Kings County Charter Board Meeting, Central Union School District	12:00 pm
TBD	West Kern Charter Annual Golf Tournament, Location TBD	TBD

March 2013

7	West Kern Charter Board Meeting, Hodels, Bakersfield	7:00 am
7	Region XI Board Meeting, Hodels, Bakersfield	8:00 am
8	Kings County Board Meeting, Union School District	Central 12:00 pm
14	Tulare County Charter Annual Spring Conference Heritage Complex, Tulare	TBD
15	Tulare County Charter Board Meeting, Apple Annies, Tulare	7:00 am
17-18	Legislative Action Day, Sacramento	

April 2013

4	West Kern Charter, Hodels, Bakersfield	7:00 am
4	Region XI Board Meeting (Video Conference)	8:00 am
12	Tulare County Charter Board Meeting, Apple Annies, Tulare	7:00 am
12	Kings County Charter Board Meeting, Central Union School District	12:00 pm
24	West Kern Administrative Assistant's Luncheon, Stars Theater, Bakersfield	11:30 am
26	Tulare County Charter ESS Breakfast Vusalia USD Board Room	7:00 am
29	East Kern Charter, indianwells Lodge	5:30 pm
TBD	Kings County Administrative Assistant's Luncheon	TBD

May 2013

2	West Kern Charter Board Meeting, Hodels, Bakersfield	9:15 am
2	Region XI Delegate Assembly, Hodels, Bakersfield	9:30 am
2	Region XI Annual Awards Luncheon, Hodels, Bakersfield	12:00 am
3	Tulare County Charter Annual Recognition/ Retirement Dinner	TBD
9	State Delegate Assembly, Scaramento	
10	Kings County Charter Board Meeting, Central Union School District	12:00 pm
17	Tulare County Charter Board Meeting, Apple Annies, Tulare	7:00 am
17	Kings County Charter Election, End of Year Social and Awards	4:00 pm

June 2013


TBD	West Kern Charter Annual Awards Dinner, Rio Bravo, Bakersfield	5:30 pm
13	Kings County ASCA Annual Tom Lasek Memorial Golf Tournament, Lemoore Golf Course	TBD
17-18	Region XI Planning Retreat, Central Union School District, Lemoore	TBD



Nancy Davis, Principal, Central Union ESD (left) Presented the Golden Apple Award to Shannon Jacobs at the Kings Charter's Fall Conference held at Akers School on September 27, 2012.



East Kern Charter Meeting on October 1st
(left to right) Clara Finneran, Charter President, Paul Press, Director, Region XI Board and Kirsti Smith, Region XI President.



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