

**ACSA Region 8  
Meeting in a Memo  
Thursday, March 6, 2013**

*Executive Board Reports & Items*

**Secretary (Ginny Fahimi)**

Another Ocho issue is planned for by the end of March (with other issues to follow the end of April and end of May -- for a total of five issues this year). Ginny will send out a deadline notice for each issue. Please be planning and writing reports for Ocho articles. If you did not receive Feb/March Ocho by email, please let Ginny know and make sure your spam blockers are able to receive Constant Contact messages. KUDOS to Ginny on another successful Ocho.

**Program (Lety Villa Gascon and Tony Frascone)**

Thanks to those who joined our ACSA Region 8's annual mini-conference called "Earth To Leaders!" presented by best selling author and renowned speaker, Debbie Silver. We had a nice turnout and those that were in attendance were treated to a humorous and inspiring presentation.

**Strategic Planning (Lisa Gonzales & Erik Burmeister)**

From State ACSA...As you know, more than 300 members are now engaged in Strategic Planning Action Team work. There are 9 Action Teams focused on Strategies including Advocacy, Professional Learning, Alliances, Learning and Teaching, Networks, Marketing, Technology, Governance, and Budget. Action Team work on these Strategies began this month and will continue through April. On April 28-29, Action Teams will submit their Action Plans to our Strategic Planning Team for review and approval.

At our last R8 Meeting and over email we generated lots of great feedback. Please know that this feedback was included at the Delegate Assembly and to the Strategy #6 Team. If you have questions or need more information about Strategic Planning, please contact Julie White at: [jwhite@acsa.org](mailto:jwhite@acsa.org).

**Membership Report (Joann Vaars)**

I am please to inform you that our Region 8 March Madness Membership Drive & Social will be held in the Loft Bistro at 90 South Second Street in Downtown San Jose from 4:30-6:30 on March 22nd. Please distribute the flier to invite members and non-members. This is recruitment social for potential members sponsored by Valic services and prizes will be awarded to those who bring non-members who join ACSA at the event. I hope to see you all there and please spread the word. Please RSVP to me at [jvaars@hotmail.com](mailto:jvaars@hotmail.com) by March 20th with the names of those who will be attending. Thank you!

**Legislative Action (Lisa Andrews & Lisa Gonzales)**

Six of our charters have pledged to make this the year their charter gets involved with Legislative Action in our region. Thank you to the following charters for committing time to this important endeavor: Alum Rock, Santa Clara County Office of Education, Milpitas, Retirees, Santa Clara Unified, and West Valley. There are still slots available for participants to attend Legislative Action Days. Activities begin on Sunday, March 17th at 4pm and end Monday, March 18th at 4pm. YOUR STORIES are vital to a successful Legislative Action Day. Contact Lisa Andrew at [lisamariadrew@live.com](mailto:lisamariadrew@live.com) or (408) 398-2747 for further details.

**Awards Committee (Tanya Krause and Shelly Viramontes)**

The Awards Committee worked hard in January and February to consider all of the amazing nominations for Administrator of the Year awards. Congratulations to the following award-winners who represent the best of the best in our region!

Dr. Wesley Smith	Superintendent	Morgan Hill Unified School District
Dr. Brenda Harris	Adult Education Administrator	Mtn. View-Los Altos UHSD Adult School
Ann Jones	Business Services Administrator	San Jose Unified School District
Thomas Green	Central Office Administrator - District	Alum Rock Union Elementary School District
Dr. Ruth Bareket	Curriculum & Instruction Administrator	Campbell Union School District
Dr. Shelly Viramontez	Personnel / Human Resources Administrator	Campbell Union School District
Matthew Patterson	Student Services Administrator	Milpitas Unified School District
Jennifer Keicher	Special Education Administrator	Cupertino Union School District
Kelly Calhoun	Technology Administrator	Santa Clara County Office of Education
Lisa Andrew	Valuing Diversity Award	Santa Clara County Office of Education
Nancy Cisler	Elementary Principal	Moreland School District
Norma Jean Ready	Associate Principal	Moreland School District
Gillan Briones	Every Student Succeeding	Oak Grove School District

### **Communication Chairs (Jason Sorich & Martha Martinez)**

*Big Goal:* The communication chairs will increase collegiality, clarity, collaboration, and creativity amongst Region 8 ACSA administrators during the 2012/2013 school year.

To meet our big goal the following updates took place this month:

- Updated calendar of events
- Added event and meeting information to ACSA R8 Website

To do this month:

- Distribute survey to ACSA Region 8

### *Charter Reports*

#### **SCCOE Charter (Lisa Andrew)**

The charter celebrated the Week of the Administrator by handing out 100 GRAND bars to each member with the sentiment "You are worth 100 GRAND to us!" Applications are still being accepted for our \$800 Student Scholarship. Plans are in the works for a charter luncheon in May.

#### **DeAnza Charter**

Administrators in the Cupertino Union School District (one of the districts that makes up the DeAnza Charter) have been researching the possibility of becoming our own charter and our ACSA members voted last month. CUSD went through our ballots and tallied the numbers. Members were asked, "Shall CUSD become its own Charter?" The results were as follows:

Yes – 19

No – 6

CUSD's next step is to organize an election for the two offices of President and President Elect. They need at least these two officers to get started, and they must be ACSA members. These two officers will then see to it that our charter paperwork is processed.

#### **San Jose Unified Charter (Melani Amaris)**

The San Jose Administrators Association (SJAA) is alive and well in 2012-13. We have reached our Membership goal increasing membership by 3.64%. Social events have been well attended and FUN! Compensation after re-assignment was a big 'win' for SJAA. Up to 5 years service credit are given on the teacher's salary schedule for re-assigned certificated management team members as they re-enter the teaching ranks. We have created a Catastrophic Leave Program for management team members and continue to work on Meet & Confer issues around evaluation and a Master's Stipend. District re-organization that aligns with the Strategic Plan—Opportunity 21—has created new Management Positions and updated job descriptions. We have finished our program review and are starting budget augmentation processes in order to ensure alignment and appropriate resource allocations for the coming year. Our own Ann Jones has been recognized as a Region 8 award winner. Hope to see you at the awards dinner to celebrate Ann's accomplishments.

### *Committee/Council Reports*

#### **Middle Grades Council (Karen Allard)**

On January 24, 2013, the Middle School Council Representatives had an informative and productive meeting via webcam. Administrators from Ontario, Sacramento and Burlingame discussed and shared the following information:

- Implementation of the Common Core Standards
  - *Goal is to have a computer based assessment.*
  - *On the assessment, multiple-choice questions will not have one answer. Instead questions will ask, "Which answers are correct?" Most of them, all of them or none of them.*
  - *The big switch is from showing what you know to what you can do and understand.*
  - *Content is 85% the same. It's the cognitive level that is the BIG switch. ACSA suggests school districts and schools tackle standards one by one and discuss, "How is this standard different?" "What is the change to the cognitive level?" "How are we going to adjust our teaching, because most likely, there will be no new adoption?"*

In addition, there were presentations regarding:

- Possible changes to suspension and expulsion procedures for middle school students
- State budget updates and proposals
- Best research-based practices for middle school adolescents

Ongoing and excellent conversations took place throughout the day, and the council members are looking forward to getting together at our next meeting on April 11, 2013 in Sacramento.

### **Adult Education Committee (Laura Stefanski)**

On behalf of adult school administrators, teachers, support staff and students, Laura would like to thank ACSA leadership for their recent support for adult schools in the state of California. ACSA's support statement is worth repeating:

Additionally, ACSA seeks and/or supports legislation to accomplish the following:

*Support adult education programs as necessary and effective in helping parents and guardians ensure achievement of school-aged children and actively address lifelong learning needs – including career and college ready skills - of individual students and that support self-sufficiency, adult literacy and the economic workforce.*

Again, our deepest thanks as we oppose Governor Brown's budget proposal to shift adult school core programs and services to the community colleges.

At this time, adult schools are consolidating their efforts with various educational leadership groups and legislative supporters, including Senator Carol Liu, to convince legislators of the need to keep adult education in K-12. In addition, we want to continue building on our relationships and partnerships with community colleges so our adult students can easily and successfully transition to post-secondary programs. There is plenty of work for everyone with the winners being the students, our local communities, our K-12 schools, and the economy of our state.

Adult schools have been engaging in activities such as: student letter writing to local legislators, visits to or from local legislators to our adult school programs, and creating individual adult school "Fact Sheets" that outline our student numbers, demographics, test scores and program completions. Our legislative analyst, Dawn Koepke, has worked with our professional membership groups on "Talking Points" to share, in particular, with our school boards, community, and legislators. We believe this will place us in a position of strength to speak with one voice about our mission and purpose statewide. In addition, many of us will participate in either ACSA Legislation Day on 3/18/13 or the California Council for Adult Education (CCAEE) Legislation Day on 4/17/13.

On a final note, the ACSA Action Team meetings (Strategy 1) have met twice in February. Our goal now is to identify specific measurable results that will lead us to a viable action plan.

### **Co-Admin Committee (Nico Flores & Norma Jean Ready)**

The Co-Administrator Committee meeting was held in Ontario, California, on Saturday, March 2. After reviewing the ACSA Mission Statement and Committee Purpose, Representatives shared the latest news and highlights from their regions, including professional development, Administrators of the Year, and upcoming events.

Most of the day was spent planning for the November 2013 Leadership Conference that will be held in San Jose. For the first time ever, the Co-Administrators Committee will be creating, sponsoring and facilitating several mini-sessions at the three-day conference. Topics will include building a positive school culture, technology, instructional walk-throughs, and career advancement preparation.

We will be having a Ready-Talk conference call on Wednesday, May 8.

### **Women's Leadership Network (Jenay Kiddoo)**

As a reminder, future WLN Event dates are below

- April 23, 2012                      5-7 p.m.                      JJ's Blues

# **ACSA Region 8 Executive Board Meeting**

## **AGENDA**

**March 7, 2013**

### *Orders of Business*

Call to Order

Introductions

Approval of the Minutes

Meeting in a Memo

Questions, Answers, Clarifications

Treasurer's Report

Region Consultant's Report

Miscellaneous Reports

### *Matters of Decision*

New Business

*(None provided prior to writing agenda)*

### *Discussion Items*

Feedback for Legislative Action Day (Lisa Andrew)

Possible Region 8 Leadership Retreat Dates: August 2 & 3 (Colette Zea)

Academy Hosting in Region 8 (Colette Zea)

Recruitment Process and Calendar for 2013-14 R8 Exec Board (Pat E & Colette Z)