

NWREAB January 9, 2008

Welcome from Georgeann

**Secondary Schools Issues:**

Palo Verde-creating freshman type academies at high schools; putting all in portables, separating them from rest of school. What are other schools doing? Is it a positive idea? Making a HS a smaller “event” and keep it a smaller community so you can keep an eye on potential problems with behavior, academics, potential drop outs. El Dorado separated their entire freshman class to old Bishop Gorman bldgs. Behavior problems were greatly decreased, student teacher ratio is smaller, keep closer eye on the students. AB212 states that any HS with over 1200 students must create a separate freshman academy.

Follow up on CTA tour. College bound and technical career side by side. In the future, their enrollment will be enough to offer honors classes and college-prep level classes. If you need information on the school, please talk to the school counselor for the most specific information Discussion on putting together “strands” of kids who share an interest (theatre arts, dance) and will have common courses without having to attend a full magnet. Smaller learning communities will fulfill the required “freshman academies”...Required to begin Fall of '08 re: AB212 allows schools to create this environment based on their needs and what works best for their students. Following are links to more information on the freshman academies.

<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/74th/Bills/AB/AB212.PDF> - NV State Bill - AB 212

<http://ccsd.net/directory/pol-reg/notices/1591342653.pdf> - CCSD Board of Trustees' Notice of Intent to Amend Regulation 5116

<http://ccsd.net/directory/pol-reg/notices/1837673206.pdf> - CCSD Board of Trustees' Notice of Intent to Amend Policy P-5116

**Parent Engagement Forum:**

Meets with the Deputy Superintendant monthly to obtain feedback from parents on what needs attention, what information does the school district need to get out to parents, parent concerns Participation is district wide, all regions.

**Food Services** Karen Vogel, Head of CCSD Food Services; Gary Carter/NW Region problem solver  
Sampled cinnamon rolls and Piazza Pizza, both meet wellness policy. Satellite vs. dish-up kitchens  
Satellite food is pre-packed and sent to schools served in containers; kitchens are too small to meet requirements for serving on site

Dish up is same food but put in serving trays and served..only the presentation is different

Pizza is offered often because it is easy to get kids through the line, kids love it, meets requirements, no more than two days a week in ES

Trays are available if you need them- contact Gary

Is food too hot or too cold?

If they run out pizza at school, it is a site based problem..they need to order more for next time

Conversion from satellite to dish up depends on costs and current kitchen layout

All new schools are dish up differences in staffing...more needed for dish up

kids love the salad bar... can we increase the number of days? If it was offered every week, the health district would no longer consider it a “catering” event and the district would have to get a special permit for it on an ongoing basis.

All menus are regulated by the federal government and are analyzed each month. If a salad bar was done on a regular basis, that school’s menu would have to be looked at monthly and could become cumbersome to do all the schools who add the salad bars. Don’t normally stock items needed for salad bar have to work into regular inventory USDA has separate guidelines from wellness policy guidelines. Menus are averaged for nutritional values.

### **Ballroom In The Schools**

Tony Delgado talked about his Ballroom in the Schools program. Kids receive a healthy snack, teachers are certified to teach children. Kids learn country of origin of dance, manners, respect for each other. 40 minute dance lesson. At risk schools are fully funded through sponsorships once or twice a week lessons. Bring in own sound system, lyrics are carefully monitored. Staton had a class of 25 kids, Booker ES, Ronzoni ES, Wilhelm ES, West MS, Woodbury MS, Jeffers ES

El Dorado HS sponsors include Jim Rogers, Greenspun family, Public Education Foundation; tax write off as they delegate the money to the schools from sponsors. Will take as many kids as sign up if the kids are paying for it. They learn the Cha Cha, Tango, Swing. Can do an assembly at school, bring teacher from audience, have one of their dancers perform. Classes for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up. Teachers are welcome to attend classes.

### **Upcoming Cluster Meetings**

Cluster 1 Feb 1 Staton ES  
2 Feb 4 Bunker ES 9:30am  
5 Jan. 23 Dean Allen 9:15am

### **Possible Budget Cuts to Education**

Contact your legislators and ask them to go to the Rainy Day Fund. In good times, district doesn't get to participate, its now bad times and we need the money.

PACE Meeting: Wednesday, January 16 McMillian ES 9:30am

Town Hall Meeting: Wednesday, January 16 Spring Valley HS 4:30pm

Submitted by  
Jo Boyd  
NWEAB Secretary