



DISTRICT G NEWSLETTER



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District G

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

02/01/08..... Black History Month
02/04/08-02/08/08.....National Counseling Week
02/17/08..... PTA Founder's Day

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING DATE:

02/18/08.....Presidents' Day

For a complete list of calendar dates access

[Important Dates 07-08.pdf](#)

NEVADA READING WEEK!

Theme: Ride the Reading Train

February 25-29, 2008

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

February 14, 2008 4:00 p.m.

February 28, 2008 4:00 p.m.

The above board meetings are held at:

Edward A Greer Education Center Board Room
2832 E. Flamingo Road Las Vegas, NV 89121

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:

Organization and Work Session

February 11, 2008 9:00 a.m.

Edward A. Greer Education Center Board Room
2832 E. Flamingo Road Las Vegas, NV 89121

DISTRICT G PAC MEETING:

February 20, 2008 9:15 a.m.

East Region Office

Corner of Eastern/Vegas Valley

Attendance Zone Advisory Commission (AZAC)

For meeting locations and times, visit

www.ccsd.net

Dear PAC Members:

Please know that our February PAC Meeting date will be: **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH AT 9:15 A.M. IN THE EAST REGION MEETING ROOM.** This change is because of a room conflict and Mr. Larry Mason has requested a joint PAC meeting with his parents. The program will entail a presentation given by Vice Chancellor of Higher Education to CCSD Staff and Trustees concerning the future needs and education of Nevada. I know all who attend will find this of great interest as we look to the next 10 years in Nevada. As a Trustee, one of my most important obligations is to look at the future needs of our community and ensure that the educational needs of our students match the needs of our community! As demographics, technology, and even our culture evolves, changes in how education is delivered and received need to take place. Please invite a friend to join us for this discussion. We will also review the recent budget cuts that have been proposed to CCSD by the Governor.

Thanks to all who attended our January PAC meeting. We reviewed the Quality Assurance Framework as it related to the Superintendent evaluation and the Indicators that show the growth or lack of growth in some 140 areas of education in elementary, middle, and high school. I believe that it was one of the most productive meetings we have held. I encouraged attendees to go back to their principals and share with them what they had learned and ask how their specific school is doing on the Indicators. I look forward to hearing from you about your school presentations. If others would like to receive a copy of the Quality Assurance Framework and go over it with me, please feel free to contact me.

I am looking forward to Reading Week the end of February and have set aside the days of: February 26th, 27th, and 28th to visit schools in my area and read. Please contact my secretary, Shirley Hudson at 799-1072, to schedule a reading time. I bring my own books, and I must admit it is one of my favorite activities.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you on FEBRUARY 20th at 9:15 a.m. for our joint PAC meeting with Mr. Mason's parents.

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Trustee

2007: The Year in Review

As the Clark County Board of School Trustees begins a new year, they remain hard at work to ensure the continued success of students in the community. With new board officers and the superintendent's reminder to "Keep Your Eye on the CAP," trustees have begun 2008 energized and proud of the school district's accomplishments from the past year.

In January 2007, trustees elected Ruth Johnson as Board President, Terri Janison as Vice President and Mary Beth Scow as Clerk. Throughout the year, trustees worked with the superintendent and his staff as well as outside organizations and agencies to provide the community with a high-quality public education system. In determining how to best serve the community, they received reports from the year-round school calendar study group, the committee to study school start times, the policy ad hoc committee and the 50th anniversary committee.

The board received several awards and honors through the year for their work in music education programs, building programs and office management systems while receiving commendations for their fiscal responsibility in the last legislative audit. Trustees were honored by the Nevada Association of School Boards. Carolyn Edwards was nominated for Director of the Year while Sheila Moulton was awarded Officer of the Year for her work representing Clark County District G.

To provide the public with better access to information that affects the school district, trustees installed new computer software that allowed them to create and post agendas electronically along with the minutes from past meetings. Not only did these efforts provide the community with a better opportunity to stay involved, it resulted in savings of close to \$55,000 in just one year. To help meet

the busy schedules of community members who wished to take an active role in education, trustees moved the start of their regular board meetings to 4 p.m. and took the first steps towards web-casting the meeting to a broader audience. Finally, trustees re-designed their newsletters and created a new "Special Edition" to help the public stay informed on key district-wide issues.

Last year, in addition to visiting many of Clark County's schools for open houses and other important events, trustees held more than 56 public hearings and heard issues ranging from policy and school safety to zoning and budget cuts. They conducted a pair of community linkage meetings, including one meeting with parents on federal regulations and another for feedback from recent school district graduates. Trustees launched and subsequently aired five "School Matters" programs, a live, call-in television program that encourages feedback from the community on important education issues in Southern Nevada. As a result of the success of the "School Matters" television program, four additional shows have already been planned for 2008.

In February and July, trustees conducted their evaluation of Superintendent Walt Rulffes and found him to both be in compliance and making reasonable progress with the district. Trustees accepted all 11 of the superintendents monitoring reports, which monitor the progress of the school district in educating students, and also provided three commendations for jobs that were done exceptionally well. Thanks to the superintendent's hard work and that of CCSD staff and students, trustees saw significant increases in the number of schools making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), the number of graduates attending UNLV and also were pleased to see the entire school district make AYP for the first time. Additionally,

the district saw a decrease in both the dropout rate and the achievement gap in 2007.

In keeping up with the CCSD's growth and evolving needs, trustees approved and monitored six charter schools and nine new schools. Trustees opened two replacement schools, one of which is the first green building in the district while the other is the first of several new career and technical centers. Trustees also attended several new school dedications and the ground breaking for the new KLVX television station and Virtual High School campus.

Moving forward, trustees are committed to working with the community to provide quality education and opportunity for students. Communicating with the public will be central to all school board goals for 2008. Trustees have outlined plans to have staff produce all board minutes within 30 days of a meeting and will work hard to develop public speaking guidelines that are more user friendly. They also will work to improve the community linkage process and continue the development of the "School Matters" television program. Trustees also are developing a Board Audit Committee that will help the board evaluate the areas of service it can improve upon. Additionally, trustees hope to once again participate with the school district in a community service project during the holiday season, a tradition that began this past December.

While this year will undoubtedly bring a new set of challenges and opportunities, the board of school trustees will continue to work closely with the talented staff, teachers and students who proudly call Clark County home.