



DISTRICT G NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2009 SCHOOL YEAR

- 02/01/09.....Black History Month
- 02/02/09-02/06/09.....National Counseling Week
- 02/16/09.....Presidents' Day
- 02/17/09.....PTA Founder's Day

For a complete list of calendar dates, access
[CCSD 2008-2009 School Calendar](#)

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

- Regular Board Meetings
- February 12, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
- February 26, 2009, 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

Work Session & Special Meeting:

- February 4, 2009, 9:00 a.m.
- February 24, 2009, 5:30 p.m.

The above Board meetings are held at:
Edward A. Greer Education Center Board Room
2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121

DISTRICT G PAC MEETING:

- February 11, 2009, 9:15 a.m.
- East Region Office
- Corner of Eastern/Vegas Valley

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SNOW DAY MAKEUP

Monday, March 2

will be the makeup date for the December 18 Snow Day.

(This applies to all schools except track 5 students at elementary schools on a 12-month calendar.)

See you then!

Dear PAC Members:

Thanks to all of you who joined me for our tour of the East Career and Technical Academy. It is a wonderful facility, and offers our students an opportunity for career training that can then assist them in paying for higher education. I hope all of you will look into the many options our students have as they enter high school.

I have just returned from the Legislative Subcommittee on Finance. It is very discouraging to see the cuts that have been proposed to Clark County Schools. Students will be affected with higher class sizes, and the proposal to cut employee salaries by 6% will be a deterrent to recruiting, and retaining qualified teachers. Please make contact with your legislators, and let them know how you feel about the proposed cut. I understand the tough economic times that are being felt by all of us, but we cannot "cut" our way out of a downturned economy. We must make sure, more than ever before, that education is the way to improve our economic status. Education is the means to find better employment, and ensure that our students are prepared for the workforce. As a side note, I believe that this is a great time to train/educate your families on the personal expenses of your family so that all might participate in making sure that income and expenses are understood by your children. Let them help you pay the bills...and know how a checking/saving account can be used to prepare for hard times and paying of bills.

Our next PAC Meeting will be held on February 11th at the East Region Office at 9:15 a.m. We will be discussing several issues which include high school transcripts, projects based learning, and a work session on contacting our legislators. Come prepared to write your own letters. If you have a laptop, please bring that as well. In March, our guest will be Superintendent Dr. Walt Rulffes. He will address the work and concerns of CCSD. Of course, he will be willing to answer any questions you may have, so mark March 11th on your calendar. Each month during the legislative session, we will also have an update on their work.

Please watch for the zoning changes that have been proposed by AZAC. The final decision will be made by the School Board on February 24th for the primary grades and March 3rd for the secondary levels. Please call me if you have input on these proposals. The Board has also asked for staff and AZAC to bring back suggestions on phasing zones as students are zoned from one existing school to another. This would not be available to a new school; but it is something we are looking at.

Thank you for your continued support as I represent you on school district matters. Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns or ideas to improve Clark County education. Remember to read daily with your children and to show them the importance of studying and learning.

Sheila Moulton
District G Trustee, 431-8575

Day In and Day Out

Trustees work hard to serve the students of CCSD

Board of School Trustees will quickly show that the work of a trustee is never slow, never dull and never done.

While the board's main responsibilities include the hiring and firing of the superintendent, overseeing of the budget based on available resources and setting of policy, their involvement and influence reaches far beyond the boardroom.

Board members regularly serve on separate committees that include Attendance Zone Advisory Commission, Bond Oversight, Council of Great City Schools, Parks and Recreation, Student Council Advisory, and more.

"Part of the school board's responsibility is reaching out to the community," says Trustee Terri Janison, board president. "We realize the importance of finding out what the pulse of the community is before we make decisions that affect our students and staff and by extension the community."

Trustees also belong to several national organizations, including the Council of Great City Schools, a group of urban school districts who gather to address the unique issues facing larger school districts, the National Intercollegiate Athletics Association and the National Association of School Boards. Membership in these organizations gives the trustees access to other districts and resources that only serve to improve the function of the CCSD.

Trustees also spend countless hours communicating with citizens, parents and students within their respective districts.

Each trustee hosts a monthly Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) or Community Education Advisory Board (CEAB), which allows parents and citizens to become more informed about district programs and to voice their opinions and suggestions on issues facing schools in their communities and the district as a whole.

"Students and parents are our customers and PAC and CEAB meetings give them the opportunity every month to



Trustees serve on important community committees to address issues such as student safety, zoning and parent and community involvement.

have one-on-one discussions with trustees about what is happening with their child's education," says Janison.

Despite busy schedules and the initiatives and responsibilities that come with overseeing the fifth largest school district in the nation, trustees also find time to visit the schools within their districts. Whether it is visiting with teachers and parents on the campus or reading and speaking with the students, the visits allow them to keep in touch with those they serve.

Serving a diverse, large school district during an economic crunch is not an easy task, and overseeing that is by no means without challenges.

"There's a lot of misinformation within our community about all the good things taking place in the district. I know what an incredible education you can receive in the CCSD because I work with it every day and trying to communicate that is difficult," says Janison. "As a board, we would like to encourage more people to get involved and get the facts and then work together with us to find solutions."

And yet despite any challenges that come with serving as a trustee, the rewards are certainly great.

Janison says, "It is always such a joy to see children in our schools engaged, happy and leaning. And of course the ultimate reward comes at the end of year when we are handing out those graduation diplomas."

For more information on the CCSD Board of School Trustees, to find out which trustee represents you or to see a calendar of board events, visit www.ccsd.net.

Get Involved

Board provides forums for information and participation

The Board of School Trustees encourages citizens to get involved in, participate in and support education in the Clark County School District. The board provides several ways for parents and citizens to do this.

BOARD MEETINGS: All board meetings are open to the public. Regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in the Edward A. Greer Education Center, 2832 E. Flamingo Road. Special meetings are held when necessary. All board meetings feature a time for public comment. Interested citizens may present comments, suggestions or concerns in writing to the board office or in person at the meeting or may submit their name to speak in person by calling 799-1072. Calendars and agendas are available at www.ccsd.net.

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Board members hold regular Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) or Community Education Advisory Board (CEAB) meetings to solicit public input and to discuss education issues. CCSD staff members are frequently invited to the meetings to update parents on new programs, curriculum, initiatives and more. Your presence is welcomed and encouraged at these meetings. For dates and times in your district, call 799-1072 or visit www.ccsd.net.

COMMUNITY LINKAGE: Community linkage events occur several times throughout the year and focus on specific topics and issues facing CCSD. Community members are invited to attend to learn more about the topic and then to voice their opinions or concerns. Community Linkage dates and times are listed when applicable at www.ccsd.net.

School Matters

Four times a year the board hosts a live call-in show on Vegas PBS to provide information and discuss education-related topics. Viewers are invited to call-in and submit questions related to the topic for live discussion on air.

The next School Matters will take place in April 2009. Watch the CCSD website for details and an opportunity to submit questions in advance..