



FUSD Highlights

BOARD MEETING

MAY 20, 2009

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IMPORTANT DATES

FUSD Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, June 3, 2009
6 pm Regular Board Meeting
John D. Piazza Center

FUSD Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, June 24, 2009
6 pm Regular Board Meeting
John D. Piazza Center

Board Bullets

- Approved contract with Norm Gold Associates for graphic design and printing of the Master Plan for English Learners, for a total cost not to exceed \$43,000.
- Approved amended 2009-10 school year calendar, reflecting a new teacher prep day for Track A only.
- Approved entering into a contract with Guide Dogs of the Desert to provide a new Police Services dog for the purpose of drug and weapons detection. No fees involved. Contract effective for the service life of the dog.



Good Things

Teachers of the Year

The 2008-09 Site Teachers of the Year were recognized for their outstanding work and dedication on behalf of the students of Fontana. Yolanda Mendoza, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources stated, "We love this evening - it is the Academy Awards for our District!" From this exceptional group of teachers, Ms. Mendoza announced FUSD's 2008-09 Teacher of the Year, Tracy Hofmann of Virginia Primrose Elementary School. Mrs. Mendoza said of Ms. Hofman, "She is outgoing, student-focused and very bubbly when she's teaching. She brings concepts to life and gets children excited about learning. Ms. Hofmann is a leader within her grade level and her school site." Board President Laura Mancha extended the Board's gratitude to the Fontana PTA Council for purchasing all of the plaques for this year's amazing group of Site Teachers of the Year.





AVID Seniors

Advisors for each of the high schools' AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) programs brought just a few of their seniors to tell the Board about their experience in AVID. Julie Oreson from A.B. Miller High School introduced Tiffany Contreras who will be attending Holy Names University and Enjoli Thomas who said she never had anyone to "push" her and credits AVID with helping her get accepted by Cal State University, Northridge where she will be studying pre-med. Jo Shelly from Fontana High School introduced Alejandra Hurtado, who credits AVID with

helping her graduate with honors and getting into Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and Shantelle Garcia, who said that AVID put her on the right path, taking the courses and tests she needed to get into the University of La Verne. Dave Ungerer of Kaiser High School introduced Melissa Castillo who will be attending UCLA, Gaby Alverado who will be attending Santa Clara University on a full ride scholarship, Claudia Moreno who will be attending UC Berkley, Richard de Luna will be attending Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo majoring in aerospace engineering, Marcos Ramos who will be attending UC Riverside, and Vanessa Sterrett who will be attending USC. Steve Jennings from Summit High School introduced Kevin Carson who said he has struggled all the way through high school and would not be graduating if it wasn't for AVID. Kevin will be going to Chaffey Community College this fall. The student presentation was very emotional and inspiring.

Childrens Service Fund

Teresa McCollister and Anna Watts presented information to the Board about Fontana's Childrens Service Fund. Ms. McCollister announced that they had just received a community benefit grant from Kaiser Fontana Medical Center for \$25,000. She said, "I almost passed out when I got this. I was so excited." The Childrens Service Fund was founded by a small group of FUSD employees back in 1983 with the objective "to help the children in our district be successful in school by providing their basic needs which could not be obtained by other sources." The fund is overseen by the School Nurses and they make the referrals from their school sites. The initial working budget back in 1983 was \$5,120. Through payroll deductions of our employees and through other donations, Childrens Service Fund has grown and grown. In 2007-08, 558 students were served for a total cost of \$65,627.74. So far in 2008-09, 308 students have been served for a total cost of \$44,797.98. The majority of the services paid for by Childrens Service Fund are vision and dental.



Masonry Teacher, Bob Freeman, Hangs Up Trowel

Last week, at A.B. Miller High School's annual year-end BBQ, Masonry Teacher Bob Freeman was surprised with a plaque from the Masonry Industry Training Association (MITA) in recognition of his dedication and devotion to the masonry industry. Mr. Freeman, who will be retiring at the end of the school year, has been a tremendous advocate of the masonry industry. (Photo at left, courtesy of [The Fontana Herald News](#).)