

## **Board Meeting Highlights February 9, 2016**

The Science program at Bacich and Kent was the focus of this month's Educational Showcase. Bacich Kindergarten teacher, Geoff Chin, apprised the Board of progress in our TK-4th grades toward adoption and implementation of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Currently, teachers are piloting the FOSS program kits at every grade level in anticipation of schoolwide adoption over the next two years.

Kent's Science department is in its second year of NGSS implementation, which has reorganized the delivery of the content into a more real-world schema. Kent 7th grade Science teacher Leslie Canin brought four students with her to share with the Board the engineering projects they have worked on this year. Aidan Thompson and Aidan Pearson described and shared photos of their sophisticated solar oven, and Emily Feller and Lindsay Felder demonstrated their windmill that was able to lift a cup full of 100 hex nuts.

District Project Manager Justin Walling of Counterpoint Construction and Aaron Jobson of QKA presented information to the School Board on our upcoming Measure D Bond projects.

Aaron outlined the various scenarios relative to class size and classroom usage that inform the number of new classrooms needed to accommodate the enrollment growth predicted in the District over the next 10 years. At a construction cost of \$500,000 per new classroom, we want to get as close as possible to the just right number so as to maximize the amount of money available to modernize existing spaces.

The Board, being aware of ever-rising construction costs, advised the architects to begin programming and designing a 10-classroom building as well as a new music classroom on the Kent campus, where we anticipate beginning construction. During Master Planning last Spring, it was requested that Measure D projects start at Kent so as not to consign students who are starting at Bacich to attend school in a construction zone for their entire tenure in the District.