

Board Meeting Highlights January 12, 2016

Students from Bacich and Kent joined teachers Peter Goetz and Nancy Kniesche to showcase the Social Studies programs in our schools. Fourth graders, Sam Lieberman, Ryder Lariviere and Neave Cleary, shared their WeVideos about Sir Francis Drake. Sixth graders Lonny Stam, Nicole Shane, Julia Shippey and Connor Yang reported on their exploration of the Fertile Crescent through the analysis of unfamiliar texts and artifacts through which they learned to detect bias, and the composition of an effective paragraph supporting a point of view.

Representatives from the Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District presented information to the Board about the Corte Madera Creek Flood Control Project, the purpose of which is to mitigate flood risk through areas of the creek that abut Kent Middle School. A Public Scoping Meeting where comments will be solicited on issues to be included in the EIR will be held on January 28 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Marin Art & Garden Center.

Results are in from the recent survey we conducted about the interest in yellow bus service in the District. There is strong support for the concept, which will continue to be explored. A pilot project could be implemented in the 2016-17 school year.

The Board approved the District calendar for 2016-17. Other than our start and end dates, the calendar closely conforms to that of the Tamalpais Union High School District. We attempt to align vacations such as Thanksgiving, Winter Break, Ski Week and Spring Break with the high school district to help families with scheduling.

The District recently received a commitment from the State for \$500,000 in Prop 39 funds to be spent over a number of years on energy efficiency projects. The Board received a report on the first of these projects, a photovoltaic retrofit of interior and exterior lighting fixtures. Other projects on the list are boiler replacement and HVAC upgrades.