Kentfield School District Board Meeting Highlights May 26, 2015

At this week's School Board meeting, students and teachers from Bacich and Kent presented information on the Math and Science programs in the District. Fran Yang, Bacich Math Coach, recapped the work she has done with teachers, students and curriculum, while 2nd graders, Robby Marshall and Callie Horn, demonstrated their NIM games and the use of Rekenreks and magnetic strips for subitizing. Kent Mathletes Devon Caron, Jason Morris, Gabe Rocha Achinthya Poduval and Austin Patel described the Mathletes experience to the Board and taught us how to predict the ones place in an equation involving a large exponent. Kent Science Chair Ron Pembleton explained the Next Generation Science Standards and the work being done in our District to move toward their full implementation with the help of 8th graders, Taylor Leslie, Madsen Sparler, and Achinthya Poduval. Finally, Bacich 3rd grade teacher, Mike Taylor, shared a video of our younger students describing why they love Science.

The Board held a public hearing on the draft 2015-16 <u>Local Control and Accountability Plan</u> (LCAP) and Annual Update. This plan, which addresses eight state priorities and which is closely aligned to our Strategic Plan, outlines the District's initiatives over the next three years. The public is also welcome to give the Superintendent feedback on the LCAP.

The Board also held public hearings on the proposed 2015-16 District Budget and Reserves. Overall, the fiscal outlook in California is quite good, and schools are benefiting from robust revenues. The adopted budget predicts 11% reserves, and no deficit spending, even accounting for the 3% raise to our employees.

The Budget and LCAP will be on the Board's June 9th meeting agenda for final approval.