

Kentfield School District Board Meeting Highlights **January 13, 2015**

Three eighth grade students, accompanied by teacher, Peter Goetz, described their Social Action project, which is part of the Social Studies curriculum. Julia Fish, Ulla Wilcox and Kaitlin McGrath presented their work teaching ballet to low-income students from the Performing Stars of Marin program. Katheryn Boyle also participated in this project but was unable to attend the Board meeting. The 8th graders not only taught the little girls ballet, but also fundraised for leotards and tutus for their young students.

Superintendent Liz Schott outlined the process the District will follow in selecting a Proposition 39 Citizens Oversight Committee for Measure D. She showed the Trustees the informational letter and application form that will be distributed next week via email, our website, and social media and print outlets. There are five designated categories of committee members - senior citizen, taxpayer group, business community, parent in the District, parent in the District who is a member of a parent group - and two at-large members. The Superintendent selects committee members pursuant to the application process, and the Board approves the picks.

The Master Planning update captured the one meeting of the Steering Committee that has already taken place, and previewed the next two important meetings in the process: the staff input meeting on Wednesday, January 14, and the community input meeting on Wednesday, January 21. Notification of the community meeting has gone out via email, our website, and social media and print outlets.

Kent Principal Skip Kniesche informed the Board of the work being done by a group of middle school Principals and Curriculum Directors on sharing best practices for Common Core Math implementation. The group will meet with all math teachers in their schools next week. The questions that will be posed include: How and when are Algebra students receiving the Common Core 8 content (and is that working)? How and when are teachers determining who is on the Algebra track, and how is that communicated? How do we measure proficiency at the end of each course? As a reminder, there is a math meeting at Kent on February 3rd from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Gym.

Bacich Principal Sally Peck shared the job description of the [Math Coach](#) position at Bacich. Fran Yang, who has filled that slot, has hit the ground running. She has surveyed all teachers at Bacich to inform her work. Fran also presented to the PTA on Monday, and will return with updates to that group's monthly meetings for the rest of the year.