

## **Kentfield School District Board Meeting Highlights** **October 14, 2014**

The Board was pleased to present Kent and Bacich graduate, Bryden Pearson, with a certificate of appreciation for his initial and ongoing assistance with the Kent Maker Space. Teacher, Jeff Deboi, contacted Bryden over the summer and Bryden advised Mr. Deboi on what to teach and how to engage students in the new curriculum, materials and technologies. Among Bryden's many accomplishments is his internship at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory last summer: Bryden was the first high schooler in the nation to be invited to do an internship at the laboratory, where he set up experiments for alternative fuel sources.

Sally Peck apprised the Board of the ongoing challenges of the McAllister Avenue entrance to Bacich School. County personnel visited the site during morning drop off last week and suggested several fixes for the situation, all of which have been promoted by the Safe Routes to School board over the past three years. The District supports neighborhood-driven initiatives to increase safety for students traveling to and from school, and intend to incorporate improvements to that side of campus as part of our Facilities Master Plan.

Heidi Longo and Melissa Stephens reported on the recent Be The Change Week at Kent School. The week was capped with an amazing [event](#): the making of "hero" capes by KSD and San Rafael City Schools students. Employees from Salesforce and Indiegogo helped make superhero capes to donate to children battling cancer at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals in Oakland and San Francisco.

District nurse Becky Gayman reported to the Board on Health Services over the past seven years. Staffing in the health offices at our schools has increased over the years, as has our enrollment. These are two factors that contribute to the increase in visits to the "nurse." Additionally, Becky and Cammi Bell (RN), our licensed health liaison, conduct mandated screenings, provide health education and health counseling, verify immunization status, and more. The Board is committed to the level of health services staffing the District currently enjoys, which has increased over the seven years from 2 ½ days per week to 4 ½ .

Alden Mills, Measure D campaign chair, updated the Board on the committee's progress. Fundraising is complete, with \$30,000 raised. Volunteers at an informational table at the Kentfield Fire Department's Pancake Breakfast last weekend disseminated information and answered questions. Other campaign events on the calendar include: speaking at the Larkspur City Council Meeting, tabling at Mollie Stone's, attending the Kentfield Greenbrae Historical Society meeting, and walking neighborhoods with information and door hangers.