

Kentfield School District Board Meeting Highlights **February 11, 2014**

Geoff Chin and Ron Pembleton presented the Science Program at Bacich and Kent with the help of their students. Geoff videotaped interviews with first graders about their study of matter and showed it to the Board. Two eighth graders who shared their animal reports from 7th grade and their recent Science Fair projects, describing how the research strategies learned in 7th grade lead into 8th when an experimental design is added, accompanied Ron.

The Board approved the employment of four new paraprofessionals at Bacich, who join a fifth whose hiring was approved last month. These additions to our staff are part of a plan to reinstate some of the positions that were eliminated during the recession.

The Superintendent updated the Board on progress being made on the Strategic Planning process. The Leadership Team has met twice with our consultant, the agenda is being refined, and the Task Force membership is coming together. A survey of the community regarding elements of our Plan will be sent out in the coming weeks, and anyone who is interested in participating in the process will be able to indicate so on the survey.

The District is shifting from Basic Aid funding to Local Control Funding Formula next year. There is more information on our website's home page about what this means to the District. In short, whichever funding model provides a district with more money is the one they are subject to.