

Eye On The Board

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Board Highlights from April 2011

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Safety and Security Committee Presents Concern to Board

On April 26th, the Safety and Security Committee made a presentation to the school board about their work since last October.

The committee was formed in response to increased violence on and near our school campuses and includes all of the school principals.

The committee came up with concerns from all of the lessons the principals have learned from their experiences on campuses. The following is a partial list of their concerns:

- Better communication is needed between law enforcement and school officials.
- Students need to be in school more hours rather than less because there is an increase in students hanging around after school.
- There needs to be criteria for school choice (One recent problem was that 20 members of a particular group requested placement at a particular school).
- We need to define zero-tolerance.
- Better communication needed with other districts is needed.
- Uniformed employees are needed to patrol campuses.
- More cameras are needed.

- The principals are unhappy that they no longer have Monday meetings with SRO's
- The principals want to know where to place high-risk students.
- The sites currently use gang contracts for bullying, but they are not sent to the police.
- The police department needs to be at the Safety and Security Committee meetings.

Other News:

The Board voted 7-0 to permanently assigned the following employees: Raul Ramirez as Asst. Principal of AHS, Gloria Chaidez as Assistant Principal of AHS, Robert Cannon as Assistant Principal of WMS, and Miguel Romo to Activities Director of AHS.

The following administrators were recognized for completing 100% of assigned certificated evaluations:

Jacqui Axtell, HMS principal; Claudio Montero, HMS Asst. Principal; Steve Oliver, LPMS Principal; Peggy Wood, LPMS Asst. Principal; Sasha Heckmann, SHS Principal; Paul Brennan, SHS Asst. Principal; Ni'Cole Mukes, SHS Asst. Principal; Lalo Lopez, SHS Asst. Principal; Randy Bangs, Director, ROP/SAS; Ivonne Glenn, Asst. Director, Alt. Ed.; Blanca Baltazar, Director, EL/Migrant Ed.

The Board adopted resolution#11-16 recognizing May 15-21 as **Day of the Teacher**.