

## **LARKSPUR SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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September 24, 2008 - Board of Trustees Meeting Highlights

Celebrating our Staff

Trustees congratulated recently tenured teachers and commended them for their accomplishments and dedication to our students.

Grade Level Presentations

First and second grade teachers presented information about their beginning of the year student assessment program. The early release and grade level planning days allow teachers to learn more about the skills and abilities of students, setting the stage for targeted and differentiated instruction throughout the school year. Grade level presentations will continue as a regular agenda item at Board Meetings to highlight curriculum, instruction and the dedicated teachers and staff of the Larkspur School District.

Budget Update

Becky White, Business Manager, gave an update on the recently adopted state budget. We will not know the full impact on the district's budget until the next meeting when revisions are presented.

Facilities Master Plan

Trustees have been reviewing the draft Facilities Master Plan recommended by the Facilities Committee. It was motioned by Trustee Mangan, seconded by Trustee Friedrichs, and unanimously approved that the Trustees direct the Superintendent to finalize a Facilities Master Plan by October 22, 2008, that incorporates community input from the upcoming October 14 meeting. A public hearing will be held in the gymnasium at Neil Cummins on October 14 at 7:00 p.m. The draft Facilities Master Plan will be reviewed. Public comment will be taken. The draft plan is available online at the Larkspur School District website [www.larkspurschools.org](http://www.larkspurschools.org) under the Facilities section or <http://www.larkspurschools.org/plan/land/FMPlan.pdf>.

Non-Discrimination Policy

Trustees approved amended language to Board Policy 5145.3. Changes were made to include the term bullying to reflect the District's commitment to preventing all forms of

## Strategic Plan

Trustees discussed a draft of goals in support of strategic priorities. Administrative Council is currently working to develop measurable goals and objectives for district priorities 2008-10. Action plans will be detailed for Trustee review at the next meeting. Principals and school Site Councils are completing school site plans for Board approval at the October meeting.

## Upcoming Meetings

Superintendent's Coffee Chat – October 8 at 8:30 a.m. at Il Fornaio.

Special Board Meeting regarding Facilities – October 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Neil Cummins Gym.

Regular Board Meeting – October 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Hall Library.

Valerie