

**Regular meeting of the Governing Council
Mission Valley Regional Occupation Center/ Program
Wednesday, February 20, 2008**

President Ray Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 3:38pm.

Present: Ray Rodriguez, President
Jenn Stringer, Vice President
Larry Sweeney, Clerk

Approval of Agenda:

President Ray Rodriguez made a motion to approve all items on the February agenda. Member Larry Sweeney made a second to approve the motion making special note that on page 35 the date for the Virtual Enterprise 2008 Trip is 2008 and not 2007. Members voted 3-0 to approve all items on the agenda. President Ray Rodriguez requested to move the Items from the Board down on the agenda on a permanent basis to be able to comment after presentations.

Communication:

c. Oral Communication:

Jim Omlid introduced Construction & Trades Program instructor Stan Hearne and Woodworking Technology Program instructor Terry Callan. Mr. Hearne has over 20 years experience as a contractor and has been working within the construction and trades industry for numerous years. Mr. Hearne shared with the board the numerous skills that students learn in this program through hands- on training and some of the large scale projects students have worked on. These projects include: building 3 bedroom houses, storage sheds, and an actual classroom for MVROP. Mr. Hearne introduced two of his students, Jasmine and Michael, who in turn spoke to the board about their experiences as students in MVROP's Construction and Trades Program. The students attend Kennedy and Mission San Jose High Schools. The two students gave electrical and plumbing demonstrations of class projects that they were working on.

Vice President Stringer inquired if the building projects run on time when they are student built and if they had to sub contract out on certain parts of the build. To which Mr. Hearne responded, "It is difficult to have them run on time due to limited class time. Each class period is part instruction and part activity. That takes a lot of time out of each class when working on large scale projects." Superintendent Brown added, "It definitely is not the same as hiring a contractor to build. However, we feel that it is exactly these types of hands-on projects that give the students the skills and experience that will

truly benefit them once they complete the program. It is very rare for an ROP to have a classroom that is student built.” Mr. Hearne also shared that certain portions of the build were sub contracted out. These parts included the sprinklers, the alarm, and the fire alarm. Vice President Stringer stated that Hetch Hetchy will be starting new construction shortly and that they are seeking to collaborate with students here. Jim Omlid announced that Alameda County Electrical Union will be doing a presentation within the next week to all Construction and Trades classes. President Rodriguez suggested that doing a “Union Day” would be an excellent idea for students.

Mr. Callan has been teaching Woodworking Technology for many years. In fact, at one time Mr. Callan taught at ROP and left to return to the industry. Mr. Callan teaches at two sites: Mission San Jose and Irvington High Schools. Mr. Callan introduced his student, Dallas Andrews, a student attending Mission San Jose High school, is a student in Mr. Hearne’s class as well. Superintendent Brown stated that two is the maximum number of ROP courses that a student can take to allow enough time for students to complete their core classes. Mr. Callan stated that students often look forward to his class so much that the average student maintains at least a 97% attendance record. Dallas Andrews shared with the board that the class is a place where he can relieve his stress and focus on building something with his hands. The program provides an opportunity for him to learn skills that will prove useful later in life. President Rodriguez asked Dallas how this class might help with other classes he currently is taking. Dallas responded that both of his ROP classes have helped him build a strong work ethic.

b. **Items from the Staff:**

Superintendent Brown shared that on the morning of February 20th, Newark Memorial High School held its Career Faire to nearly 600 sophomore students. MVROP made presentations to the students about the many classes available to them during this time. The event went very well.

Senator Ellen Corbett and her district staff were MVROP’s guests at a lunch catered by the Bridgepoint Culinary students on the afternoon of the 20th of February. The Senator was very gracious and enjoyed the interaction with the students. Both she and her staff were impressed with the delicious lunch that was prepared by the students. The Senator posed for pictures with the students and thanked them for their hard work. Superintendent Brown stated that is was a perfect opportunity to show the Senator how skilled MVROP’s students are and what our programs are capable of.

Superintendent Brown was pleased to announce that the adult CNA program had recently boasted a 100% passing rate for the state certification exam. Most other training facilities cannot claim such high passing rates, according to Superintendent Brown.

MVROP hosted its annual Educator's Brunch on the morning of Friday, February 15th. Superintendent Brown observed that the event was almost exclusively attended by all school counselors. At the event, people were able to learn about MVROP's new programs, view career technology program excerpts from Bill Daggett, and have a group discussion on the thought provoking subject.

Superintendent Brown also informed the board about the CTE planning process that MVROP and Ohlone Community College are collaborating on. A meeting was held on February 6th that was attended by Ohlone's administration and instructional deans. The scope of the plan will include grades nine through post secondary. The purpose of the plan is to create a course sequencing model which will include all high schools, local community colleges, and MVROP. According to Superintendent Brown, the object of collaborating on this plan with Ohlone is to be on the same page and move in the same direction which will better serve our students.

Superintendent Brown then announced the upcoming events on the MVROP calendar. Events include a March 2-3 CAROCP conference in Sacramento. Mr. Brown stated that the purpose is to be able to visit legislators. An invitation was extended to the board to attend as well if their schedules permitted. The School Innovation and Advocacy Group is the lobbyist for the Education Coalition. Their goal during this current budget crisis is to have ROPs and school districts treated the same and not separately. This will make a large difference on the impact to MVROP's budget. Other events included the MVROP fashion Show taking place on March 9th by the Fashion and Interior Design Program at the Newark Hilton from 2-4pm. Also, MVROP will be holding its first open house in the new building. According to Superintendent Brown, a lot of people have taken notice of MVROP since its move and this is an excellent opportunity for people to come and learn about all of the opportunities that MVROP has to offer. The event will run 6:30 to 8pm on March 13, 2008

a. Items from the Board

Clerk Sweeney took the opportunity to congratulate the Auto Technology students on their recent 2nd place finish at a competition. President Rodriguez requested that a calendar of upcoming events be created for the board so that they may be aware of any future activities and events for MVROP. He was also impressed with the material covered at the Educator's Brunch and requested that the same Daggett DVD be shown to the board at a future meeting. He also requested a presentation from the Cosmetology Program (Arnold Beauty College.)

b. Written Communication

None

c. Public Comment:

None

Consent Calendar:

Clerk Sweeney motioned to approve all items included on the Consent Calendar of the February agenda. Vice President Stringer made a second to the motion. Members voted 3-0 to approve all items on the Consent Calendar.

Board of Education #1

Approval of Prop 1D Grant Application

Superintendent Brown presented the board with the Prop 1D grant application. It is a program that matches 50% of funding for the construction of the K-4 building if the grant is approved. MVROP will take out a ten year loan to acquire its portion of the 50%. The grant applications from ROPs across the state are scored by COE and this scoring will determine who will be eligible for funding. Once an ROP has committed to a project it cannot be changed or scaled down. Clerk Sweeney questioned whether MVROP is in a strong enough position to get a ten year loan. Superintendent Brown answered that this loan will meet MVROP's needs to construct the K-4 building and that they have done extensive research to make sure this is a feasible solution to acquire the matching 50% for the grant. With the approval of the CTE advisory committee, the grant application was submitted prior to January 31, 2008. Normally ROPs do not get construction moneys from the state. This is the first time that MVROP has been able to take advantage of a state facilities program.

Vice President Stringer made a motion to approve the submission of the Prop 1D Grant Application. Clerk Sweeney made a second to the motion. Members voted 3-0 to approve the grant submission.

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 4:50pm.

Superintendent announced that no action was taken.

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 5:05pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06pm.

Ray Rodriguez, President

Larry Sweeney, Clerk