

**Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee
May 7, 2013**

NOTES

Tech Plan for 2013-1016

Ms. Kathy Asher, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services introduced Ms. Julie Judd, Chief Technology Officer, who will take the lead for VUSD in fulfilling goals of the new Technology plan. Ms. Judd's background includes: Technology Director for Moorpark Unified School District, background in curriculum and instruction, teacher and current music director of the Ventura County Concert Band.

Ms. Asher shared that many stakeholders were involved in providing information through online and printed surveys that responses were used in development of 2013-2016 Technology Plan. The Ventura County Office of Education reviewed and acknowledged plan to be "fabulous." The attached PowerPoint slides reflected results of questions posed through online and printed surveys completed by parents. Ms. Asher reviewed questions and expanded on elements that are reflected in the new Technology plan. (See attached PowerPoint)

Parents posed question regarding new common core standards and testing via technology. Ms. Asher shared that the California Department of Education to launch practice tests for grades three through eight and grade eleven on May 29 through the "Smarter Balanced Web site <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/> (Smarter Balanced letter attached)

High School Athletic Program

Dr. Arriaga shared that on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 the Board of Education held a special study session to **discuss** high school athletics and its direction. VUSD currently is a member of the Channel League and has benefitted from a Multi-School Agreement which has allowed the athletes of FT HS to participate in athletics at their home schools of VHS or BHS. The Channel League has voted to discontinue allowing this practice for various reasons to include the fact that FT HS is now a school of 1,000 students and the agreement is generally for schools with enrollments of 200-300 students. The initial agreement formed in the year 2000 was intended to be a temporary agreement that has continued for 12 years. There are many schools in Ventura County of similar size to FT HS that compete in CIF sports with their own athletic programs in leagues that accommodate schools of a similar size as FT HS.

The staff recommendation to the Board is to implement a phase in athletics program at FT HS beginning in the 2014-15 school year for the 2014-15 freshmen. The FT HS sophomore, junior and senior athletes of 2014-15 will continue to participate at their home schools of VHS or BHS. VUSD will simultaneously phase out the multi-school athletic program in each subsequent year, resulting in a termination of the multi-school agreement in 2017-18. Very simply stated:

2013-14	No Change	
2014-15	FT HS Freshmen:	Play for FT HS
	FT HS Soph/Jr/Sr:	Continue to play at their home school of VHS/BHS
2015-16	FT HS Fresh/Soph:	Play for FT HS
	FT HS Jr/Sr:	Continue to play at their home school of VHS/BHS
2016-17	FT HS Fresh/Soph/Jr:	Play for FT HS
	FT HS Sr:	Continue to play at their home school of VHS/BHS
2017-18	All FT HS athletes will	play for FT HS

The Board was in agreement to allow staff to pursue, (not approve) suggestions presented which will include a year of planning to address issues of staffing, sports offerings, facilities, funding, and communication. Scheduled presentations to address concerns and challenges will be presented at future Board meetings.

Also, this change in offerings will increase access to playing high school sports for a tremendous number of additional students at all high schools. The proposed change will also provide all high schools with greater flexibility for scheduling of classes and events.

SummerFest/Health Services

Ms. Maxson, Coordinator Health Service Program reminded parents that the law requires 7th graders to show proof of Tdap (Pertussis) booster received after the age of 7 or sign a waiver prior to the start of school. Current 6th graders should provide this information as early as possible. A free Tdap Clinic will be offered on May 17 at Anacapa Middle School.

Ms. Maxson has taken the lead to chair the “8th” annual Summerfest community celebration of healthy living presented by VEP, VUSD and supporting sponsors Community Memorial Hospital and Kaiser Permanente. On June 1, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Summerfest will bring children and the community together in a daylong event of healthy eating, fun, and physical activity programs. Bookmarks and posters have been distributed to all schools. Volunteers for event always needed, please contact Sharon Hawkins at Dmeagpmsr@sbcglobal.net. No Bike Rodeo is scheduled this year.

The free, family friendly community event includes many fun activities: Live stage entertainment and demonstrations, sports clinics for children of all ages, sports physicals for middle and high school youth, health, gardening and vendors aligned with mission of Summerfest.

Ed Wehan, Summerfest Steering committee invited parents and students to participate in the Run or Walk 5K starting at 8 a.m. or the Gary Tuttle 1 mile run at 9 a.m. Some are not aware but Mr. Tuttle finished 2nd in the Boston marathon and still one of the highest American finishers and also a two time national marathon champion. (See 5K Run/Walk flyer below)

or www.VEP4USD.org or www.Vendurance.com/summerfest5k

If you have any **questions** regarding **event** please contact Ms. Maxson at nancy.maxson@venturausd.org or 641-5000 x 1135

Questions regarding **volunteer opportunities**, contact Sharon Hawkins at Dmeagpmsr@sbcglobal.net

Ventura Education Partnership (VEP)

Sharing by Kay Giles, Ed Wehan and Sabrena Rodriguez:

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy raised \$55,000 after all expenses. \$10,000 earmarked for high and middle school bands. Each will receive around \$1,700 to be used for things like; sheet music, repairs, instruments, etc. \$5,000 has been earmarked for the Harmony project, with balance being used for VEP mini grants focused in the arts, theater, music and visual arts. Deadline will be July 1 to submit applications for mini grants. More information visit: <http://vep4vusd.org/>

Mr. Wehan also mentioned Ventura Marathon that VEP is helping with during the Memorial Day weekend (Saturday). The organizers of marathon will be donating funds to VEP. Sabrena will be manning free water to runners and looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Sabrena Rodriguez (sabrena@sbcglobal.net).

VEP works hard to create many partnerships with other organizations to support education. Kay thanked and acknowledged the City of Ventura and Rubicon Theater.

Kay also distributed VEP sponsored Summer Enrichment Academy flyers that can also be viewed on www.summerenrichmentacademy.com site. Summer Enrichment programs scheduled for three weeks with class offerings such as: Making Music, Sewing Classes, Terrific Terrariums, Rocketry, Body Worlds, Comedy Improv, Woodworking, Musical Theater, Art Explosion, Krazy Kaleidoscope, Hands on Science and a lot more!



CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

May 8, 2013

Dear County and District Superintendents and Charter School Administrators:

**SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT CONSORTIUM TO LAUNCH
PRACTICE TESTS ON PUBLIC WEB SITE**

On May 29, 2013, the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (Smarter Balanced) will launch a set of Practice Tests for grades three through eight and grade eleven. For each grade, a Practice Test will be available in both English language arts (ELA) and mathematics. The Practice Tests, which will be publicly available on the Smarter Balanced Web site at <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/>, will provide the opportunity to experience the basic functionality of the Smarter Balanced test administration system.

The Practice Test will include an array of item types, including selected response, constructed response, and performance tasks, and will be built using test blueprints similar to those for the operational tests. In addition, the Practice Tests will support several accommodations including text-to-speech for mathematics and ELA tests (not including ELA passages); Braille for mathematics and ELA tests; and, for mathematics tests only, Spanish pop-up glossaries for construct-irrelevant terms and American Sign Language.

I encourage all educators, students, and parents to take advantage of this opportunity to explore the Smarter Balanced Practice Tests and share their experiences with one another. The Practice Tests will be available until the implementation of the operational Smarter Balanced assessments in 2014–15.

Questions about the Smarter Balanced Practice Tests should be directed to the Assessment Development and Administration Division, Statewide Assessment Transition Office, by phone at 916-445-8517 or by e-mail at sbac@cde.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Torlakson".

Tom Torlakson

summerfest 5K Run/Walk

+ Gary Tuttle Kids 1-Mile

June 1, 2013

Run or Walk the summerfest 5K or Gary Tuttle Kids 1-Mile while raising money for the Ventura Education Partnership (VEP.)	Registration/Check-In.....7:00am 5K Start.....8:00am Kids 1-Mile.....9:00am
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	By March 17	May 17 - 31	Race Day (June 1)
5K Run/Walk	\$25	\$30	\$35
Kids Under 18 - 5K	\$15	\$20	\$25

Gary Tuttle Kids 1-Mile is Free for Kids in 5th grade and below

**5K Includes FREE cotton event t-shirt for all pre-registered runners.*

Event features a flat and fast out and back course, awards 3-deep in: 10 & Under, 11 - 14, 15 - 19, 20 - 29, 30 - 39, 40 - 49, 50 - 59, 60 - 69, 70 - 79, & 80+, and a day of fun after the race. Race Starts and finishes at the Ventura Unified School District (255 W. Stanley Ave. Ventura.)

More Info: www.VEP4USD.org OR www.Vendurance.com/summerfest5k

<p><i>Register By Mail or Drop Off: Make checks payable to "VEP" And send to:</i></p>	<p><i>Inside Track 2437 Harbor Blvd Ventura, CA 93001</i></p>
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Last Name _____ First Name _____ Sex: M ___ F ___
 Address _____ City _____ State ___
 Zip _____ Phone _____ Age On race Day _____
 Email _____ Race? 5K ___ Kids 1-Mile ___
 Shirt Size (check): Youth Medium ___ Adult Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X-Large ___
 If you attend or teach at a VUSD school please list: _____

*****Event will be held rain or shine. Sorry no refunds.*****

Waiver: In consideration of your acceptance of my entry, I, for executors, my administrators, Ventura Education Partnership, Vendurance, the City of Ventura, the County of Ventura, assignees, all volunteers, sponsors and myself do hereby waive and release any and all rights and claims, including negligence, for damages I may have against any organizers, volunteers, and sponsors of said event. I attest and certify that I am physically fit and have sufficiently trained for the SummerFest 5K or 1K, and my physical condition for competing in this event has been verified by a licensed doctor during the last 12 months. I expressly assume any and all risks involved with participation of this event.

 Signature of entrant (or parent or guardian if under 18)

 Date