



Watsonville/Aptos Adult Education News and Views



I am somehow less interested in the weight and convolutions of Einstein's brain than in the near certainty that people of equal talent have lived and died in cotton fields and sweatshops. - Stephen Jay Gould

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The Choice-not-an-echo Issue

November 1, 2004

PVUSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE LOAN FOR LANGENDORF BUILDING, 7-0



Position teaching Community Based English Tutoring for Int-High/Advanced Class M/W/F Mornings, Green Valley. Knowledge of K-12 Curriculum, family literacy strategies, as well as basic language acquisition. Note: This may be a temporary assignment or overflow class. Contact Lucila or Cynthia if you are interested.

On Wednesday night, the Board of Trustees approved the issuance of a COP for 1.5 million to help finish the development of an ESL site at the Langendorf building in downtown Watsonville. It was gratifying to see the board give its approval, especially at a time when funding in general for our schools continues to be problematical. I think we can take this as a sign the district and the board value what we do, and have confidence in our continued success. Several faculty members and students were there. One student from Frank Badache's class spoke very clearly and directly about the importance of ESL and having ESL downtown. Burr Guthrie also spoke about our site needs, about being happy to be at Green Valley but also how we need more space downtown. After the meeting, the trustees were all complementary about our successes. I think this is a moment in our history that we should take great pride in. We have met for three years with teachers, staff and students about what kind of instructional space we need, what the rooms, the student lounge, the teachers' room, the babysitting, the office... all these hours and hours of discussions are now resulting in tentative architectural plans. Meetings will be held soon with ESL teachers and students at Porter to review current state, and collectively dream some more. Collective dreaming, only it's real too!



The Natalie Watch: Natalie is doing much better and if everything goes as planned, will have been released from the hospital during the weekend and be home in Watsonville on Monday, November 1. We are not exactly sure when she will be back at work, but it will be good to have her back in her home. If anyone is interested in helping Nat out as she returns home, contact Debbie Lerma.



WAAS Calendar

Annual Open Enrollment for Benefits

October 25 - November 5

ALL teachers who have benefits

MUST RE-ENROLL this year, this is something new, not done every year.

Individual appointments will be made. More information to follow.

Tuesday, November 2

VOTE

“Meeting of the Minds”, Lifelong Learning Meeting
Activities Directors, November 4, 2004

Annual Parent Conference

Saturday, November 6, 8:30-1:00, E.S. Hall School
(CBET and WAAE supported)

PAYROLL: District payroll's changed our timesheet deadline for November to a day earlier. If you could let everybody know in the News & Views to make sure they turn in their timesheets on time (8th of Nov – the usual).

Also, some teachers have been turning in timesheets with attendance. This will delay processing their pay. Turn timesheets in directly to me. Thank you. -Marjorie Martinez

CCAIE Members

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1. Redstone, Angelyn
2. Reid, Karen
3. Jewell, Amy
4. Basor, John
5. Kooker, Raye
6. Reyes, Jane
7. Harper, Bob
8. Coyle, Ann Veronica
9. Carranco, Natalie
10. McGillicuddy, Paul
11. Keisler, Cary
12. Barsimantov, Tara
13. Stark, Cynthia
14. Colley, Susan
15. Guthrie, Burr

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