

Southern California Regional Occupational Center Board Highlights

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November 19, 2009 Board Meeting



Board of Education

Ginny Snider, President
Palos Verdes Peninsula
Unified School District

**Michael Ernst, Ph.D.
Vice President**
Torrance Unified School District

Nancy Hersman, Clerk
Manhattan Beach
Unified School District

Heidi Ashcraft, Member
Board Member-at-Large

Alice Grigsby, Member
Board Member-at-Large

Arlene Staich, Member
Redondo Beach Unified School District

Sandra C. Suarez, Member
Centinela Valley Union
High School District

Tammy Tagami-Reeves, Member
El Segundo Unified School District

Trina L. Williams, Member
Inglewood Unified School District

Christine A. Hoffman, Ed.D.
SoCal ROC Superintendent

Board Members Recognized For Their Service To SoCal ROC

Board Members Michael Ernst, Nancy Hersman, and Ginny Snider were recognized by Superintendent Dr. Christine Hoffman for their service on the SoCal ROC Board of Education. Dr. Hoffman praised the outgoing Board Members for their leadership in their work with the state to include ROC/Ps as part of State Proposition 1D funding for facilities, in approving the Prop 1D grant for Building A Modernization, and expertise in ensuring that the SoCal ROC budget is balanced and providing



Nancy Hersman, Dr. Michael Ernst, Sandra C. Suarez, Ginny Snider, Alice Grigsby and Arlene Staich

state of the art programs for students at the Center and on each of the seven JPA school districts. Dr. Hoffman concluded that the Board Members dedicated their time in volunteering on the Board which speaks volumes for who they are and their commitment to public education. Each of the Board members received a recognition award for their service to SoCal ROC. In a special recognition, Ginny Snider was congratulated by the Board for her service as the Board President. Dr. Michael Ernst, on behalf of the Board, presented her a plaque with a gavel. SoCal ROC staff and the Board celebrated the Board Members accomplishments during a reception following the Board meeting.



Dr. Michael Ernst and Dr. Christine A. Hoffman



Nancy Hersman and Dr. Christine A. Hoffman



Ginny Snider and Dr. Christine A. Hoffman

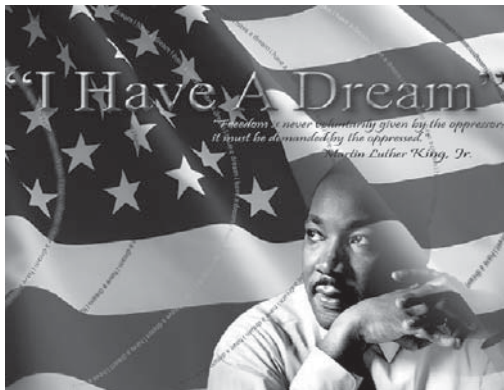
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Talented West High School Sophomore Is Pursuing A Creative Career

Tri Truong, a sophomore at West High School, presented to the board an overview of his experiences in pursuing a career pathway in Arts/Media & Entertainment sector at SoCal ROC Center in Torrance. Tri plans to attend college and major in a field related to the Arts/Media & Entertainment, possibly Digital Animation and/or Media Design. During the 2008/09 school year, Tri completed the Media Design 1, 2, 3, 4 courses which he mastered design tools in various Adobe software programs including illustration design, photo manipulation, and design layout. Tri recently completed a course in Adobe Suite CS3 Dreamweaver and is currently taking Adobe CS3 Flash. As a freshman last year, Tri captured 2nd place in the prestigious 9th Annual Visions of Unity Contest for his creative design of a photograph of Martin Luther King intertwined with the American Flag. Tri was recognized along with other South Bay area students. Tri shared some of his artwork with the Board members and the audience. Board President Ginny Snider applauded Tri for his talents and presented him with a Board Certificate of Recognition. Below are examples of Tri's artwork.



Ginny Snider and Tri Truong



Visions of Unity Entry- Placed 2nd.



Artwork created in Adobe Photoshop.

The Board heard presentations on the following:

- Deputy Superintendent Laurie St. Gean gave an update on the WASC Self Study. Ms. St. Gean stated the Home and Focus groups have reviewed the Self Study responses to the questions and provided additional input. The chairpersons of each of the four focus groups currently are writing parts of Chapter Four detailing the findings and the evidence that supports it. In January 2010 the Focus, Home, and Leadership Groups will review a draft of Chapter 4 and the Student Community Profile and begin drafting the action plan. Ms. St. Gean concluded that the Self Study is on target for completion by March 1, 2010. The WASC visiting committee will be visiting SoCal ROC in April 2010.
- John Giovati, Director of Programs and Operations gave an overview of a very successful Annual Advisory Committee Meetings which were held on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at the Southern California Regional Occupational Center. Employer Advisory Committees are comprised of businesses, students, and instructors. The committees meet once a year to review the following areas: course outlines, labor market, technology trends, career pathways, and industry updates. Over a hundred advisors and sixty instructors attended the evening event. This annual review assists SoCal ROC in providing courses that are up to date with industry standards in order to prepare students to be successful in their chosen career pathway.
- Deputy Superintendent Laurie St. Gean also gave an update on the Modernization Project. Phase 1 of the project includes major infrastructure renovations in plumbing, electrical, and HVAC systems. She reported that SoCal ROC received the remainder of the Prop 1D grant from the State of California. Phase 2 is currently underway.