

Every beginning is a consequence - every beginning ends some thing. - Paul Valery

Caminante, no hay camino. Se hace camino al andar—Antonio Machado

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The "Change is Life" Issue

Sept. 15, 2009

School Leadership Team

Thursday, Sept. 17, 4:00-6:00.

"Official members"

Karen Estes – teacher, Parent Ed

Kim Roy – teacher, CLP and ESD

Kathleen Slattery – teacher, ESL

Cecilia Anderson – Admin

Janne Bennick – Coord, ESD

Yvonne Ricketts – Coord, Parent Center

Gina Muller – Assistant Director

Rosemary Perez – CSEA

Bob Wilde – SVFT

Bob Harper – Animal Liberation Front

All are welcome.

Agenda:

1. Norms, purposes and functions of the Leadership Team.
 2. Discussion on the implementation and impact of the new shortened school year and changes in this year's calendar.
 3. The plans for the Professional Development Day on Oct. 23 and
 4. ... how they align with our School-wide Action Plan.
 5. Proposal for an "all school" work day in Spring.
- Other items the team raise.

Remember that my hope is that this is another place where teachers', staff's, and students' concerns are raised and explored. It will take some time for this to be understood and institutionalized as a way to expand decision making. If it is useful, it will continue. If by the end of the year the team determines it is a waste of time and energy, it will disband. "In a dynamic adult education environment all decisions are experiments," Malcolm Knowles.

Calendar

Sept. 17 Salinas Adult School Leadership Team, 4:00-6:00pm. (See description below)

Oct. 13 - Community Advisory Council

Oct. 23—Professional Development Day

Dec. 18—Last day of Fall Term

(note to permanent teachers: have you signed up for your annual evaluation)

Budget Challenges Motivate District Calendar Changes

Last summer the state legislature shortened the funded academic school year by one week. It was inevitable that this change at the state level would have an impact on local school districts. In the last several weeks the district has had discussions with its bargaining units, and although the process is not completely done, we can start planning on having a shortened and changed instructional calendar. Our spring term will end one week earlier on June 4.

Also, our Winter Break will start one week later: the fall term will now end on December 18. We will return from Break on Monday, January 11, 2010.

At this point it looks like the non-instructional Prof Development Day on Oct. 23 will be a pupil-free day. The ESD has already adjusted calendar to these changes, with an added Orientation in December. The ESL Dept. Managed Enrollment in January will also probably change dates.

Remember our theme for the year was re-invention? We weren't just whistling Dixie. \$10 to the classified person and \$10 to the certificated person who can first tell me, on paper not email, what the origin of whistling Dixie is.