



**FONTANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRITO ESCOLAR UNIFICADO DE FONTANA**

Superintendent's Advisory Committee
Comité Consultivo del Superintendente
Sierra Lakes Country Club
May 4, 2006/Mayo 4, 2006

Minutes/Acta

1) Welcome and Introductions/*Bienvenida y Presentaciones* – Ms. Olsen-Binks

Ms. Olsen-Binks welcomed parents, site administrators, Board of Education members Dr. Wayne Ruble and Dr. Piazza, the Superintendent Dr. Milligan, Cabinet Members and Linda Young, President of the Fontana Teachers' Association.

2) Approve Minutes/*Aprobación del Acta* – Mr. Vaquera

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Mr. Wubker motioned to approve the minutes.
Ms. Rodríguez seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

3) Title I Achieving Schools

Fontana Unified School District has received number of awards and accolades. While all schools made great gains, Hemlock and Sierra Lakes Elementary Schools received Title I Achieving School Awards for increasing student achievement as Oak Park Elementary school did last year.

4) Distinguished Schools Nominations

Five of the nineteen Distinguished Schools Awards recognized in San Bernardino County were Fontana Unified School District Elementary schools. They received Distinguished Schools Award confirmations by the State Board of Education after undergoing a lengthy application process and visits by the State Department of Education.

Superintendent Dr. Herb Fischer, at a banquet on April 24, presented the San Bernardino County Education Medal of Honor Award to Ms. Larriza, a Canyon Crest Elementary parent volunteer. Only six categories were honored for awards from all school districts in San Bernardino County. She was the only recipient from Fontana, and the only recipient honored as a parent volunteer. Canyon Crest Elementary parent volunteer, Christine Larizza, was recognized with the San Bernardino County Education Medal of Honor, Volunteer in Action/Community Volunteer.

Sequoia Middle School Counselor, Nancy Jarman-Dunn was honored as the Outstanding School Counselor of the Year for the year 2006 by the California Association of School Counselors. Mrs. Jarman-Dunn has been a counselor in the Fontana Unified School District for 19 years. Sequoia Middle School's counseling program designs, delivers, evaluates and revises a planned, sequential, developmentally appropriate program to include lessons in the academic, career, and personal/social areas of development. Mrs. Jarman-Dunn's Outstanding Counselor Award follows three consecutive years of awards for Sequoia Middle School's Guidance and Counseling Program including the SPARC, the RAMP, and the Best in the West Award. Mrs. Jarman-Dunn also works as a program coordinator and instructor in UC Riverside Extension's pupil personnel services school counseling credential program.

The School of Language Development received the National Magna Award presented by the American School Board Journal and Sodexo USA, in Chicago on April 10, 2006. The school was chosen for their unique program for English Learners who are new in the country and at the beginning level of English proficiency. The majority of the students stay in the program for a year. The school has a rigorous academic program and students learn English at the same time as they achieve academic content.

School personnel are made up of six teachers and nine bilingual aides for instruction. The first generation of students are now attending regular comprehensive high schools performing academically with great success. One of them won a Gold Medal in academics at FOHI. The school also works with parents and the community assisting them to understand the new culture and to become good and productive citizens.

- 5) Superintendent/*Superintendente* Dr. Milligan
Dr. Milligan wanted everyone to know that the awards Fontana Unified is receiving increases everyone's awareness and desire to be part of the process. He encouraged everyone to continue moving forward and helping students. He reminded parents that students should be encouraged to be in school everyday and they can't afford to miss one moment of the 180 days of the school year.
- 6) Questions and Answers/*Preguntas y respuestas* – Dr. Milligan
Question: When is your last day with Fontana?
Answer: June 30th.
Question: Who is taking your place?
Answer: The Board of Education will make a decision to address the issue at the May 17th meeting.
- 7) Transportation – Dr. Milligan
Good News: Business Services has procured 8 new buses through AQMD and the EPA gave the district a natural gas station to fill up the buses. Not so good news: the buses can only accommodate two students to a seat as the new law is in effect and new buses have seat belts.
- 8) Adjournment/*Clausura* – Mr. Vaquera
Mr. Vaquera closed the meeting and reminded parents the next meeting is June 1, 2006.

