

Mattole Valley Charter School
Humboldt County IS Teacher Meeting Agenda
Friday, February 11, 2011, 1:00 PM
Cutten Resource Center Classroom

Attendance: Mary Goodrow, Pam Lane, Kara Martin, Cathie Shermer, Cathy Wright, Jen Briar-Bonpane, Alyssa Stamm, Sheryl Fearrien, Rachel Davis, Linda Bell, Lynda Speck, Terri Vroman-Little, Lance Blodgett, Addy Myers, Heather Scharlack, Timber Beck.

1. What's New—Pam

- **Mt Shasta Learning Center Power Point Presentation**

Pam presented a lovely power point presentation highlighting the kids and families learning and enjoying field trips in Mt. Shasta and Yreka.

- **PF Testing Mandates**

Kara reported on physical fitness testing. She will be contacting students and or centers to arrange testing. High Schoolers need to continue taking P.E. as Juniors and Seniors until they pass their physical fitness testing. Testing is for 5th, 7th, and 9th graders. Students who do not pass in high school must continue to take PE every year of high school until they pass. It will mean four years of PE for those who do not pass the fitness test.

- **Black Board course update**

Pam presented the final Blackboard schedule for the Spring Semester. J.J. Stott is still teaching the math courses. It is not too late to enroll students in Blackboard. We are trying to keep the program for next year.

- **Review Truancy Guidelines**

Pam presented a copy of the truancy letter which gets mailed to parents when their student is truant. The first and second letters really serve as a wake-up call to students, and the process should be followed by all IS Teachers. With the third notice, the student is automatically dropped. The student is then referred to their neighborhood school.

- **Art Education Forum—free!**

Cathy presented a flyer for a free arts education workshop for teachers at HCOE. It is 3/29/11 9-3:30. Let Cathy know if you are interested.

1. Counselor's Corner—Jen

Jen reminded us to send in an amended student agreement (marked “amended” on top) if there are changes during the semester to the child's schedule. This is the way to go rather than

emailing schedule changes. Jen reminded us about the school counselor blog: mattolevalleycharterschool.wordpress.com/ Please forward the blog address to all High School families.

2. WASC— Pam

3. Science Fair, and History Day Update—Cathie

Nick Thomas—Colorado River Compact-winner of junior division-eligible for state history day.

Ryan Thomas—How to Treat the Native Peoples of North America, a debate-alternate winner of senior division.

Science Fair is on Wednesday Feb 16, 1:00 PM at Willow Brook Learning Academy in Fortuna. Some more judges are still needed, and we are looking forward to having another great turn out. Some projects will be selected to go to the county competition. County Science Fair is on March 14 – 18, and on the 18th from 9:00 to 3:30 the projects are available for public viewing. A great field trip to take your students to. April 14th, there will be a Science Fair at Beginnings for the Southern Humboldt community.

4. Let's share some successful fundraising ideas

Pam reported on the Montessori Del Mar group's monthly restaurant fundraiser in which a local restaurant donates a percentage of their profits on an evening. They also sold Christmas trees this year and made close to \$10,000. Terri Vroman-Little reported that beginning of the year letters to relatives and friends of the family asking for donations have been successful. She also reported that a couple big fundraisers are more successful than many smaller ones. Rachel reported on the Christmas Craft Fair at Willow Brook.

5. General Sharing –as time allows

Pam invited I.S. s to present at our next meeting.

Sheryl reported on a civics inservice she attended encouraging students to become active, involved citizens knowledgeable about the court system. If you're interested, contact either Jennifer Jones: Jen27jones@gmail.com or John Christie: mrc78@juno.com.

6. Fabulous Door Prizes: Thank you Cathy Wright! 3/18/11 is the next E.S. meeting at 2:00.