

Southern California Regional Occupational Center Board Highlights

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October 15, 2009 Board Meeting



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SoCal ROC Superintendent

Aviation Student Soars Into Her Career Pathway

SoCal ROC entered into a partnership with Crimson College in September 2009 to offer an Aviation Academy to high school students. The Academy provides a two-year program to high school students interested in exploring careers in the Aviation Industry in both a classroom and lab environment. Palos Verdes Peninsula High School senior Jenna Beverly shared with the Board of Education her experiences at SoCal ROC that helped her identify her passion on embarking on a career in the field of aviation. Ms. Beverly is currently taking the Academy's



Ginny Snider and Jenna Beverly

Aviation Careers course at Crimson Technical College located near Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). Ms. Beverly told the Board that the course has opened her eyes to the opportunities in the aviation industry. She also stated that the academy is a great opportunity for all students to learn about aviation through the use of hands-on activities, interacting with students from other districts and learning about components of aviation (flight instruments, flight controls, and engines). Prior to the Aviation Careers course, Ms. Beverly completed the Intro to Aviation course during the 2009 SoCal ROC Fast Track Summer Program. Ms. Beverly plans to attend a CSU campus preferably either Cal State University Dominguez Hills or Cal State University Monterey Bay and major in a field related to aviation possibly becoming an aircraft mechanic or a pilot. In conclusion, she expressed her gratefulness to the SoCal ROC Board for helping all high school students identify their career pathway, for the programs, and the opportunities that SoCal ROC offers. Board President Ginny Snider thanked Ms. Beverly and presented her a Certificate of Recognition from

the SoCal ROC Board of Education.

The Board heard presentations on the following:

- Superintendent Hoffman presented members of the Board with a packet showing progress on the modernization of Building A. Phase I includes classrooms for Veterinary Science, Hotel/Restaurant Occupations, a new Health Science Computer Lab, and new student restrooms. A slide show was presented of pictures prior to demolition and work in progress. Dr. Hoffman added that Phase II will include the new registration area and EMT classroom.
- Deputy Superintendent Laurie St. Gean reported that the WASC visit will be held April 18, 2010 to April 21, 2010. The Home and Focus teams have been responding to questions that are aligned to the WASC Criterion. Both Focus and Home groups have the opportunity to answer these questions and review all responses from all of the Focus Groups. The Leadership Team will be meeting during November to review all of the input and begin working on the Action Plan.

The Board Approved:

- Changing the quorum definition in the JPA agreement from four JPA Board Members to five Board Members including the Board Members-at-Large. The SoCal ROC Board of Education is comprised of nine Board Members.
- New Course Outline for Aviation Careers.

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The Board Recognized SoCal ROC Registration and Data Processing Staff

Deputy Superintendent Laurie St. Gean presented the SoCal ROC Registration Staff and Data Processing Staff to the Board. Ms. St. Gean expressed that the registration staff and data processing staff are integral to SoCal by enrolling all SoCal ROC students at the Center and at satellite campuses, verifying individual student information, and entering student information into the student information system. The Board led by Board President Ginny Snider presented Certificates of Recognition to Ernestine Banda, Terri Cole, Coy Molina, Loie Rivera, Jaree Schroeder, and Linh Truong. Twilla Green and Sara Leon were unable to attend the meeting.



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