March 10, 2009

Dear Bayside S.T.E.M. ACADEMY Parents,

The SMFC School Board considered our District/School Leadership Team’s recommendations to implement Year Round and Uniform Dress as informational items February 19.

During the March 5, 2009 meeting, the SMFC Board elected to support both recommendations for THE Bayside STEM ACADEMY effective academic year 2009-2010. These recommendations emerged from the 2008-2009 District and School Leadership Team as part of several recommendations to create a successful academic setting.

As you recall, the school conducted an extensive survey of parents through phone calls and a survey mailed home. We also held three parent meetings to discuss these items. While the Board’s response to these recommendations was favorable, they asked that we research the cost of uniforms for the next meeting. After comparing prices of the proposed uniform, we were able to demonstrate that uniform dress will be reasonable, if not less expensive, compared to regular clothing. For families needing support, we would also make uniforms available through Operation School Bell.

Since the Board voted in favor of each recommendation starting with the 2009-2010 academic school year, please consider year round calendar and uniform dress as you plan for the coming year. I would like to invite parents to contact me to discuss family transitional issues. As we indicated early on in the process, our plan is to accommodate families as we make these changes. We will be discussing these issues at the next School Site Council meeting on April 27 at 3:00 pm, and also at the next PTSA meeting on April 1 at 6:00 pm.

As a part of this process, we invite all interested parents to join the Uniform Dress Committee. During these meetings, we will review the recommended uniform from the DSLT and discuss other considerations. Please call Mrs. Johnson should you wish to be involved. We will hold these meetings on several Thursday mornings at 7:45 AM. Also, if this is not a convenient time for you but you have a strong interest in participating, please let us know and we will find a different time to meet with you.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Elliott
Principal

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San Mateo-Foster City School District
Board Meeting Summary

Foster City, CA - March 6, 2009 – At its Thursday, March 5, 2009 Board meeting, the San Mateo-Foster City School District Board of Trustees:

- Received information regarding the San Mateo-Foster City School District February 6, 2009 District-Wide Teacher Professional Development Day.
- Received a mid-year Status Report on progress on implementation of the Standards-Based Report Card at each Middle School.
- **Approved THE Bayside S.T.E.M. ACADEMY’S Year Round Calendar and Uniform Dress for 2009-2010.**
- Received information on the Governance Team Manual that the Board/Superintendent Governance Team revised with the assistance of the California School Boards Association.
- Received updated 2009-2010 Budget Assumptions.
- Received a draft Second Interim Report for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year, including a Budget update for the current year and the next two years.
- Received an update on the outcome of last year’s Revenue Enhancements and Budget Reductions that were proposed to address the budget crisis one year ago and reviewed a list of potential Revenue Enhancements and Budget Reductions for the next two years.
- Accepted the Gifts presented to the Schools as approved by the Superintendent.
- Approved the Superintendent’s recommendation for the position of Director of Facilities and Construction Projects.

**Future Meetings and Dates:**

- March 19, 2009  7:00 p.m.  Board Meeting
- April 2, 2009   7:00 p.m.  Board Meeting

~All meeting are held in the SM-FCS Board Room, 1170 Chess Drive, Foster City, CA unless otherwise indicated.

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