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**Board Meeting: June 11, 2015**  
**Executive Director Report – Patti Wilczek**

**Summary**

- Facilities update: Portables
- Alameda Trail update
- Park and Recreation Department
- Title I funding
- May consultation with legal council
- BIIG Grant update

**1. Facilities update: Portables**

The surveyor was on site last week to complete a survey for the portables project. In the meantime, the architectural firm continues to work on drawings for portable placement, and researching lines demarking our campus from BGC property.

**2. Alameda Trail Update**

We received word several days ago that the trail project has been postponed until at least next year, pending further research on the part of City officials.

**3. Park and Recreation Department**

I walked Esperanza Housing Project with the Director of Alameda Housing Authority to identify and discuss possible parking locations for CLCS employees, parents and learners when/if the Alameda Trail project comes to fruition. They have further research to conduct, but conversations continue as to the feasibility of such an arrangement.

**4. Title I Funding**

Research and planning for the application and implementation of Title I funds for Nea continues. Thus far we have discussed means of tracking time spent supporting Nea's learners who are eligible for the free and reduced lunch program, and examined the categories of expenses covered by the federal dollars. The summer will be, in part, spent drafting the LEA plan, a document required for all schools receiving such funding.

**5. May Legal Summary**

During the month of May, consultation with our legal firm related to matters falling into the following categories:

- Personnel
- Special Education
- Union negotiations

## **6. BIIG Grant update**

Schools getting connected to broadband via the BIIG grant are all being routed/connected via a district or county office of education system. In working with the BIIG folks as well as Linde Group through this process, we have determined that it will be best to be routed directly to Alameda County Office of Education (CoE), versus connecting through AUSD, and then to CoE and Comcast as the internet provider. And although some questions remain (e.g., Will we have a single contact person at CoE? What is response time should the system go down?), we initially believed that the advantages seem to outweigh any challenges in working with CoE staff.

In recent days, however, Linde Group staff have raised some additional areas of concern about locking in to a system that we may find unreasonably cumbersome. In order to fully understand the challenges involved, I have been reaching out to the schools that were approved for the BIIG grant but subsequently declined to receive these services. We hope that these discussions will shed some light on additional potential areas of concern and general pitfalls.

One such pitfall would be a required commitment to remain with the BIIG implemented system for five years, incurring the e-rate costs for services. We want to be sure that the advantages are sound and substantial, therefore, before we proceed with the installation phase of this project.

Finally, if we commit to working with the BIIG folks, we may opt to mitigate any disruptions to service during that the transition from our current system to the new internet connectivity. The challenges of building in that redundancy are:

- BIIG will connect us via Comcast, which is our current provider. We will have to identify a second provider if we want a back up system that won't go down when Comcast has problems. We do know, from research conducted last summer, that Comcast is by far the least expensive provider. The cost may be too high for us to proceed with this project.
- Additional installation costs for the back up system: Linde Group labor and perhaps some additional hardware.