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TEAM-8
Mr. Turner & Mrs. Sonnenschein

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Mrs. Sonnenschein and I are teaching students about the nine elements of Digital Citizenship during the middle school core block.

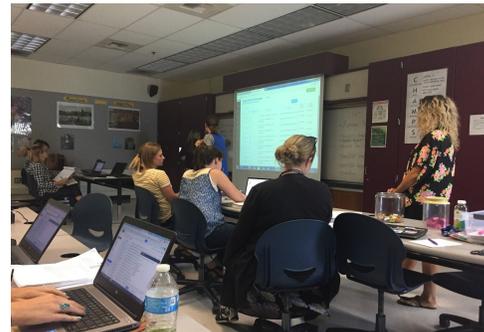
Dr. Bluestein and I attended the second Mesa Education Foundation (MEF) meeting in a four day span as they prepare for their annual fall event at the Jones Ranch, which is scheduled for **Saturday, October 7, 2017**. This year MEF will be returning to its roots and be providing barbeque brisket, chicken, pulled pork, and tri-tip.



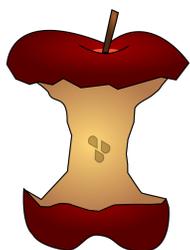
Tami Peterson, CBO, and I met with our winning project team on Friday to discuss further investigative work necessary for inclusion in the spending plan that must be submitted to the California Department of Education for approval. As part of the plan, we are looking to add a dishwasher and replace our current styrofoam trays with reusable trays.

Mrs. Sonnenschein and I met with Indy Batra, owner of MJP Technologies. Indy has been a wonderful partner to Mesa Union School District for the last decade. The purpose of our meeting was not only to visit classrooms to observe technology in action, but also to identify common projects for the 2017-2018 school year. Indy has agreed to assist Mesa Union with the development of an electronic ticket system to create, monitor, and track repair completion at no cost to the District. MJP Technologies has also agreed to support our newly formed [mouse squad](#) by creating opportunities for experts in the field to work with our students and by facilitating new partnerships with like districts.

On Wednesday, teachers participated in our first professional learning community. K-5 teachers worked with Echo Lee, Ventura County Office of Education content specialist, and our very own Michelle Waggoner as we continue to build and refine a systematic assessment model that will provides teachers data in regular intervals that will inform their daily instruction and enable the school to identify and monitor intervention program success. This is an example of the heavy lifting



I have challenged teachers to do during the 2017-2018 school year.



Middle school teachers also dug into to data as they evaluated student D and F data from the 2016-2017 school year. The analysis of grade data resulted in teacher conversation and strategy development to support students through intervention within and outside of the school day. As mentioned previously, the middle school's new 35-minute core block at the end of each day allows teachers time to deliver strategic lessons that provide extra support in reading, math, and language acquisition or extension through inquiry and/or project based learning.



Marc Netka, Chief Executive Officer and Co-founder of STS Education, pictured on the far left, and I meet to discuss a new partnership between Mesa Union and STS. Marc has agreed to allow Mesa Union access to their staff and their new state of the art training facility to our staff and students. In the coming weeks, I will take Mesa technology leaders to visit and play with some of the latest technology tools available to teachers. In the near future, we will also schedule a field trip for the technology class Mrs. Sonnenschein and I are teaching as part of the middle school's core block. Students will have the opportunity to explore new classroom technologies and learn how to construct a computer from STS technicians.

On Thursday, Mesa Union hosted its middle school "Back to School Night". Thank you Trustee Crull and Rodriguez-Quddus attending. I am so proud of the progress we are making at the middle school level. The creation of three electives at each grade level has created quite the buzz with our 6-8 grade parents of students. The addition of the Music elective is a big hit. The transformation of our middle school schedule to a modified block schedule that includes electives, daily intervention supports and extension opportunities based on students need in the form of "Core" and the implementation of new curriculum in mathematics, English Language Arts and English Language Development in the past 24 months has been remarkable. The addition of a third section in 6th grade has reduced class size from 37 to 38 students to an average of 25 students. And our elective offerings boast similar student to teacher ratios.



I joined the PFO and volleyball coaches at their beginning of the season parent meeting. This year Mesa is expanding its volleyball program from one team to two teams. The PFO, with the help of the school community, is working to provide new equipment and uniforms to all Mesa teams this year.

Ms. Jahr and Mesa students are organizing a "meet up" for Coastal Cleanup Day for next weekend, Saturday, September 16th. Here, thousands of people will amass beaches, rivers, parks, schools and watersheds throughout California on Coastal

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Cleanup Day – the world’s largest volunteer day to protect the ocean. This is the second year that Ms. Jahr has organized the meet up to support this important event.