



Tam District Parent Connection

Tamalpais Union High School District
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www.tamdistrict.org

Parent Listening Campaign Completed

Thank you to all the parents who participated in the Tamalpais Union High School District listening campaign. The intention of the campaign was to capture parents' thoughts, feelings, and questions about their experiences in the schools in our district. All parents and family members were invited to participate in one of several opportunities that took place during September, October, and November of 2011. Meetings were held at each school site as well as in three neighborhood locations: Marin City, Tiburon, and West Marin. In total, about 110 parents participated in the campaign.

How was the data analyzed?

Prior to analysis, data was sorted by school site. Transcripts from the listening campaign meetings were carefully reviewed, and several district-wide themes and patterns emerged:

- ◆ School structure and programs
- ◆ Communication
- ◆ School connection to parents and community
- ◆ Academic experience of school
- ◆ Experience of the school culture and climate

Although district-wide themes were identified, listening campaign data reports were created for each site to help the information be more useful to the individual schools.

How will the data be used?

Data gathered from the parent listening campaign will be reviewed and used by both the Board of Trustees and the staff. The trustees will review the data at the February board meeting in order to confirm that the recently developed "Strategic Priorities" address issues of concern to our families. Strategic priorities of the district may be changed or shifted if needed.

Site principals will also review listening campaign data that was gathered from families at their respective schools and develop a plan for its use by teacher leaders, site councils, or groups of staff in order to gain insight into what is important to the school communities.

*The Tam District's Strategic Priorities chart
can be viewed on our website at www.tamdistrict.org*

Tamalpais Union High School District Mission Statement

The Tamalpais Union High School District is dedicated to the development of creative, passionate, and self-motivated learners. Upon graduation, students will be prepared for engaged citizenship and able to contribute individually and collaboratively in order to address the challenges of a dynamic and diverse world. To these ends, all students will demonstrate mastery of core competencies and will be offered meaningful learning experiences to enable them to access and critically analyze information, pose substantive questions, and communicate effectively.

Tam District School Presentations at the March 13 Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees invites all interested parties to attend the upcoming Tamalpais Union High School District information night, with presentations about all Tam District schools delivered by the principals, staff, and students. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. and will focus solely on school programs and reports. Please join us for this meeting in the Kreps Conference Center, located in the Levinson Building (District Office), on the campus of Redwood High School, 395 Doherty Drive, in Larkspur.

Each 15-minute presentation will include news and information about a Tam District school. Presentations will be given in this order:

- ◆ Tamalpais Adult School
Corbett Elsen, Principal
- ◆ San Andreas High School
Gerald Austin, Principal
- ◆ Tamiscal High School
Corbett Elsen, Principal
- ◆ Sir Francis Drake High School
Don Drake, Principal
- ◆ Redwood High School
David Sondheim, Principal
- ◆ Tamalpais High School
Tom Drescher, Principal



Board Meeting Schedule

Tamalpais Union High School District board meetings are held on Tuesdays. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. in the Kreps Conference Center, on the Redwood High School campus.

Upcoming meetings:

February 7	April 3	May 22
March 6	April 17	June 12
March 13	April 24	June 26
March 20	May 8	

To view board meeting agendas and supporting materials, please go to our Agenda Online website:

<http://tamusd.csbaagendaonline.net>

Open Enrollment Transfers

The Tam District open enrollment transfer program offers 8th - 11th grade students the opportunity to apply for transfer to their school of choice: Redwood, Tamalpais, or Sir Francis Drake.



Open enrollment does not apply to the district's two alternative schools, San Andreas or Tamiscal, or to the district's alternative program, TEAM.

Board policy allows for up to 50 students to attend a district school other than their school of residency via open enrollment transfer.

If you are interested in starting the open enrollment process, the initial due date for applications is February 15, 2012, for the 2012-2013 school year. For an application and an information packet,

please contact Peggy Bogason at peggy@tamdistrict.org. The information packet is also available on our website: www.tamdistrict.org.

Students who decide to participate in open enrollment after February 15 will be assigned to their school of choice if there is remaining open enrollment capacity at that school, placed on a waiting list in order of application, or assigned to their second choice of school

The open enrollment process closes on JUNE 30, 2012.

