

MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD NEWSLETTER

FOR THE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 9, 2008

The meeting began with Paul Hill introducing and congratulating the **2008 Outstanding Support Staff award winners:**

Sherri Lynn Bottari, Instructional Services Coordinator, is known as the “brain of instruction” because she is constantly providing answers drawn from her 20 years of dedicated service to the college. “Sherri Lynn’s knowledge of academic issues at MHCC is astounding, and she is looked to as an important resource by members of the college community ranging from her co-workers to the President.” It is Sherri Lynn who shapes the college catalog into the accurate, “student friendly” document for which MHCC has become known. External validation of her efforts was recently provided by one of the accreditation evaluators who stated “MHCC’s catalog is a joy to read.” She has significant technical acumen, a mind for data analysis and is “the type of person with whom problem solving is fun.”

Linda Neumann, Supervisor Academic Computing & Technology Development, was described as “positive, happy, energetic and friendly” more times than could be counted by her many supporters. They wrote with great enthusiasm, “Linda must deal with last minute, complex and in-depth projects that are vital to the College but she is never seen without a smile or heard to complain or be defeated by a task.” Linda is very involved in the community, marketing and other promotional activities. And she is the first person to receive the Outstanding Support Staff award twice! Linda received her first award in 1998 and exactly 10 years later she has won her second award.

Sue Spencer, Business Services Specialist at Steps to Success East, works tirelessly to market the services of Project Enterprise programs to other departments within MHCC, to employers and organizations in the community and to the general public. Sue is known for her high energy and for always being ready and willing to help and support others when needed. She has a great attitude and is always helpful with everyone she comes in contact with...the ultimate problem-solver. Sue’s customer service skills are exemplary while interacting with the business community as well as with the students in Project Enterprise. Sue is involved in marketing services to the business community and she attends Chamber of Commerce meetings and other business networking groups as well.

Each will receive a \$500 check from the MHCCD Foundation at their next board meeting. Chair Shepard expressed congratulations on behalf of the Board to all of them for all they do for the college.

Mike Wolfe and Nancy Szofran presented an **update on the 2008-09 budget/planning**. Assumptions for the budget development include no tuition increase at this time, COLA and salary increases will occur, no projected layoffs and no projected program reductions or new programs. The ending balance is projected to be approximately 3.7% (rather than the Board directed 5%). Senator Monroe commented that the next State economic forecast is scheduled for February 8 and only an extreme downturn would change the allocations to community colleges. He said they definitely will not be enhanced though. Mike commented on the budget planning forums held last fall. The information gathered at the planning and budget forums will be used along with results from the strategic planning workshops and accreditation findings to shape the draft 2008-09 budget over the next several months.

The Board unanimously approved **issuance of RFPs for the CM/GC and Architectural and Engineering Services** related to constructing a new **Child Development Center**.

Chair Shepard reviewed the **timeline/process for the presidential search**. The Search Committee is in the process of reviewing applications and will meet January 16 to select 8-10 semi-finalists. The Search Committee will interview the semi-finalists the end of January and forward names of 4-5 finalists to the Board of Education. Public forums and Board interviews with the finalists will be held in mid February, and Chair Shepard commented that, if all goes well, a decision will be made in less than two months.

The following **business items** were also approved:

- Minutes
- Financial Report

The following **personnel changes** for the month of December were presented:

CURRENT SEPARATIONS:

Blackburn, Mary	Family Childcare Network Organizer	CDFS	12/31/07
DuClos, Wakisha	Teacher/Home Visitor	CDFS	12/04/07
Hunter, Faye	CCR Provider Specialist	CDFS	12/13/07
Lozano, Ana	Center Assistant/Driver	CDFS	12/07/07
Nakvasil, Kathleen	Advising Specialist	Project YESS	12/31/07

Proctor, Susan	Classroom Assistant	CDFS	12/31/07
Reed, Sara	Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Specialist	Steps to Success	12/05/07

A board retreat will be held on January 19, 2008 at Four Points by Sheraton East. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2008 beginning with dinner with the Head Start Policy Council in the Town & Gown Room at 5:30 p.m. and regular meeting in the MHCC boardroom at 6:30 p.m.