The Board of Trustees, acting as the Governing Board of the Pasadena Area Community College District, met for Regular Meeting No. 5, a joint meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Pasadena Area Community College District and the Board of Education of the Pasadena Unified School District, on Tuesday, February 21, 2006, in the Elbie J. Hickambottom Board Room of the Pasadena Unified School District, 351 South Hudson Avenue, Pasadena, California 91101.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
The meeting was called to order at 7:07p.m. by Mr. Ed Honowitz, President of Pasadena Unified School District’s Board of Education.

PASADENA CITY COLLEGE

Trustees Present
Mr. Geoffrey Baum, President
Ms. Consuelo Rey Castro Vice President
Mr. John Martin, Clerk
Ms. Susanna Miele, Trustee
Dr. Jeanette Mann, Trustee
Dr. Hilary Bradbury-Huang, Trustee

Trustees Absent
Mrs. Beth Wells-Miller, Trustee

Administrative Officers in Attendance
Dr. James Kossler, President
Mr. Peter J. Hardash, Vice President, Administrative Services
Dr. Jacqueline Jacobs, Vice President, Instruction
Dr. Lisa Sugimoto, Vice President, Student and Learning Services
Dr. Jorge Aguiñiga, Dean, Human Resources
Ms. Janet Levine, Dean, External Relations
Dr. Stuart Wilcox, Dean, Institutional Planning & Research

PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Members Present
Ed Honowitz, President
Peter M. Soelter, Member
William Bibbiani, Member
Scott Phelps, Member
Mike Babcock, Member

Board of Education Members Absent
Esteban (Steve) Lizardo, Member
Prentice Deadrick, Member

Administrators in Attendance
Dr. Percy Clark, Jr., Superintendent/Secretary to the Board
Kathleen A. Duba, Deputy Superintendent
Jacqueline Cochran, Division of Teaching & Learning, Pre-K-8
Felicity Swerdlow, Secondary Curriculum
Dr. Debra DeBose, Human Resources
George McKenna, Division of Operations
B. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mr. Geoffrey Baum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. WELCOME
Mr. Ed Honowitz, President, Board of Education, Pasadena Unified School District, extended a warm welcome to the Pasadena Area Community College District’s trustees and support staff. Mr. Honowitz introduced Mr. Geoffrey Baum, President of the P.A.C.C.D. Board of Trustees.

D. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND OPENING REMARKS
Mr. Baum thanked Mr. Honowitz for hosting this meeting between the two districts. He then introduced members of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Honowitz followed with an introduction of the P.U.S.D. Board of Education members.

Dr. Percy Clark, Superintendent, P.U.S.D., introduced members of the P.U.S.D. Leadership Team. Dr. Clark expressed enthusiasm, because he views this joint meeting as an attempt to create a seamless relationship that stretches from Pre-K through Grade 14. Dr. James Kossler, President, Pasadena City College, introduced members of P.C.C.’s Executive Committee.

E. PRESENTATION, WITH DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: PCC SERVICES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO THE PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Dr. Kossler reviewed some of the existing services and partnerships offered by P.C.C. He commended Dr. Eddie Newman for revitalizing the P.U.S.D. Academies. Dr. Kossler spoke briefly about P.C.C.’s enrollment from P.U.S.D. high schools. He introduced Bob Miller, Associate Dean of Academic Support, who coordinates college transfer courses at the high schools. Dr. Kossler also introduced Rick Hodge, Dean of the Community Education Center, and highlighted some of the programs that are offered there. Dr. Kossler presented information about the P.C.C. Transfer Center, and introduced Dina Chase, the Assistant Director. He said that it would be helpful to have a P.U.S.D. contact person who could assist in coordinating activities offered by the Outreach and Transfer Center. Dr. Kossler remarked that Mr. Hardash is serving on the Joint Study of Services and Programs committee, and reported that Dr. Jacobs is working with the PCC deans to coordinate a meeting between the P.C.C. and P.U.S.D. math and English teachers.

F. DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION; ADDITIONAL WAYS PUSD AND P.C.C. MIGHT WORK TOGETHER
Dr. Clark expressed his support for the Partnership Academies, and stated that they provide a great opportunity for students. He asked Gary Roggenstein to share information about the "Next Step Now" program, who reported that they are working to develop indicators to identify at-risk youth. Dr. Clark emphasized that math and English are areas that need to continue to be perfected, and he encouraged development of more career/technical education courses. He also promoted the idea of joint governance efforts and collaboration on creative legislation that addresses today’s political realities.

G. OPEN DISCUSSION AMONG MEMBERS OF BOTH BOARDS: AREAS OF IMPROVED COOPERATION
Mr. Bibbiani expressed his concern for Muir, saying that, due to enrollment decline, it is half vacant and needs to be strengthened. He suggested that P.C.C. could use some of the vacant space to house vocational education programs. Mr. Phelps added that P.U.S.D. has less vocational programs than neighboring districts, and that he felt jobs could be a great motivator for students who are not experiencing success in the traditional classroom setting. Mr. Baum and Dr. Mann reported that the President’s budget has eliminated the Perkins funding for vocational/tech education; but that legislators are confident that that funding will be restored.
G. OPEN DISCUSSION AMONG MEMBERS OF BOTH BOARDS: AREAS OF IMPROVED COOPERATION (Continued)

Dr. Mann remarked that an ad-hoc Partnership Committee of three P.C.C. Board members was appointed last spring, but that there have been no members selected from the P.U.S.D. Board. Mr. Bibbiani, Mr. Phelps and Mr. Soelter volunteered to represent PUSD on this joint committee.

Dr. Mann mentioned two possible areas of collaboration for the two districts: one, a “College Day”, during which fifth grade students would visit college campuses; and, two, utilization of students in the P.C.C. Teacher Prep program to provide student counseling and tutoring in P.U.S.D. schools. Mr. Phelps entreated the Board to have the Teacher Prep program serve internships within the P.U.S.D.

Mr. Soelter pointed out that P.U.S.D. is doing some things well, which could be even better. He supported having one counselor dedicated to be a link with Pasadena City College.

Ms. Miele commented that it is vital to provide a high school vocational education experience that doesn’t duplicate what P.C.C. offers. The key is to make it meaningful at the high school level. She also inquired about how to best inform students of the programs that are available at P.C.C.

Ms. Rey Castro remarked that a major challenge is to find ways to identify and create programs that will best meet the needs of at-risk students. Mr. Babcock agreed that the two districts should work together to discuss how to better serve students who are not on a college track. Dr. Mann suggested reaching out to other community groups for assistance.

Mr. Baum asked the P.C.C. ad-hoc committee to serve for another year to work with the P.U.S.D. representatives. He also emphasized that P.U.S.D. student ADA is of no interest to P.C.C. and there will be no adverse revenue impact.

Dr. Clark stated that P.U.S.D. is looking at ways to restructure the high schools, and that P.C.C. should be an active participant in this process. He said that he feels that increased vocational opportunities will help to retain students.

Ms. Miele pointed out that students, who are not on track to graduate, need to be identified earlier than in the past. This will facilitate guiding them to appropriate programs designed to help them meet their goals. Ms. Miele also inquired how to best advocate for group home and foster children.

H. SUMMARY

Mr. Baum asked that Dr. Clark identify a contact person to coordinate Teacher Prep activities within the P.U.S.D. Dr. Clark indicated that Dr. Eddie Newman will act as the point person. Mr. Baum suggested that the ad hoc committee presents any recommendations they may develop to both Boards. Mr. Honowitz suggested that this report take place in six months.

I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Judy McKinley applauded both districts for this joint effort to address the issues related to ensuring student success.

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Geoffrey Baum                  James Kossler
President, Board of Trustees   Secretary, Board of Trustees