1. **Welcome, Introductions and Announcements** – Mary Ann Burke, Santa Clara COE

Introductions were made and Mary Ann reviewed agenda.

2. **Updates from Family Area Network** – Nancy Bodenhausen, Carol Dickson, CDE Consultants

- Marsha Robinson, CDE Consultant provided information on *Taking Center Stage — Act II (TCSII): Ensuring Success and Closing the Achievement Gap for All of California’s Middle Grades Students*. The publication promotes, illustrates, and supports the concepts embedded in the California Department of Education’s (CDE) *12 Recommendations for Middle Grades Success*. Created specifically for middle grades educators, the Web portal delivers developmentally responsive and research-based practices through videos, professional learning activities, and best practice vignettes focused on the young adolescent. Recommendation 12 focuses on partnership that includes added resources for parents and community partners.

- Brain research and adolescent development-related information are also featured in TCSII. Research has shown that the human brain experiences a growth spurt during the young adolescent years that enables the brain to be highly receptive to learn new information and skills. This provides an inspiring opportunity for middle grades teachers. The following link goes to the index which provides the links to 12 essays on adolescent brain development, including teaching and parenting tips [http://pubs.cde.ca.gov/tcsii/adoldev/adoldevelopmntindx.aspx](http://pubs.cde.ca.gov/tcsii/adoldev/adoldevelopmntindx.aspx)

- The parent PowerPoint, *Making Sense: A Parent’s Guide to Changes in Middle Grades Students*, will be uploaded to TCSII in the near future. This presentation explains why middle grades students act the way they do. It is broken down into three parts: body, brain, and behavior.

- Regional meetings of the CA Middle Grades Partnership Network include:
  - Friday, March 9, 2012 at the Stanislaus County Office of Education (Modesto)
  - Friday, April 20, 2012 at Culver City/Hawthorne.
• At the NCPIE meeting, staff discussed *Innovative Voices in Education: Engaging Diverse Communities* by Eileen Gale Kugler. There is a web site for information and ordering: [http://www.innovativevoicesineducation.com](http://www.innovativevoicesineducation.com)

3. **PIRC Report Updates** – Nancy Bodenhausen

PIRC 1 – Maria Quezada, Director of PIRC1 continues to work with PIRC1’s Project INSPIRE, the parent training program that was part of the PIRC1 research project. CABE and Project Inspire will continue their work but there is no official statement at this time.

PIRC 2 – Funding has ceased. Geni Boyer has retired from educational pursuits. The website will not continue without funding.

PIRC reports will be discontinued at our May meeting.

4. **CISC Regional Representative Reports** – Mary Ann Burke, Santa Clara COE and CISC Regional Liaisons

Regional updates include the following:

Region 2 – Tehama COE: On April 26, 2012 the COE is providing training on effective parent engagement strategies and partnerships to support strategic planning. The Lassen View Elementary School District will provide volunteer development training in May to support the strategic planning process. Kindles that can be used in the classroom are being purchased to support teachers, students, and their families in literacy development. A Family Friendly Survey will be circulated during the spring. The district has created bilingual signs at the school sites for parent information.

Region 5 – Santa Clara COE: Santa Clara County parent engagement activities include sponsoring three regional parent engagement conferences for the year, and providing ongoing technical support to 131 trained parent leaders that support the facilitation of 278 parenting workshops in Santa Clara County on student achievement. The staff is planning a best practices forum on September 29, 2012 for district administrators, teachers, program support staff, and parent leaders in addition to providing ongoing K-8 and Secondary Trainers of Trainer spring and fall conferences.

Region 9 – Orange COE: Meetings are being held on a quarterly basis. San Diego COE continues to provide added support in cultural proficiency for schools’ parent engagement programs.

Region 11 – Los Angeles COE: The COE is co-sponsoring the LA County Million Word Challenge. This is a great way to get schools and families involved in a county-wide literacy campaign. The 2012 *Million Word Challenge (MWC)* encourages preschool - 12th grade students to read millions of words outside of school time. Each year, hundreds of schools participate in the challenge to promote a home culture of literacy. LACOE superintendent is behind this literacy initiative all the way.

5. **Next Steps and Closure** – Mary Ann Burke, Santa Clara COE

Advisory Committee and Council Reports will be added as a regular agenda item for future meetings. Agenda topics for future meeting include:

- Technical support services that are provided by the CDE staff that may include updated Title I brochures, parent involvement strategies in Title I schools, and updates on the Parent Engagement CDE website.
- Parent Institute program and content updates.
- August 9, 2012 meeting will highlight parent education using Parent Project Junior with Moreland, Cambrian, and Campbell School District parent leaders.
November 15, 2012 meeting will highlight Teacher Professional Development using Berryessa District’s model.

January 31, 2013 meeting will highlight Classroom Parent Volunteer Development using Alum Rock School District’s model.

May 2, 2013 meeting will highlight the Parent Training Program with SCCOE Migrant Education parents and staff.
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