

RESPONSE PROCEDURE TO GRAND JURY REPORTS

The governance of responses to Grand Jury Final Report is contained in Penal Code § 933 and § 933.05. Responses must be submitted within 60 or 90 days. Appointed officials and governing bodies (e.g., school boards or the Board of Supervisors) must respond within ninety (90) days; elected officials must respond within 60 days. **Please submit responses as e-mail attachments to:**

- **The Grand Jury Foreperson at:** grandjury@co.mendocino.ca.us
- **The Presiding Judge:** grandjury@mendocino.courts.ca.gov
- **The Chief Executive Officer:** millerd@co.mendocino.ca.us

Mail one signed hard copy to the Grand Jury at P.O. Box 629, Ukiah, CA 95482.

Report Title : "Hats Off to Round Valley!" **Report Date :** April 3, 2008

Response by: Cheryl Tuttle

Date Due: July 3, 2008

Findings

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered:
1-11, 13-22, 22-80
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Findings numbered:
#23, #12

(attach a statement specifying any portions of the Findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.)

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Recommendations

- Recommendations numbered: #1, #6, #7 have been implemented. (attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendation numbered: #2, #3, #4, #10 have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. (attach a time frame for implementation)
- Recommendations numbered: #10-C1 require further analysis. (attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of the planned analysis, and a time frame for the matter to be prepared, discussed and approved by the officer and/or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed. This time frame shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of publication of the Grand Jury Report)

Recommendations numbered: _____
will not be implemented because they are not warranted and/or are
not deemed reasonable. (attach an explanation.)

Date: 6/25/08 Signed: *Cheryl Jett*

Number of response pages attached: 2

Response to findings from Grand Jury Report dated April 3, 2008

Cheryl Tuttle, Principal of Elementary School

12. The campus also consists of Independent Study and a Continuation School.
23. The average daily attendance (ADA) at the elementary/middle school was 90%, not 88% for 2006-07.

Response to recommendations from Grand Jury Report dated April 3, 2008

1. On April 19th, 2008 there was a community meeting, including a dinner of Indian Tacos, at the Buffalo Room, at the tribal office to discuss concerns and future plans for RVUSD. We had a great turnout of over 100 people, school and community, and there was dialogue including concerns about the school, venting of frustrations from the community about school and community issues, and a general feeling of a “town meeting” as a beginning of an open dialogue between community and school. In 2008-09 we are planning to have future “town hall meetings” to continue the open dialogue.

Both the High School and the Elementary School have monthly Site Council meetings that consist of staff and parents/community members to plan activities and make decisions on categorical funding.

The Elementary School has started a Parent Teacher Committee that sponsored funding for the two weeks STAR testing, to support students in learning the state standards and promoting academic achievement. Over a period of two months, the parents raised about \$4,000 and sponsored activities like 3 on 3 basketball tournaments, crafts painting, beading, school beautification, tree planting, and weekly assemblies with student prizes to support student effort and attendance for STAR testing. We also had the tribes Natural Resources Department do grade level assemblies on fire prevention and had a visit from Smokey the Bear.

The Elementary School’s Site Council is recommending that the school create a Native American Curriculum Committee. We will be working during the 2008-09 school year in establishing this committee, creating goals and guidelines for the committee, inventorying our current resources of Native American Curriculum, and making recommendations to the school in implementing Native American Curriculum components to encourage student engagement and achievement.

2. The emergency plan is still in formation. Discussions with fire and law enforcement and MCOE staff have been held. A meeting with all concerned agencies will be held this summer to develop and implement an Emergency Response Plan in 2008/09.

3. A locksmith has visited the district and is currently completing a bid to replace the locks on classroom doors with internal locks. Our maintenance director will be training the staff on utilizing the new phone/intercom system for our lockdown drills. We will develop the Emergency Response Plan in the summer of 2008 and implement it in the 2008-09 school year.

4. Consultants from V-Brick systems are currently meeting with the district to discuss our technology plan, which will include video surveillance cameras. We are reviewing the funding in our E-rate grant to determine sources for video surveillance camera funding. If this is not funded, the district will be seeking alternative funding sources.

6. The district is sponsoring Algebra Academy this summer for grades 7-10. Algebra Academy is a summer school program that provides preparation for middle and high school students to pass the CASHEE test, be successful in high school algebra, and provides a counselor who will work with students to understand high school requirements for entrance into college. Two meetings have taken place to inform the families of RV's Algebra Academy and confirm parental support for their child in this program.

7. At the Elementary Middle School Site we have an extensive incentive program for attendance. Students who have 100% attendance a month get an ice-cream. Students with 100% attendance at the quarter or semester receive gift certificates to local stores or to the book fair. Classes that have 92% or better attendance each week, receive an extra 15 minutes of recess. Classes with 92% or better attendance each month receive ice-cream and the class receives a \$50.00 bonus in their class funds to be used as the class decides. Every quarter, students who receive 100% attendance get their name in a drawing for a pizza and soda prize for their family. Each quarter we give away 6 pizzas prizes to families to acknowledge that it takes family support to get students to school on time.

To encourage reading, we have an incentive program for students using Accelerated Reading. Our Title 1 teacher selects a goal for each student and monitors their progress. For each increase of 10% students receive a prize of a book mark, book, or small incentive and when they reach 100% they and their families attend a fun field trip in Santa Rosa. This year the Title I program took the students to the Native American Museum in Santa Rosa, to the park for lunch, and to the Charlie Brown Skating Rink.

Our Parent Teacher Committee wants to start planning and fundraising earlier in the school year 2008-09 for the STAR incentives and activities.

10. At the Elementary site, during the school year 2008-09, our new school counselor will contact AODP to inquire on additional resources for anti-drug and alcohol programs for students and families.