



# Staff Development "Developments"

October 25, 2007

**Giving everyone a chance to grow**

News and Summary Minutes

Written and submitted by Rachel LePell, chair

A Time of Reflection with John Parente on Oct. 18 from 3:30 – 5:30 was a beautiful event. We gathered in room 2213 to the sound of music playing, dance images on two screens, and slides of paintings on a screen in the front of the room. The tables were scattered with Xeroxed poems by a wide range of voices. We took a number, made name tags from torn construction paper, attached them to ourselves without pins, and proceeded to by guided through an hour of reflective thinking, feeling and talking. We shared our thoughts, our feelings with a few colleagues, taking the time to really listen and attempt to be present for one another in this community of educators.

About 20 folks were there, a lovely mix of faculty, administrators, and staff.

There was beautiful food, arranged by Carmen Johnston and Fresh and Natural; plenty to eat and drink, while we shared our thoughts about teaching, learning, community, Chabot, passions, ourselves. All of this gently midwived by John Parente's support and guidance.

This was our Event of the Semester that follows along our theme: Reflection, also a follow up to the question poised at convocation: Whoooo Aarrre Youuuu?

This was our meeting for that calendar week. SD members who attended: Marcia Corcoran, Steve Piatetsky, Carmen Johnston, Steve Woodhams, Tammeril Gilkersen, Arlene DeLeon, Gloria Meads, Angie Magellon.

Agenda for next week's meeting: Nov. 1, 2007 in 1103 at 3 pm

Conference/budget update: Rosie

Event evaluation and plans for its continuation, if any.

Math folks

DE folks

Unit Plan folks

Flex Day -- SLOACS, Basic Skills, Learning Connection, John Parente?

Themes, priorities? Brainstorm and timeline

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***Core members: Marcia Corcoran, Arlene DeLeon, Tammeil Gilkerson, Carmen Johnston, Angie Magallon, Gloria Meads, Rosie Mogle, Steve Piatetsky, Nicole Scoles, Steve Woodhams, Barbara Worthington, and Rachel LePell (Chair).***