Career Pathways Grads Honored

By Haleemon Anderson

Maintenance and Facilities was represented by 13 staff members at last week’s meeting of the Inglewood School Board. The group of staff members and managers received commendations from the Board for a year of unprecedented improvements and enhancements district-wide. “These are the people who are making it happen,” said Board President Margaret Turner-Evans.

Chief Business Official Eugenio D. Villa reported on the process. “We have just completed over $6 million in facilities maintenance,” he said. “We have another $30 million in improvements starting in the next six months. It’s a complex and sophisticated process. We are trying to build out our capacity rather than hiring more construction managers.”

Multiple projects have been completed, according to a written report available at the meeting. Portable buildings have been demolished and removed at Monroe K-8, Bennett-Kew, Oak, and Payne elementary schools. Monroe expects to receive Los Angeles World Airports (LAW A) funding “from several sources,” including LAW A and Measure GG – as well as from developer fees coming from the NFL stadium development in Inglewood.

At the high schools, improvements are also in the works. Leased portables at the old City Honors site have been removed. The pool at Morningside will be painted and repaired, with improvements due to be completed by September, with modernization plans expected to begin next year.

Bobbie Hill, from Concordia, the development firm that prepared the report, said Inglewood Unified School District estimates it will have $130 million in facilities funding “from several sources,” including LAW A and Measure GG – as well as from developer fees coming from the NFL stadium development in Inglewood.

State Administrator Thelma Melendez de Santa Ana said the repairs to the pool and bleachers offer a great opportunity for the high schools. “We hope to attract middle school students back to their local high school,” she said.

School Board Commends Workers Regarding Facility Improvements

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