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1940's

Council Units

1947 "Costa Del Sur Council"

- ✍ Laguna Beach High School PTA
- ✍ Laguna Beach Elementary School PTA
- ✍ San Clemente Grammar School PTA
(school opened in 1927)
- ✍ Serra Elementary School PTA (school
opened in 1907)
- ✍ San Juan Elementary School PTA
(school originally built in 1850, rebuilt
in 1911, 1921 and 1963-64)
- ✍ Capistrano Union High School PTA
(school opened in 1920 and had an
organized PTA in the '30s)

Council Issues & Interests

San Juan Capistrano passed a \$100,000 local bond – supported by San Juan PTA

San Clemente fought to put a stop sign at every school

Laguna Beach campaigned against undesirable comic books.

The Council used the warrant system to pay their bills and urged that all PTA officers keep up their Procedure Books and pass them onto their successors.

School District Updates

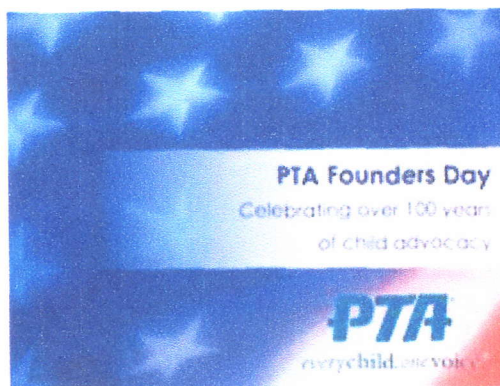
Laguna Beach was the only school district with more than one school

Each of the others was their own school district.

San Juan Elementary School District was the oldest in Orange County, having existed as one of 5 school districts in LA County in 1850.

Capistrano Union High School opened in 1920 in temporary buildings on the San Juan Elementary campus. A \$60,000 bond was passed with a vote of 64 – 2, to buy land and build the permanent HS which was dedicated in 1922.

Serra Elementary School District was renamed Capistrano Beach Elementary School District in 1948.



1960's

Council Units

1967 "Capistrano Unified Council"

- ✍ Palisades (1961) (former Serra Elementary)
- ✍ San Clemente High School (1964) (former Capistrano Union High School)
- ✍ Capistrano Jr. High (1967) (moved to Marco Forster in 1968)
- ✍ Ole Hansen (1965)
- ✍ R.H. Dana Elementary (1966)
- ✍ Marco Forster Jr. High (1968)

After Unification in 1965, Laguna Beach Schools left and formed their own council

San Juan Elementary withdrew from Council to become the first independent parent teacher group in the area (1967)

Council Issues & Interests

"Operation Sugar Cube" polio vaccination clinics.

The serious need for fall-out shelters in schools.

"Recognizing Communism as a conspiracy to subvert our youth and destroy our freedom."

Concerns about juvenile delinquency, pornography and alcoholism.

Would the new freeway unite or divide our communities?

In 1964 we had 3099 members with eight active units.

School District Updates

1963 Study by Orange State College (now Cal State Fullerton) recommended Unification of Capistrano Union High School District with its 4 component Elementary School Districts.

Unification vote in 1965 included a 7 member school board representing specific trustee areas, elected by the people residing in the individual Trustee areas.

Fred Newhart is elected one the original Trustees.

Truman Benedict becomes CUSD Superintendent (1969)

Crown Valley Elementary built in 1966, but did not join PTA until later.

Old San Juan Elementary was torn down and rebuilt on the same site in 1963-64.



1970's

Council Units

- ✍ Dana Hills High School (1973)
(Opened as a PTSA, later withdrew in the '80's)
- ✍ Shorecliffs Middle School (1977)
- ✍ Ambuehl Elementary (1977)
- ✍ Castille (1974) (opened as PTA, then later withdrew in the '80s); their first President Judy Bone immediately elected to State PTA Board of Managers
- ✍ R.H. Dana doubled its original membership of 400 in 1966 to 800 in 1977

Council Issues & Interests

Sex education in classroom debates at school board meetings.

R.H. Dana ENF was a model Multi-Handicapped Facility, famous throughout the state

Ole Hansen held a clothing drive for Vietnam refugees

Delegates from San Clemente High School PTA to convention in 1972 proposed a bylaws change to add "Students" to the official name of PTA. Council voted to change it immediately: Capistrano Unified Council of Parents, Teachers and Students Association.

State PTA didn't change it until 1978.

School District Updates

George White was elected to School Board (1971)

Jerome Thornsley becomes Superintendent (1975)

Dana Hills opened in Feb. 1973 after a semester of double sessions at San Clemente.

Shorecliffs dedicated in Jan. 1978 after a semester of double sessions at Marco Forster.

Las Palmas rebuilt in 1973

New schools opened, but not as PTAs

- Viejo Elementary (1971)
- Del Obispo (1974)
- Moulton (1975)
- R.H. Dana ENF (1975)
- Barcelona Hills (1977)
- Capistrano Valley High School (1977)
- Niguel Hills Middle School (1977)
- Carl Hankey (1979)



1980's

Council Units

- ✍ San Juan Elementary re-chartered as PTA (1980)
- ✍ Newhart K-8 joins PTA (1985)
- ✍ Crown Valley joins PTA (1985)
- ✍ Niguel Hills Middle School joins PTA (1987)
- ✍ Barcelona Hills joins PTA (1987)
- ✍ R.H. Dana ENF joins PTA (1988)
- ✍ Del Obispo joins PTA (1989)
- ✍ Marion Bergeson PTA (1988)
- ✍ Truman Benedict PTA (1988)
- ✍ George White PTA (1989)

Council Issues and Interests

Council Presidents Linda Flint and Sheila Benecke focused on promoting PTA on all CUSD campuses as more schools were being built.

Supt. Thornsley held monthly "Coordinated Council Meetings" with Presidents of all the PTA's and PTO's in the District.

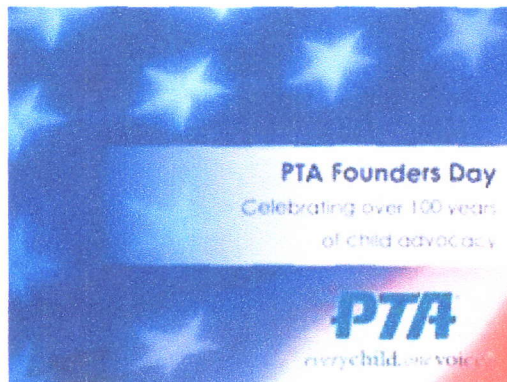
Council meeting notices were sent out by mail.

The Council supported itself by manning summer school snack bars at various smaller elementary schools. Supt. Thornsley set that up so that we could support our efforts since dues income did not cover our needs. We worked the snack bars, deposited the money, purchased the food from the District kitchens, and they found it to be a lot of fun.
(per Sheila Benecke)

School District Updates

Newhart Elementary opens in 1980; converted to K-8 in 1983, relieving overcrowding at Niguel Hills.

George White PTA is chartered in 1989 even though the school wasn't opened until spring of 1990. Grades K-3 were on the Crown Valley campus, grades 4-6 were on Niguel Hills upper campus.



1990's

Council Units

- ✍ Phillip Reilly PTA (1990)
- ✍ Dana Hills re-joins PTSA (1992)
- ✍ Carl Hankey joins PTA (1992)
- ✍ Moulton joins PTA (1992)
- ✍ Arroyo Vista School PTA (1992)
- ✍ Foxborough PTA (1992)
- ✍ Aliso Viejo Middle School PTSA (1993)
- ✍ Aliso Niguel High School PTSA (1993)
- ✍ Hidden Hills PTA (1994)
- ✍ Clarence Lobo PTA (1994)
- ✍ Wood Canyon PTA (1994)
- ✍ Bathgate PTA (1994)
- ✍ John Malcom PTA (1994)
- ✍ Oak Grove PTA (1996)
- ✍ Wagon Wheel PTA (1997)
- ✍ Capistrano Valley High School joins PTA (1997)
- ✍ Las Flores Middle School PTA (1998)
- ✍ Las Flores Elementary PTA (1998)
- ✍ Bernice Ayer Middle School PTSA (1998)
- ✍ Castille re-joins PTA (1998)

Council Issues and Interests

All new schools built from 1992 on were opened as PTA's

When Moulton (1992) and Capo Valley (1997) joined PTA, and Dana Hills (1992) and Castille (1998) re-joined PTA, CUSD became an ALL PTA District

Council-wide campaign against converting El Toro Marine Base to an airport.

20-to-1 Class Size Reduction in K – 3rd grade incentive program from State of CA encourages District to hire more teachers and find facilities (portables) to house smaller classes.

“Coordinated Council” became the Superintendents Parent Advisory Council with mandatory monthly meetings.

The Council provides outreach through its units to J. Serra High School that included a Kitchen Shower, handmade baby blankets and supplies.

Workshop Training is provided by our Council for our units.

Mission Leadership- a training program created by our Council is presented to our council presidents.

Membership reaches over 30,000.

School District Updates

Dr. James Fleming becomes Superintendent (1991)

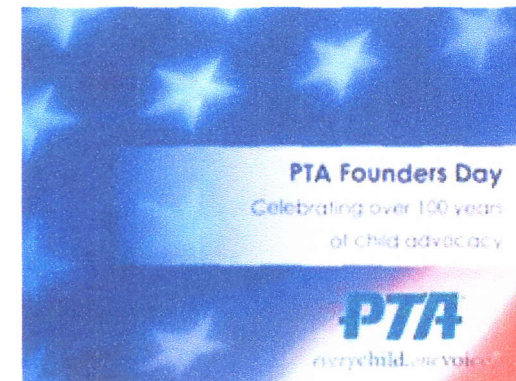
Newhart Elementary closed in 1997; Newhart becomes a Middle School

6th grades moved from elementary schools to Junior Highs to be Middle Schools

9 new schools built in 2 years (1992-94), and

Aliso Niguel opens as District's 4th Comprehensive High School (1993)

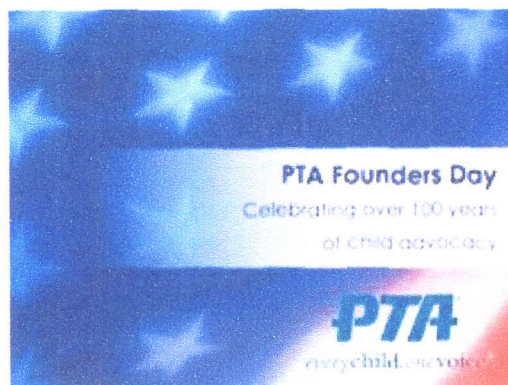
New vaccination requirement to have the 3rd MMR booster for incoming 7th graders “No Shots, No Schedule, No School”



2000's

Council Units

- ✍ Don Juan Avila Middle School PTSA (2000)
- ✍ Don Juan Avila Elementary PTA (2000)
- ✍ Tijeras Creek PTA (2000)
- ✍ Kinoshita PTA (2000)
- ✍ Chaparral PTA (2001)
- ✍ Marblehead PTA (2001)
- ✍ Tesoro High School PTSA (2001)
- ✍ Laguna Niguel PTA (2002)
- ✍ Vista Del Mar PTA (2003)
- ✍ Ladera Ranch Middle School PTA (2003)
- ✍ Ladera Ranch Elementary PTA (2003)
- ✍ Canyon Vista PTA (2003)
- ✍ Oso Grande PTA (2005)
- ✍ San Juan Hills High School (2007)
- ✍ CHOOSE (2009)



Council Issues and Interests

Reduced funding from the State for 20-to-1 CSR causes encroachment into general fund. District decides to eliminate 3rd grade, parents fundraise over \$1 million district wide to "Save 20-to-1 in 3rd Grade".

CUCPTSA goes electronic for meeting notices – E-Mail

Barb Shangraw organizes the Council by high school "Families" with a supervising "Mom", quickly changed to "Mentor"

Legislative Advocacy Committee ("Leg Team") became very active and well known in Sacramento

Council collects major awards at the National, State and Fourth District PTA level for Teacher, Staff and Student Involvement, Advocacy efforts, Creative Membership, Family Involvement and Outstanding Council.

Kim Anderson received the National PTA's Shirley Igo Advocate award to in 2009

The Orange County Department Education also acknowledged our council for our Outstanding Contributions to Education in 2009.

Council "adopted" Serra Alternative High School and added other Outreach projects

Council sponsored Dr. Michael Bradley speaking about "Yes Your Teen is Crazy"

School District updates

CUSD opens its 5th and 6th Comprehensive High Schools (Tesoro 2001 and San Juan Hills 2007) amid controversial attendance boundary and feeder school re-alignment

CUSD builds new Education Center (District Headquarters)

Ole Hansen Elementary closed (2003); facility repurposed as SCHS Upper Campus

Foxborough Elementary closed (2007)

Political unrest wracks the district with 2 different Trustee recalls, and 4 Superintendents in 4 years.

Economic downturn prompts Governor to suspend Prop 98 guarantee school funding, causing the District to make "Draconian" cuts to programs, increase class size and layoff teachers and support staff.

Supt. Dr. Fleming retired (2006), and was succeeded by several short-term and interim Superintendents

Woodrow Carter became Superintendent (2007)

2010's

Council Units

Barcelona Hills PTA is disbanded

CHOOSE becomes Capistrano Virtual School PTA

Council Issues and Interests

Teachers strike after contract talks stall (2010)

Council developed parent education and school anti-bullying resource guide: Clicks and Cliques: Building Respect through Positive behavior Bullying Awareness and won the both the California State PTA award for Family Involvement and the Common Sense media award in 2010.

Parent education Nights were presented with topics including, Advocacy, Homework and College Preparedness, Dr. Harley Rotbart MD spoke to parents about his book "No Regrets Parenting"

Council presented a Principals and PTA Presidents Workshop "Be Our Guest" and won CA State PTA Award for Leadership Development.

The council continues its community outreach including donations to Serra High School, The Afghan Children's Project, and Orangewood Children's Foundation

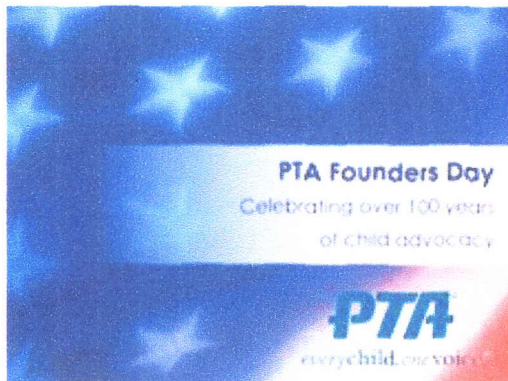
District Updates

Dr. Joseph Farley becomes Superintendent (2010), and retires in 2014

Kirsten Vital becomes our current Superintendent (2014)

Barcelona Hills Elementary is closed; site is repurposed for a charter school

California Preparatory Academy opens as a virtual / on-line high school



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