

# Sun Terrace Elementary School

## School Uniform Policy Time Line

### 2008- 2010

- January 2008
- Inception
- Several teachers met with the principal and expressed an interest in having school uniforms.
  - Principal met with staff – discussed Board Policy, School dress code and school uniforms at other MDUSD schools
  - Established a uniform committee to research school uniforms
- March 12, 2008
- School Site Council Meeting
- Principal introduced the possibility of school uniform
  - Members asked principal to move forward and explore a possible school uniform policy
- April 2, 2008
- Staff Meeting
- Teachers introduced a school uniform policy
  - 98% of the Sun Terrace staff are in favor of school uniforms
  - Discussion school uniforms and schools within our district with a school uniform policy
  - Reasons
    - Safety
    - Economic cost for parents
    - Uniformity – de-emphasize dress and focus on learning
    - Eliminate inappropriate attire
      - T-shirts with inappropriate language, gang related attire
      - Baggy pants, short shorts, see-through tops, etc
- May 2008
- Articulation Meeting with Glenbrook Middle School Staff
- GMS was approved to implement school uniforms
  - GMS Staff strongly requested we follow their lead in implementing school uniforms
  - GMS staff felt it would make it easier for parents of children in both schools
- Sun Terrace staff members contacted Advertising Magic
- Design a school logo and uniform top
  - Cost of making uniform tops and T-shirts
- May 2008
- Principal talked to representative for Diablo Assistance League (Operation School Bell) and inquired about them providing school uniforms for students whose parents could not afford clothing. Principal was advised school uniforms would be easier for them to provide students at Sun Terrace

- June 1-10, 2008      School uniform committee met
- to research local retail stores who sell school uniforms
  - determine their cost pricing research
  - select an appropriate school uniform
  - review the local schools' uniform policies (Meadow Homes, Cambridge, Delta View)
- June 2, 2008      Principal met with the PTA
- PTA President, Lisa Robinson, and other members were in favor of having school uniforms at Sun Terrace
  - Asked principal and committee to move forward to implement a school uniform policy
- Committee developed a survey to poll the parents and students
- Survey distributed to all parents in both English and Spanish
  - Votes counted with over 79% of the families in favor of uniforms
- June 7, 2008      Communications
- Parents receive school-wide phone message in English and Spanish on results of survey and the voluntary school uniform policy
- June 11, 2008      Uniform committee and principal meeting
- Finalized selection of school uniform
  - Determine which retail stores sell uniforms at a reasonable cost
- July 7, 2008      Communications
- New incoming kindergarten parents were mailed a survey and asked to vote and return it to Sun Terrace School in a stamped return envelope
  - Committee tallied the kindergarten votes
    - Overwhelming majority of K parents supported uniforms
    - Uniform Policy was mailed to all Sun Terrace families

**August 2008 – June 2009**

Phase in the school uniform policy approved by parents, students and staff

- August 22, 2008      School Orientation
- School uniforms shared with parents and students
  - Uniform tops with school logos were available for purchase
  - A list of local retail stores provided to parents

- September 3, 2008      Communications
- School Newsletter sent to all families informing them of the survey vote and school uniform policy
- September 17, 2008      School Site Council Meeting
- Principal shared the uniforms and reason for the policy
  - Members were in full support of having a school uniform policy
- September 24, 2008      Back-To-School Night
- Principal shared the school uniforms
  - Uniform tops with school logos were available for sale
  - A list of local retail stores provided to parents
- March 11, 2009              School Site Council Meeting
- Committee approved the school safety plan and requested the principal to continue implementing school uniforms
  - Safety plan included the uniform information

**2009-2010 School Year**

- July- August 2009      Communications
- Uniforms put on display in the office for all to see
  - Updated Student Handbook, planners and Wednesday folder to include the uniform information
  - School newsletter
    - updated to include school uniform
    - sent to all parents the first week of school
- August 28, 2009              School Orientation
- School uniforms shared with parents and students
  - Uniform tops with school logos were available for purchase
  - A list of local retail stores provided to parents
- September 16, 2009      Back-To-School Night
- Principal shared the school uniforms
  - Uniform tops with school logos were available for purchase
  - A list of local retail stores provided to parents
- November 19, 2009      Operation School Bell
- Staff identified 59 students to receive free uniforms based on need and parent request
  - Students received school uniform items, shoes and coat

- March 8, 2010      PTA Meeting
- Principal shared the school safety plan and the school uniforms
  - Parents supported the school safety plan and the school uniforms
- March 10, 2010      School Site Council Meeting
- Committee approved the school safety plan and the school uniforms
  - Committee requested the school to continue the uniforms
  - Safety plan included the uniform information
- April – June 2010      Student Leadership team sponsored by the principal
- Discussed school uniforms
  - Established a donation drive for school uniforms
  - Developed a flyer requesting parents to donate gently used or uniforms students have outgrown
  - Students needing larger uniforms were provided the gently used items at no cost