

Conejo Valley Unified School District
District Advisory Council Minutes
Tuesday, March 12, 2019

I. General Meeting Session

A. Call the meeting to Order

Cindy Mayling called the meeting to order at 9:03am

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Cindy Mayling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Announcements, Procedures and Roll Call

Cindy Mayling made announcements and read the procedures.

Roll Call – A roll call was taken of DAC members:

Beth Neal (Acacia)	Cindy Mayling (Chairperson)
Ann Maree Paglia (Banyan)	Alysia Flamer (Vice-Chairperson)
Liz Beaven (Colina)	Alexandra Kitchell (Secretary)
Michelle Garcia (Conejo/OCLM)	Susan Hanscom (Parliamentarian)
Eilene Green (Conejo Valley Adult Ed)	Liz Beaven (Member-At-Large/COL)
Liz Allen (EARTHS)	Heather O'Connor (Member-At-Large/Cypress)
Rachel Brusseau (Glenwood)	Jon Power (Member-At-Large/Sycamore)
Mike Moore (Ladera)	Heather Skelly (Member-At-Large)
Jennifer Joseph (Lang Ranch)	Subha Tholudur (GATEDAC)
Dina Langhorne (Los Cerritos)	Cindy Liu (SEDAC)
Hun Kaplowitz (Madrona)	Claudia Mantilla/Alma G Molina (DELAC)
Lee Ann Holland (Maple)	
Joo Cho (NPHS)	
Jill Frazier (Sequoia)	
Susan Schulte (TOHS)	
Heather Varian (Walnut)	
Tonya Foli (Weathersfield)	
Blythe Williams (Westlake Elem)	
Karen Sylvester (WHS)	
Alison Brandon (Westlake Hills)	
Kayce Daniels (Wildwood)	

D. Approval of Agenda

Jon Power moved to approve the Agenda. Dina Langhorne seconded. All in favor.

E. Reports from DAC Representatives

1. Board of Education Meeting Update – Cindy Mayling

- At the February 19 Board Meeting, a TK class from Weathersfield sang a song to kick off Read Across America month. Dr. McLaughlin congratulated CVHS on being named a Model Continuation School by the State Superintendent. Public hearing was held for Trustee Area Maps and this was the final public hearing before the board vote later in the meeting. The board voted 4 to 1 to approve Map Scenario 3A. Tuition increase for NFL was approved.

- At the March 5 Board Meeting, student reports were made. Dr. Hayek gave an update on the insurance claim filed by the district. Mr. Manzer presented on Century Academy, which offers a flexible schedule and support to Independent Study for middle and high school students. Mr. Tony Gitt provided an update on Measure I. The board tabled School Plans for Student Achievement (SPSA) in order to allow school sites to go over information with underperforming subgroups. Dr. Hayek presented on second interim financial reports and projections. The Ad hoc committee that was formed to look into the proposed 7-11 construction recommended that the district not take an official position, but will share a list of concerns with the city council. Detailed updates from the February 19 and March 5th School Board Meetings can be viewed on video at: <http://conejovalleyusdca.swagit.com/board-of-education>.

2. Budget Committee – Heather Skelly

- NO MEETING. Next meeting will be Thursday, March 21 at 4:00pm in the District Boardroom.

3. Family Life Committee – Jon Power

- NO MEETING

4. School Choice Committee – Liz Beaven

- NO MEETING

5. Technology – TBD

- NO MEETING

6. Legislative Report – Cindy Mayling

- NO MEETING

7. Wellness Committee – Alysia Flamer

- NO MEETING

8. Homework Committee – Cindy Mayling

- NO MEETING

F. Reports from Support Organizations

1. California School Employees Association (CSEA) – No Representative Present – No Report

2. Conejo Council of PTA's (CCPTA) – Rocky Capobianco (not in attendance) – No Report

3. Conejo Schools Foundation (CSF) – Jon Power

- The foundation sponsored the Odyssey of the Mind Regional Tournament on February 24 at Westlake High School. Close to 600 students from around the area participated in the tournament. CSF would like to thank Jason Branham, Principal and the staff at WHS for helping make the event a success.

Registration is now open for the GetAhead Program and more information on this program can be found on the Foundation website at <https://www.conejoschools.org/> or email getaheadsummer@conejoschools.org. CSF participated in Gelson's Give Back Day in the morning and held the Starlight Soiree in the evening of Saturday, March 9. BreakThrough Parent Education will hold the following workshops this month: Addiction and the Brain presented by Dr. Victor J. DeNoble on March 21 from 6:30pm-7:45pm and Talking to Children and Teens with Robert Scholz and Dr. Cara Kiff on March 28 from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Both events will be held in the MPR at University Center. The annual TEDxYouth@Conejo event will be held on March 24 at 1:00pm in the PAC of Newbury Park High School. The theme this year is Barriers. For more information about this event, please go to tedxconejo.com or email tedxyc@gmail.com.

4. Conejo Valley Pupil Personnel Association (CVPPA) – Katie Berry (not in attendance) – No Report
5. Special Education – Cindy Lu
 - At last month's meeting, the focus was on transitions (into the district, within the district and leaving the district) and the meeting featured the following speakers: The Executive Director from the Individual Resource Center, the district's three instructional directors and an attorney from Disability Rights California. Cindy, Dr. McLaughlin and Lisa Miller had an advocacy meeting with Assembly member Jacqui Irwin regarding the Special Ed budget. March 21 is World Down Syndrome Day. Cindy will be attending the Disability Rights Congress in Sacramento. The next SEDAC meeting is March 22.
6. District English Learners Advisory Council (DELAC) – Claudia Mantilla, Alma Molina
 - No Report. Next DELAC meeting will be on Tuesday, March 19. The Parent Outreach Program will be having their 6th annual conference for Spanish speaking parents on Saturday, April 6 at Colina Middle School from 7:30am-12:30pm. Spanish translation and childcare will be provided. The theme this year is Math. A flyer with the information was distributed so DAC Reps can share this information at their sites.
7. Gifted and Talented Education District Advisory Council (GATEDAC) Subha Tholudur
 - Subha thanked the community for helping make the district great and thanked parents for stepping up to lead events. She also thanked the Conejo Schools Foundation (CSF) for supporting The Odyssey of the Mind, which is such a valuable experience for the students. The next meeting will be Friday, March 15 at the MPR at University Center.
8. Conejo Library Committee – Joo Cho
 - The Reading Buddies program launched this week, for students in grades 1-4 that want to improve their reading skills. This program is being offered at the TO Library on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:30pm-4:00pm and

registration is required. Astronaut Andy Reads Across America event will be held on Saturday, March 16 (11:00am at the TO Library and at 2:00pm at the NP Library). Check the Library's website for full programming information on the Thousand Oaks Reads: One City One Book. The book selected is Rocket Men by Robert Kurson. The Practice SAT and ACT Tests were popular and the library has received positive feedback.

9. Measure I Bond Citizens Oversight Committee – Tony Gitt

- Tony gave the Annual report and Interim Update on Measure I at the March 5 Board Meeting. A link to the presentation is available here: <http://www.conejousd.org/Measure-I-Citizens-Bond-Oversight-Committee>, which contains pictures of projects that have been completed and to view upcoming projects at various sites.

10. Neighborhood for Learning (NFL) – Amie Mills, Director

- A tuition increase was approved at the February 19 board meeting. The schools celebrated Dr. Seuss Read Across America the last week of February. NFL is continuing its partnership with the Thousand Oaks Library by having them come to the schools to do story time.

11. Unified Association of Conejo Teachers (UACT) – Colleen Briner-Schmidt

- UACT is mobilizing a team to deal with the recent budget cuts on the Fed level. A Regional workshop was held at the Oxnard CTA regional center on Special Ed Rights and Responsibilities and teachers were updated on changes to the law. Teacher Sandra Martinez-Galvan was honored two weekends ago for her contributions to the community at a CTA banquet.

G. Comments

1. Public

(Pursuant to the Brown Act, the CVUSD District Advisory (DAC) cannot enter into formal discussion with individuals making public comments to the DAC. The DAC cannot take action on any issues raised during public comments that are not on the meeting agenda. Members may respond to public comments during the Individual Comments section of the agenda.)

- Lee Ann Holland announced that Thrive Conejo will be hosting an event at Art Trek on Thursday, March 14 from 6:00pm-8:00pm. The topic will be Transforming Classrooms: Today's Best Teaching Practices that supports all kids. There will be a hands on lesson followed by a panel discussion. Registration is required to attend event.

2. DAC Chairperson, Cindy Mayling

- Cindy welcomed everyone to the meeting. For the future meetings this year and going forward next year, she would like to see DAC return to a more conversational roundtable environment. She encouraged DAC representatives to use the white cards to submit ideas for future topics, roundtables and speakers they would like to hear. Any ideas can also be emailed to her at cindymayling@yahoo.com

3. DAC Members

- DAC member asked if the Thrive Conejo Workshop could be counted as Professional Development for Teachers. Mr. Lichtl said it can for 1 hour of Professional Development and the flyer will be forwarded to principals and teachers.
- Susan Hanscom, Parliamentarian, explained Quorum and voting procedures according to the By Laws so they are understood.

A. Site Concerns and Successes

- Colina had speaker Dr. Vincent DeNoble come to speak to 8th graders. ASB at Colina is going to be celebrating Down Syndrome Day. A Tech Academy program will be starting soon at Colina. Many extra-curricular activities going on at Colina.
- Los Cerritos ELAC celebrated ELD student successes in English, Math, Science and Social Studies at the most recent meeting.

4. CVUSD Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services / State & Federal Program Coordinator, Mr. Luis A. Lichtl

- Mr. Lichtl gave an update on the School Choice application process. On time, applications will be completed by March 15 if not sooner. Data will be analyzed, once the process is complete. Mr. Lichtl and Mr. Brian Mercer have established a Booster Oversight Committee mainly in the high schools. The purpose is to formalize and unify the forms and have best practices. The focus right now is on high school booster organizations, once that is established middle schools, and elementary booster clubs will follow. Century Academy has temporarily relocated to the Horizon Hills Campus. Mr. Lichtl hopes to bring an LCAP presentation/breakout session to DAC, if approved by the Board, in order to provide feedback. Universal Design for Learning (UDL) will be the focus for the next school year in the district. When teachers return, they will be engaged in UDL presentations. Another area of focus for professional development will be social emotional learning and the pupil-free days on next year's school calendar will be professional development days for the teachers to help address these topics. Mr. Lichtl congratulated CSF for the wonderful event hosted this past Saturday and in continuing the district's partnership with CSF. The School Plans for Student Achievement (SPSA) were reviewed and it was determined that the plans would be returned back to the sites for some additional work.

II. Action Items – General

(Each item requires a motion for approval)

A. Election/Approval of Nominating Committee

- Election was held for Nominating Committee. Election Committee members selected are Joo Cho, Alexandra Kitchell and Karen Sylvester. Alysia Flamer approved Nominating Committee and Heather Skelly seconded.

III. Action Items – Consent

(These items are considered routine and will be approved in one action without discussion. If the DAC members request that an item be removed from Consent or a citizen wishes to speak to an item, the item will be considered under Action Items.)

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Joo Cho moved to approve the February 12, 2019 Minutes. Jon Power seconded. All in favor.

IV. Information/Discussion Items

(For discussion only, no action is taken on information items.)

- A. Mr. Shane Frank, Principal and Mr. Gary Norwalt, Teacher at Colina Middle School gave a presentation of the Middle School Foundations Academy that will be starting at Colina due to a grant. Colina was one of ten schools to be awarded this grant and it will provide middle school students with CTE and career exploration and learning experiences.
- B. Brenda Coleman, Recreation Manager, Conejo Recreation and Parks Department gave a presentation on the Spring and Summer Programs that are offered. Also presenting were:
- Megan McDonough, Recreation Coordinator for the Cultural Programs, Hillcrest Center for the Arts
 - Rick Tanaka, Teen Services Director for the Thousand Oaks Teen Center Programs
 - Cecilia Laufenberg, Recreation Supervisor for the Therapeutic Programs, Old Meadows Center

V. Adjournment – General Meeting Session

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m. Next meeting will be April 9.

4/9/19

Date


Cindy Mayling, Chairperson

4/9/19

Date


Lou Lichtl, Assistant Superintendent
Instructional Services