

**Conejo Valley Unified School District**  
**District Advisory Council Agenda**  
**Tuesday, October 10, 2017**

**I. General Meeting Session**

**A. Call the meeting to Order**

Cindy Goldberg called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

Cindy Goldberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Announcements, Procedures and Roll Call**

Cindy Goldberg made announcements and read the procedures.

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

Angie Pena (Acacia)	Jon Power (Sycamore Cyn)
Lindsey Choudhry (Aspen)	Tammy Adams (TOHS)
Ann Maree Paglia (Banyan)	DeAnn Aguilar (Weathersfield)
Alysia Flamer (Colina / Member-at-Large)	Jennifer Sewell (Westlake Elem)
Liz Beaven (Conejo / OCLM)	Karen Sylvester (WHS)
Eilene Green (Conejo Valley Adult Ed)	Heather Skelly (Westlake Hills)
Heather O'Connor (Cypress)	Kayce Daniels (Wildwood)
Nicole Goodwin (EARTHS)	Jean Bridges (Member-at-Large/MAD)
Lidia Zesati-Quezada (Glenwood)	Robin Bromberg ( Member-at-Large)
Bonnie Pincus (Ladera)	Joo Cho (Member-at-Large/Sequoia)
Jennifer Joseph (Lang Ranch)	Robyn Schwartz (Member-at-Large)
Dina Langhorne (Los Cerritos)	Cindy Goldberg (Chairperson)
Jean Bridges (Madrona)	Susan Hanscom (Vice-Chairperson)
Josh Evans (Maple)	Cindy Mayling (Secretary)
Alexandra Kitchell (NPHS/Member-at-Large)	Rocky Capobianco (Parliamentarian/Century)
Greg Saltzberg (Redwood)	

**D. Approval of Agenda**

Robin Bromberg moved to approve the Agenda. All in favor.

**E. Reports from DAC Representatives**

**1. Board of Education Meeting Update – Cindy Goldberg**

- At the September 19, 2017 Board meeting a public speaker asked people to think about the message the student reward system sends if they are giving out fast food certificates as rewards.
- A public speaker spoke about not promoting alcohol on campus.
- A speaker spoke regarding a potential discussion session for a curriculum adoption policy.
- John Anderson mentioned Teacher of the Month for September, Suzie St John.
- Mike Dunn was happy that Child Nutrition turned a profit.

- Expanded agreements with National U Student Teacher program, Phillips Grad U School Psychologist and Counselor Internship, CSUN SPED Intern programs.
  - Dr. Hayek gave a presentation of Unaudited Financials for 2016-2017.
  - Tim Carpenter was announced as the temporary Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources.
  - September 25, 2017 Discussion Session covered administrative regulations regarding core literature.
  - At the October 3, 2017 Board meeting student reporters gave reports about their schools' activities.
  - Ladera gave a presentation about their new STEAM program, the STARS Academy.
  - Interim Superintendent Mark McLaughlin thanked local law enforcement for their help during recent events.
  - Approval of a member of the Bond Oversight committee, Silas Neshiwat.
  - Approval of increased fees for Outdoor School.
  - The new Board Policy regarding Core Literature materials and the practice of opt-out continues to be a much discussed topic with deeply held positions.
2. Budget Committee – Rocky Capobianco
    - No report
  3. Family Life Committee – Cindy Mayling
    - No report
  4. School Choice Committee – Rocky Capobianco
    - The School Choice Committee met on October 4, 2017, and will meet again tomorrow (October 11, 2017).
  5. Technology – Joo Cho
    - No Report
  6. Legislative Report – Liz Beaven
    - SB 544 School districts: Contracting, purchases for Child Nutrition Programs were approved by the governor and will take effect January 2018.
    - SB 341 School Bonds: Citizens' oversight committee: Member term limits.
    - SB 596 Civics Education: Student Empowerment Commission.
    - SB 751 School Finance: School districts annual budget and reserve balance.
    - Website for tracking Senate Bills – [leginfo.legislature.ca.gov](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov)
  7. Wellness Committee - TBD
    - No report

#### F. Reports from Support Organizations

1. California School Employees Association (CSEA) –TBD
  - No report
2. Conejo Council of PTA's (CCPTA) – Paula Nathan
  - Today is World Mental Health Day. Remember to take time in our busy and stressful world to take care of yourself. It is also about awareness and recognizing the signs that someone might be in trouble.
  - Conejo Council PTA has 5,000 members already this school year and are quickly approaching the 6,500-member goal.

- We are working on an exciting project for this spring. We are partnering with an award winning program to bring a girl empowerment seminar to the Conejo Valley. The seminar will be a one evening event open to middle school girls.
3. Conejo Schools Foundation (CSF) – Cindy Goldberg
    - State of the Schools event is October 11, 2017.
    - BreakThrough Parent Workshops are starting. The Resilient Child, October 12, 2017 and Resilient Teen October 26, 2017. Both will be held in the Horizon Hills multipurpose room.
    - The first round of Cash4Conejo Classrooms applications are being reviewed next week.
  4. Conejo Valley Pupil Personnel Association (CVPPA) –
    - Elementary Counselors are supporting positive social skills
    - Psychologists are collaborating with Speech & Language Pathologists to create Sensory Boxes for students needing something to help calm them during the school day.
    - Middle School counselors are working with the Kind Campaign, an international organization that brings awareness and healing to the negative and lasting effects of girl against girl bullying.
    - Interns are running Academic Success groups under counselor’s supervision.
    - High School counselors are writing college recommendations.
    - College and Career night was successful.
    - There was a joint meeting with counselors and psychologist training for crisis response.
  5. District English Learners Advisory Council (DELAC) – Claudia Mantilla
    - The first DELAC meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Conference Room B2. DELAC meeting dates may be found on the District website.
  6. Gifted and Talented Education District Advisory Council (GATEDAC) - Subha Tholudur
    - Friday Fun Day was successful and a second session has been arranged, Terrific Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at University Center 4:30-5:30 p.m.
    - The next Friday Fun Day will be on October 27, 2017 at University Center 4:30-5:30 p.m.
    - GATE DAC meeting will be on October 20, 2017 at University Center 9:00 a.m.
  7. Conejo Library Committee – Joo Cho
    - September’s Library Card Sign up month was a success.
    - Teen Read Week is October 8-14.
    - Homework Help & Tutoring Center at the Newbury Park Library is now open.
    - On October 27, 2017, the Library will be participating in Wildwood Elementary Schools Fall Festival.
    - Newbury Park Library will be celebrating Dia de los Muertos on October 28, 2017, 2:00-8:00 p.m.
    - This year’s Thousand Oaks Reads selection is *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. An Author Talk will take place on October 29, 2017 at the Fred Kavli Theater.
    - eLibrary is one of the most comprehensive collections of supplemental digital content for public libraries and K12 schools.

8. Measure I Bond Citizens Oversight Committee – Marshall Denninger, Bill Gorback
  - The original plan was each summer, to work on projects agreed upon at each school site. This last summer the focus was on getting Conejo Valley High School completed to open on time.
  - A new easy to read accounting and expense sheet is being worked on to be presented to the Board this winter.
9. Neighborhood for Learning (NFL) – Amie Mills, Director
  - All NFL teachers use a tool called Desired Results. This is an assessment that teachers do for each child at 6 weeks and 6 months. There will be Parent Workshops to educate parents about the Desired Results tool and what it will look like for their student and what the teachers look for. The tool looks at how the student is progressing developmentally in different areas.
  - Parents will be filling out an Ages and Stages questionnaire about their student and how they think their student is progressing developmentally.
10. Unified Association of Conejo Teachers (UACT) – Randy Smith
  - Teachers sent a message thanking the PTA for all they do. The time they put into the PTA is vital to the schools.
11. Homework Committee – Cindy Mayling
  - No report

## 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.)*

- A public speaker stated that DAC would be changing because the law changed six years ago. She also expressed concerns about the sexual content in some of the core literature books and she read excerpts from *Bluest Eyes* and *Snow Falling on Cedars* that were about incest. She encouraged everyone to watch the Board Meetings and be informed about what is going on in the schools.

### 2. DAC Chairperson

- Welcomed all DAC Representatives and School Site Council Representatives.
- Agreed with the public speaker that we should watch the School Board meetings so you can make your own informed decision, but disagreed with a previous speaker regarding DAC being out of compliance. Attorneys have advised CVUSD that DAC in its current form is in compliance.

### 3. DAC Members

- Conejo Elementary has three programs on its campus: a County program for kids with severe disabilities, a neighborhood school, and a Magnet school. On November 14, 2017 at 8:30 a.m., OCLM will have an Open House where you will be observing the classrooms.
- A DAC member commented on OCLM's amazing program.

#### A. Site Concerns and Successes

- No reports

A. CVUSD Deputy Superintendent, Instructional Services / State & Federal Program Coordinator

- Thanked everyone for coming to the DAC meetings and supporting their school. The more you know the better you can serve your kids. The more your kids see your involvement the more they will be involved.
- The Core Literature Committee is working on the Core Literature policy and administrative regulation language.
- CAASSP individual student's cores and school scores have been out for a while. The county and state comparisons were delayed.
- There were concerns that students are being charged for Core Literature books. That is not correct. Core literature books are checked out like all textbooks. Parent groups may have fundraisers selling the books (optional) so students can have their own book to mark in.

II. Action Items – General

*(Each item requires a motion for approval)*

- None

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. Susan Hanscom moved to approve the September 12, 2017 Minutes. All in favor.

IV. Information/Discussion Items

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

A. Board of Education Welcome – Mike Dunn, President

- The Board appreciates parent involvement. Actively involved parents help make a great school district.
- Since the last board election I am pleased with what has happened in the district, we are coming together, morale has improved, and we have accomplished a great deal. I am most pleased about the appointment of Interim Superintendent Dr. Mark McLaughlin.
- Thanks to Victor Hayek, the relocation of Conejo Valley High School has come in on time, on schedule, and 1.3 million dollars under budget.

B. Bylaws Update/Discussion – Rocky Capobianco, Parliamentarian

- A public speaker stated that the DAC Bylaws are out of compliance and suggested that DAC be dis-established and reformed as a subcommittee.
- Rocky Capobianco passed out copies of the DAC Bylaws with highlights that showed changes that will be voted on next month.

C. DAC/SSC Roles and Best Practices – Panel Discussion – Robert Iezza, Deputy Superintendent; Dena Sellers, Principal Lang Ranch; Jason Klinger, Principal LCMS; Joo Cho, Susan Hanscom

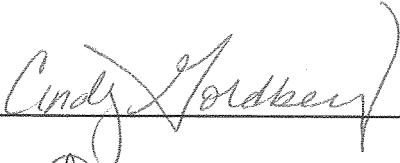
- A public speaker stated that DAC is not following state law. Best practice would be DAC dis-established, and the bylaws that are being worked can be used for the new group.
- An overview of the roles of DAC and School Site Council was given.


D. TOPD and Relationship to CVUSD – Tim Hagel, Chief of Police

- Chief Hagel gave an update on what is going on in the Conejo Valley regarding sexual assaults, Next Door, and Opioid use.

**V. Adjournment – General Meeting Session**

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 p.m.

11/29/17   
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Cindy Goldberg, Chairperson

11/29/2017   
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Robert Iezza, Deputy Superintendent  
Instructional Services  
Proxy :  
Juan Santos, Direct  
Student Support Services