

Conejo Valley Unified School District
District Advisory Council Agenda
Tuesday, November 14, 2017

I. General Meeting Session

A. Call the meeting to order

Cindy Goldberg called the meeting to order at 9:04 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)	Alexandra Kitchell (NPHS/Member-at-Large)
Lindsey Choudhry (Aspen)	Jennifer Rice (Redwood)
Ann Maree Paglia (Banyan)	Silas Nesheiwat (TOHS)
Alysia Flamer (Colina / Member-at-Large)	Shannon Prachyl (Walnut)
Liz Beaven (Conejo / OCLM)	Jennifer Sewell (Westlake Elem)
Estelle Cervantes (Conejo Valley)	Karen Magon (WHS)
Eilene Green (Conejo Valley Adult Ed)	Heather Skelly (Westlake Hills)
Heather O'Connor (Cypress)	Kayce Daniels (Wildwood)
Elizabeth Allen (EARTHHS)	Joo Cho (Member-at-Large/ Sequoia)
Lidia Zesati-Quezada (Glenwood)	Robyn Schwartz (Member-at-Large)
Jennifer Joseph (Lang Ranch)	Cindy Goldberg (Chairperson)
Kim Merjan (Los Cerritos)	Susan Hanscom (Vice-Chairperson)
Jean Bridges (Madrona/Member-at-Large)	Cindy Mayling (Secretary)
Josh Evans (Maple)	Rocky Capobianco (Parliamentarian/Century)

D. Approval of Agenda

Joo Cho moved to approve the Agenda. All in favor.

E. Reports from DAC Representatives

1. Board of Education Meeting Update – Cindy Goldberg

- At the October 17, 2017 board meeting, public speakers spoke on the topic of literature and content being taught and discussed in our public schools.
- Public speakers addressed the possible kidnapping attempt and suggested that volunteers or the Marine recruiters run with the cross-country teams.
- The fee for outdoor school was set at \$250. That is a \$25 increase from last year. Scholarships are available.
- CTE Advisory Committee was approved with the understanding another parent will be added to the committee.
- Psychology Awareness week, November 13-17, 2017.
- At the November 7, 2017 board meeting, student reporters were the highlight of the meeting.
- Dr. Hayek gave a Measure I update. All technology items provided by Measure I funds will have a sticker on them indicating they were purchased with Measure I funds.

- Superintendent's Committee was tasked with creating a policy around the long-standing practice of teachers honoring parental request regarding alternative assessments for English assignments that are not in line with their family's personal beliefs. Mrs. Phelps believed the committee created a workable policy, but Mrs. Everett expressed disappointment with the committee's draft and wrote her own policy. It was asked that both policies be on the agenda, but only Mrs. Everett's policy was on the agenda. The policy will be voted on at the November 14, 2017 Board Meeting.
 - 2. Budget Committee – Rocky Capobianco, Tammy Adams
 - No report
 - 3. Family Life Committee – Cindy Mayling
 - No Report
 - 4. School Choice Committee – Rocky Capobianco
 - School Choice committee has completed their assignment. School Choice will begin February 2018 and the deadline is March 1, 2018.
 - 5. Technology – Joo Cho
 - No Report
 - 6. Legislative Report – Liz Beaven
 - A handout was passed out with important year-end dates.
 - New California law taking effect on January 1, 2018
 - AB 841, Chapter 843 – Prohibits schools from advertising foods or beverages during the school day that do not meet established nutritional standards.
 - SB 344, Chapter 461 – Amends time the County Board of Education has to approve inter district transfers.
 - 7. Wellness Committee – Tammy Adams
 - At the last Wellness Committee meeting, the discussion was focused on each school site creating a Wellness Core. It is a mandated unpaid position that must be led by school personnel, but the group can have parents on the team. They will begin to meet in January.
- F. Reports from Support Organizations
1. California School Employees Association (CSEA) –TBD
 - No Report
 2. Conejo Council of PTA's (CCPTA) – Paula Nathan
 - PTA is close to 6,500 members already this year and on track to surpass last year's number.
 - Each PTA school that we oversee turned in entries to the Conejo Council PTA for the National PTA art program. This year's theme was "Within Reach". On November 29, 2017, we will be celebrating the students moving on to the 12th district PTA at our Reflections gallery.
 - The PTA would like to proclaim the utmost support for the teachers in our community and beyond. We cannot express our thanks for what you do for our children.
 - The mission of the PTA is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.
 - PTA follows and takes positions on educational legislation that is happening both in our state and on the national front. If you would be interested in which

position the California PTA has taken on state bills, please visit the CAPTA website.

3. Conejo Schools Foundation (CSF) – Cindy Goldberg

- Conejo Elementary Goes to City Hall – this was a pilot partnership with the City of Thousand Oaks. Conejo Elementary 5th grade students participated in a mock City Council meeting. The students were public speakers, and city council members.
- Parent Education Workshops series in conjunction with the BreakThrough Program continues with Parenting with Humor presented by Dr. Terry Paulson. November 8, 2017 for the Elementary and November 30, 2017 for Secondary. Both workshops begin at 7:00 PM in the Horizon Hills Multi-Purpose Room. <http://www.conejoschools.org/events/parent-workshops>
- TOARTS is recognizing individuals and groups who make significant and lasting impacts on the Arts in the Conejo Valley with their Mayoral Award. The All District Music Festival was just given the inaugural Mayoral Award for Excellence in the Arts at the recent TOARTS Awards Ceremony. Terry McCallum was specifically recognized as the man behind the extravaganza.
- Amgen donated 15 bicycles to the Conejo Schools Foundation for their Cycles for Success initiative. The Cycles for Success program is another multi-organization partnership providing bicycles for students who do not have access to school transportation or the financial means for public or private transportation.
- Cash4Conejo Classrooms is getting ready for round one.

4. Conejo Valley Pupil Personnel Association (CVPPA) – Susan Wilson

- Several Counselors attended conference at VCOE focusing on the needs of foster, homeless and LGBTQ youths.
- High School counselors are writing letters of recommendation and secondary school reports for students wanting to go to college.
- Approximately 10 students were given bicycles to help with transportation to school. Counselors and psychologist gave names to the Teen Center in conjunction with Amgen, Mike's Bicycles, and Conejo Schools Foundation.
- Middle school students went to elementary schools to help facilitate their 5th grade STAND PROUD programs.
- High school students are applying for outdoor schools to be counselors.
- Yoga enrichment at Sequoia Middle School taught by counselor for multi-tiered support system. Tutoring two times a week at lunch facilitated by counselors with student volunteers to serve as peer tutors.
- Counselors are drafting an elementary wide kindness curriculum focused on anti-bullying prevention. Monthly counseling newsletters started this year focusing on topics such as anxiety, self-esteem, growth mindset, and good sportsmanship.
- The holidays can be a difficult time for many students. Counselors and Psychologist are on high alert watching for any signs of depression, extra anxiety and other issues. Please let counselors and teachers know if you hear anything concerning. No one wants anyone to fall through the cracks.

5. District English Learners Advisory Council (DELAC) – Claudia Mantilla

- Dr. Martinez explained many areas of the English Learner program. She noted that if a parent indicates a language other than English on the Student's original registration form, then according to State law, that student must be tested and possibly be classified as an English learner.
 - The State has prepared a new English Language test for students. The CELDT test will be replaced with the ELPAC test this spring.
 - Daryl Miller gave a presentation on the Rosetta Stone program and how it helps the English Learners.
 - The next DELAC meeting is January 16, 2018.
6. Gifted and Talented Education District Advisory Council (GATEDAC) Subha Tholudur
- The October 27, 2017 GATE middle school event had 27 students attend. Enrollment was low due to Harvest/Fall festivals at the schools.
 - Events are open to GATE students first, but all are welcomed if the event is not full.
 - The next GATE meeting is Friday, November 17, 2017 from 9:00-1:00 a.m. Alan Nelson will speak from 11:00-12:00 on helping children reach their leadership potential.
 - November 16, 2017 – Elementary GATE Event at Sequoia Middle School at 4p.m.
 - November 17, 2017 – Middle School GATE Event at University Center at 4 p.m. There are still opening.
7. Conejo Library Committee – Joo Cho
- Fall session of Read TO Succeed is underway. Teachers referred sixteen 2nd and 3rd grade students who are reading below grade level this literacy program where the students receive one-on-one tutoring from Moorpark College students. Spanish speaking parents are able to attend English conversation classes while they wait for their student.
 - Homework Help Center at the Newbury Park Library is off to a great start. Monday – Wednesday 3:30-5:00p.m. students in grades K-8 can get help from high school students and adult volunteers.
 - We hosted Lang Ranch Elementary for Library Night and attended Wildwood Elementary's Fall Festival. Newbury Park Library welcomed 136 6th grade Discover Academy students over 4 days. Students came to the Library before we opened to learn about our services, our electronic resources, and a brief introduction on how to do research.
 - Such outreach efforts are in line with the Student Success Initiative Project, for which the Library has been selected as a pilot library. This is an exciting project, working to build a stronger relationship with CVUSD.
 - Thousand Oaks Library Teen Advisory League (TOTAL) summer teen volunteers were invited to become members. They provide input regarding teen and youth services at the library.
 - We celebrated International Games Week and Dia de los Muertos and ended the 11th One City One Book program with author, Paulette Jiles at the Kavli Theatre.
 - Teen Read Week was celebrated with a "6 Word Story" contest. Middle school entries are on display at the Newbury Park Library and high school entries at the

Thousand Oaks Library. Thanks to the support of English teachers, we had over 300 entries.

- Fall Craft event for school age kids will be Saturday, November 18, 2017, 2-3 p.m. at the Thousand Oaks Library.
- Kanopy.com is an on-demand video streaming service that you can get free with your library card. It has unique collections of films, including award-winning documentaries, training films, and theatrical releases, on every topic imaginable.

8. Measure I Bond Citizens Oversight Committee – Marshall Denninger

- No Report

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

- No Report

10. Unified Association of Conejo Teachers (UACT) – Randy Smith

- At the request of UACT and the District, the Superintendent’s Core Literature Committee, Dr. McLaughlin, a community member, and myself met yesterday with the Ad Hoc Committee of Mrs. Everett and Mrs. Phelps to discuss the policy being brought forward for a vote at tonight’s board meeting. The committee’s primary goal was to explain our objections to specific items in Mrs. Everett’s policy. The committee clarified and amended language that is more conducive to classroom instruction. We are confident that it is a policy that we will be able to work with.
- UACT is greatly frustrated with the atmosphere that this controversy has created within our district and community. We recognize that there are people who have been involved in this directly and indirectly who have contributed to the scandalous nature of the issue and that their contribution has been that of political motivation more than being motivated for what is in the best interest of the students and the classroom. Our struggle in this issue has been with a policy, a process, and much less with regard to individual people. The campaign season for the November 2018 election will start later this school year, and UACT is poised to be all about the people for this election to see to candidates being seated on the board who will bring a return to effective governance, sanity, and ideology in line with the CVUSD and The Conejo Way back to the board. For right now, though, our focus has been on the policy.

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.)

- None

2. DAC Chairperson

- This country has always taken pride in the fact we are a melting pot. We all have our differences and we have woven together to make a strong fabric for our country. As we try to fulfill DAC’s mission to represent our sites and parents

I hope that you will be informed, engaged, and respectful to everyone. We all have a shared goal, the best education for our students. Keeping the main thing the main thing is crucial and the main thing here is to provide a quality education experience for all students. It was disheartening at the last board meeting to watch grown-ups belittle and heckle students who came to the meeting to express their opinions on matters that really affect their lives. Do your own source verification and take the time to read the information yourself. Be informed about the decisions that are being made about our children's future. Please be informed and watch the board meetings. If you have questions about what you hear, ask Bob, your principal, or a member of the DAC exec board for clarification.

3. DAC Members

- A DAC member stated that everyone has a view and everyone has the right to be heard. At the board meetings, there was so much cheering and booing that it created tension and it wasted time, leaving some people not being able to speak due to the time. Please share with your friends not to cheer, boo, call people names, or calling people out by name. Hear people out, everyone has a right to be heard.
- A discussion was had about the behavior at the board meetings and board meeting etiquette.

A. Site Concerns and Successes

- Westlake Hills Elementary – The PFA successfully raised enough money to purchase new ADA compliant playground equipment.
- Maple – Family Code Night will be on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. There will be a demonstration along with students working with parents on coding. December 6-7, 2017 is computer week.
- Thousand Oaks High School – On November 4, 2017 the Lancer Marching Band, under the direction of Marty Martone, brought home the overall high score Sweepstakes Trophy competing against 35 bands at the Hart Rampage at College of Canyons. On November 11, 2017, they finished first place in competitions in both Oxnard and Moorpark. Their combined high scores have earned them the Southern California Band Association #1 rank in Division 5A. They will compete a final time in the So Cal Championships this Saturday at Ramona High School in Riverside where they are scheduled to close out the competition with a headlining performance.
- Westlake High School football won the playoff game against Palos Verdes on November 10, 2017. Their second playoff game will take place at Westlake High School vs Charter Oak High School on November 17, 2017.

4. CVUSD Deputy Superintendent, Instructional Services / State & Federal Program Coordinator (Sub – Dr. Juan Santos)

- Dr. Santos apologized for the unruly behavior at the Board Meetings. We are here to support all students. We cannot control the actions that take place at the meetings, but we can control how we respond. We will continue to do our job to support all kids.

- On the agenda for tonight's Board Meeting is the proposed rate increase for CVUSD's Child Care & Wonder Preschool tuition. It has been over five years since the fees have been increased for childcare.

II. Action Items – General

(Each item requires a motion for approval)

A. Amend Bylaws (vote)

Article II, Article IV, Article V, Article VI, Article VII, and Article VIII (see attached)

Alysia Flamer made a motion to amend the bylaws as submitted.

- A DAC member started a discussion about the amendment in Article II. The amendment helps fulfill an LCAP goal. However, the DAC needs to ensure the parent engagement piece is not a superficial check box. The discussion centered on making the bylaws addition meaningful.

Voted; motion passed with the one DAC member opposed.

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 Hansom moved to approve the October 10, 2017 Minutes with the amendment of the October School Choice report to read, School Choice procedures will be the same as they have been in the past. All in favor.

IV. Information/Discussion Items

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

A. Closing the Achievement Gap – Aileen Wall, Principal, Walnut Elementary

- A presentation was given on the achievement gap and the things Walnut Elementary is doing to close the gap.
- The presentation can be viewed at <http://www.conejousd.org/Parents/District-Advisory-Council-DAC>

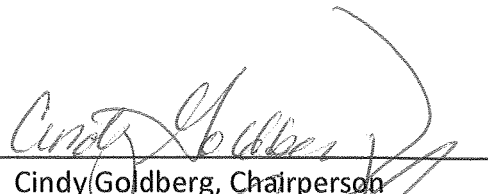
B. CAASPP – Jennifer Boone, Director, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

- CAASPP test scores reviewed.

a. Adjournment – General Meeting Session

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

12/12/17
Date


Cindy Goldberg, Chairperson

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Lou Lichtl, Assistant Superintendent