

Conejo Valley Unified School District
District Advisory Council Agenda
Tuesday, September 12, 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)	Sue Tholudur (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)
Estelle Cervantes (Conejo Valley)	Heather Skelly (Westlake Hills)
Eilene Green (Conejo Valley Adult Ed)	Kayce Daniels (Wildwood)
Heather O'Connor (Cypress)	Jean Bridges (Member-at-Large/MAD)
Bonnie Pincus (Ladera)	Robin Bromberg (Member-at-Large)
Jennifer Joseph (Lang Ranch)	Joo Cho (Member-at-Large)
Dina Langhorne (Los Cerritos)	Robyn Schwartz (Member-at-Large)
Jean Bridges (Madrona)	Cindy Goldberg (Chairperson)
Josh Evans (Maple)	Susan Hanscom (Vice-Chairperson)
Alexandra Kitchell (NPHS/Member-at-Large)	Cindy Mayling (Secretary)
Greg Saltzberg (Redwood)	Rocky Capobianco (Parliamentarian/Century)

D. Approval of Agenda

Susan Hanscom moved to approve the Agenda. All in favor.

E. Reports from DAC Representatives

1. Board of Education Meeting Update – Cindy Goldberg

- At the June 6, 2017 Board Meeting, student reporters recognized Valedictorians and Marmonte League Champions from Newbury Park High and Thousand Oaks High.
- Susan Hanscom was recognized for her service.
- An update on the relocation of Conejo Valley High School to the District Office was given.
- Collective bargaining agreement was ratified with a retroactive 1% raise to July 2016 and a 3% raise as of July 1, 2017. The cost is 4 million over 2 years.
- Leah Oviedo of Walnut Elementary was chosen as CVUSD's Teacher of the Year and the 2017 Ventura County Teacher of the Year.
- The Board announced Hallie Chambers as Principal of Sequoia Middle School.
- At the June 20, 2017, Board meeting, the Board announced Mark McLaughlin as the Interim Superintendent.

- Groundbreaking for Conejo Valley High School was held on June 20, 2017.
 - Victor Hayek gave a budget report.
 - At the June 27, 2017 Board meeting, there were many public speakers expressing opinions on the Core Literature list of approved titles.
 - Mark McLaughlin thanked CVUSD staff and Conejo Schools Foundation for the Summer School Program.
 - Amy Simmons-Folkes was announced as the Principal of Madrona Elementary.
 - At the August 15, 2017 Board meeting, Dr. Boone gave a presentation on the new curriculum adoption process for Board approval. She noted there is a difference between legal requirements and CVUSD practice regarding potential opting-out of required assignments. Law dictates that parents can opt-out for 3 reasons: Sexual Education, HIV/AIDS Education, and Health Surveys. The Conejo Way practice is that parents sign a syllabus at the beginning of the year approving the syllabus or asking for alternative assignment.
 - The Board approved an amendment to the Azusa Pacifica University program agreement to include mental health students.
 - Board approved new core literature titles: *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* and *The Wild Truth*.
 - At the September 5, 2017 Board meeting, a speaker requested our School Board and District make a proclamation stating their firm resolve to protect and defend the safety of all students.
 - Many speakers spoke on the approval process of the Core Literature.
 - The meeting was comprised largely of voting on updated language for Board Policies and Administrative Regulations. All passed.
 - The Board approved new and returning members to the Measure I Oversight Committee. Marshall Denninger continues to represent PTA/parents, Tony Gitt represents the Senior Citizens' organizations, and Angie Simpson represents the business organizations.
2. Budget Committee – Rocky Capobianco
 - No report
 3. Family Life Committee – Cindy Mayling
 - No report
 4. School Choice Committee – Rocky Capobianco
 - First meeting is September 21, 2017
 5. Technology – Joo Cho
 - No report
 6. Legislative Report – Liz Beaven
 - A handout was passed around with the state committee and legislative members.
 - The Education Committee meets every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.
 - Senate Bill 544 – Existing law requires school districts to select the least expensive contract. This bill would allow the contract be awarded to the most responsive and responsible party, and would require price to be the primary consideration, but not the only determining factor.
 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

- Conejo Council PTA (established 1965) sends a representative, usually the president, to our Unit President Meeting each month. At this meeting, we share important information, have speakers, and vote on the business of the Conejo Council PTA. We oversee the PTA units in the CVUSD and Oak Park school districts. All PTA units turn in paperwork and membership funds to us and we pass this up through channels. PTA's report to councils, councils report to districts, districts report to state and state to national. We keep track of units to make sure that they are turning in required paperwork to protect their non-profit status. We provide training at each level to ensure that our units know what they are doing so they can most effectively serve their schools.
- PTA is a very connected organization of advocacy. PTA's are not fundraising organizations, although most do fundraising in order to provide the excellent programs and support to their schools. PTA has always been and always will be an advocacy organization for child welfare. PTA was the first group to fight for hot school lunches for our nation's youth.

3. Conejo Schools Foundation (CSF) – Cindy Goldberg

- GetAhead Program served 900 students this summer. We also awarded over 100 scholarships. Special thanks to Lou Lichtl. He has served as our principal for a long time and has helped grow this program, fostering new approaches and collaborative learning. Some of what we do during GetAhead Program translates to our comprehensive high schools during the school year – our teachers have reported that the Professional Development we do around Performance Tasks and new approaches to material have helped them and their colleagues. That comes from a great leader, and great educators. I would also like to thank Ashley Cooper for her tireless devotion to our Health Class and serving as a mentor to our OL teachers. She has put together a great program for our students. Los Robles Medical Center brought their EMTs and taught all GetAhead Program Health students the latest hands-only CPR. The presentations were powerful as they brought a survivor to talk about their experience.
- Annual State of the Schools – October 11, 2017 at CLU Lundryng Center at 7:30 AM, everyone is invited. RSVP on our website www.conejoschools.org. We are grateful to our partners in this event: CVUSD, CLU, The Greater Conejo Chamber of Commerce, Corwin, Mustang Marketing, as well as our returning sponsors: AAUW, Boys and Girls Clubs of Conejo and LV, Sports Academy, UCLA Health, The Oaks, CYBA, White House Properties/Sue Wells and our new sponsors, Gelson's, Los Robles Medical Center and most specially, UACT.
- Cash4Conejo Classrooms are taking grant applications. We typically award the first round towards the end of October.
- Conejo Schools Foundation was recognized as 2017 California Non-Profit of the Year. Senator Stern recognized CSF for the work they do with Ana Alvarez's Parents Make a Difference Program as well as the other support they provide for CVUSD students, faculty, staff, and families.
- BreakThrough in partnership with the Conejo Schools Foundation will be hosting Parent Workshop and Education Series each month at Horizon Hills Multipurpose Room from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Elementary – The Resilient Child, October 12, 2017. Secondary – The Resilient Teen, October 26, 2017.

Information can be found at <http://www.conejoschools.org/events/parent-workshops>.

4. Conejo Valley Pupil Personnel Association (CVPPA) – Susan Wilson
 - All sites are busy testing students and counselors are scheduling student visits.
 - High Schools are starting the college application process.
 - Psychologist and counselors at all levels are working with students with anxiety issues.
 - Psychology Interns from California Lutheran University are working with the general population students that need help with anxiety.
 - College and Career Fair will be at Newbury Park High School on September 27, 2017. There will be breakout workshops on saving for college and CTE Education Programs. Food Trucks will be there as a fundraiser for Newbury Park High School Scholarship Foundation.
5. District English Learners Advisory Council (DELAC) – Claudia Mantilla, Lilian Mendoza
 - No report
6. Gifted and Talented Education District Advisory Council (GATEDAC) Subha Tholudur
 - Meetings are the second Friday of each month. First meeting is September 15, 2017.
 - Odyssey of the Mind parent information night is September 26, 2017 at Sequoia Middle School from 7:00-8:00 PM.
 - Monthly GATE Activities for GATE students will be held in the CVUSD Board Room from 4:00-5:30 p.m. September 29, 2017 activities will be Math Dice Competition.
7. Conejo Library Committee – Joo Cho
 - Summer Reading Club 2017 was very successful. The grand prizewinners and the bookmark contest winners will be announced soon.
 - September 2017 marks the 30th anniversary of Library Card Sign-up Month.
 - On August 22, we participated in the Glenwood Back to School Night. We showcased our many services and answered general questions about the library and passed out library cards to anyone who was interested.
 - The Library attended 8 different elementary school Back to School Nights last week and will be at Sequoia's Back to School Night on September 14, 2017.
 - We are striving to increase cooperation and coordination with CVUSD in order to provide relevant and timely support to students, teachers, and staff. This year, the Newbury Park Library has textbooks for middle school in all core subjects, in all levels. The textbooks are available at the Reference Desk and for use inside the library with a student ID.
 - Newbury Park Library will be opening a Homework and Tutoring Center beginning October 2017 for grades K-8. It will be a drop in program on Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
 - Banned Books Week 9/21-9/30.
 - Explore the electronic resources available through the library. These high quality databases and services are available to you inside the library or from home with an internet connection and your library card. Services such as live homework help, test preparation courses, language learning, and full-text journal and magazine articles.
8. Measure I Bond Citizens Oversight Committee – Marshall Denninger, Bill Gorback
 - The Measure I Citizens Oversight Committee's key work is to look at the expenses and make sure they are within the guidelines set forth in the Bond.

9. Neighborhood for Learning (NFL) – Amie Mills, Director
 - There are four preschool sites in the district. City Center is the only summer preschool program.
 - ‘Wild about NFL’ is the theme for the year.
 - August 18, 2017 was the first all staff meeting. The focus of staff development was science.
 - Back to School nights give parents a look at what a day at preschool looks like.
10. Unified Association of Conejo Teachers (UACT) – Randy Smith
 - UACT is the bargaining unit for all teachers, nurses, and speech pathologist within CVUSD.
 - All teachers, nurses, and speech pathologists are back to work. Getting classrooms ready, preparing for Back to School Night, and learning new curriculum.
 - www.conejoteachers.com
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 thanked the DAC committee for the work they do.

2. DAC Chairperson

- Cindy thanked everyone for being at the DAC meeting.
- DAC is one of the most important parent meetings you can attend to share ideas, best practices and get information about schools and the things going on in the District.
- The power of this room is all of you and your individual experiences and talents. I hope that everyone will be respectful of each other’s ideas.

3. DAC Members

- A DAC member stated that at Wildwood Back to School Night parents were told that students no longer need to be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. They felt this could spread more illnesses. Mr. Iezza stated that it is a state guideline and not all fevers are contagious illnesses.
- An update of last year’s DAC Legislative Report was given. Jacob Cherry is passionate about politics, living 2 miles from the White House, and has a paid internship with the National Resource Defense Council Action Fund doing political research.
- Westlake Hill Elementary has student desks that are not being used at the school site and there is a lack of storage for them at the site.
- It was asked if there are parameters for teachers/coaches to follow on the hot and humid days regarding outside activities, not just bringing the students into the hot gym to do exercises.
- Parents, educators, teachers and administrators need to be reminded of the CVUSD’s dress code.

A. Site Concerns and Successes

- None

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

- Mr. Iezza welcomed everyone.
- June of 2017 all District office employees have moved their offices or work space at least once. They are the ones working behind the scenes every day to support the staff at the schools. They are the unsung heroes of the district.
- California Department of Education has done a huge reorganization and they have not been timely in getting the CAASP scores to the schools, district, county or state. The scores should be out around September 18, 2017. Individual scores have been sent out. Dr. Boone will do a Board presentation in October or November with the district scores.
- The State DASHBOARD is scheduled to be out in late November 2017.

II. Action Items – General

(Each item requires a motion for approval)

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. Rocky Capobianco moved to approve the April 18, 2017 Minutes and the May 9, 2017 Minutes. All in favor.

IV. Information/Discussion Items

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

A. Thousand Oaks Library Presentation - Charlotte Burrows, Children's and Youth Services Supervisor

- A presentation of services that are offered at the Thousand Oaks and Newbury Park Libraries was given.
- Presentation can be viewed at www.conejousd.org/Parents/District-Advisory-Council-DAC

B. CVUSD Updates – Dr. Mark McLaughlin, Interim Superintendent

- Dr. McLaughlin gave an overview of his 30, 60, and 90-day plan for CVUSD as well as his vision for CVUSD moving forward. He reviewed the student enrollment numbers for 2017-2018 school year.

C. Summer Projects Updates – Victor Hayek, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

- Dr. Hayek gave an update on the Conejo Valley High School move and the work that has been done over the summer at school sites. A masterplan for school site upgrades is continuing to be worked on.

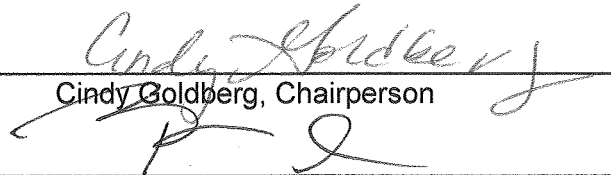
V. Adjournment – General Meeting Session

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Date

10/10/17

Cindy Goldberg, Chairperson



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Robert Iezza, Deputy Superintendent
Instructional Services