



CVUSD

CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEETING OF THE DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DAC)

AGENDA

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2017
3:30 pm HOMEWORK COMMITTEE**

**CVUSD Conference Room A
1400 E. Janss Road
Thousand Oaks**

DAC HOMEWORK COMMITTEE

**Cindy Mayling, Chairperson
Randy Smith, UACT President
Jason Branham, Principal, WHS
Gregory Coull, Assistant Principal, RED
Dena Sellers, Principal, Lang Ranch
TBD, High School Teacher
Teresa Coffman, Colina Teacher
Karen Henige, Wildwood Teacher
Rick Wells, Weathersfield Teacher
Cindy Goldberg, Conejo Schools Foundation
Susan Hanscom, DAC Chairperson
Vaishali Bhargava
Stephanie Farris
Silas Nesheiwat
Alysia Flamer**

ADMINISTRATION

**Robert Iezza, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction,
State and Federal Program Coordinator
Andi Barmasse, Administrative Assistant
Sandy Hollister, Senior Clerk**

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If you wish to register your opinion on a topic but not speak, then please fill out a public written statement form (yellow) and hand it to the secretary. District Advisory Council Executive Board members will review these forms following the General Meeting.

Your input is greatly appreciated.

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DAC) HOMEWORK COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

3:30 pm

AGENDAS ARE POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS

CVUSD District Office, 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362 and District Advisory Council (DAC) webpage: [http://www.conejousd.org/Parents/DistrictAdvisoryCouncil\(DAC\).aspx](http://www.conejousd.org/Parents/DistrictAdvisoryCouncil(DAC).aspx) serve as the main posting location pursuant to the Brown Act, Government Code 54954.2(a)

Additional locations

Newbury Park High School, 456 Reino Road, Newbury Park, CA 91320
Thousand Oaks High School, 2323 Moorpark Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
Westlake High School, 100 N. Lakeview Canyon Road, Westlake Village, CA 91362
CVUSD Grounds and Mechanics Office, 750 Mitchell Road, Newbury Park, CA 91320

Conejo Valley Unified School District
District Advisory Council Homework Committee Agenda
Wednesday, January 25, 2017

Conference Room A – 3:30 pm

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm *Times are approximate*

I. Homework Committee Meeting Session

- A. Call the Meeting to Order and Roll Call
- B. Welcome and Introductions
- C. Approval of Agenda
- D. Review meeting notes from 1/11/17 meeting
- E. Comments
 - Public
 - Chairperson
 - Members
- F. Discussion of Board Policy “Responsibilities” section
- G. Discussion of “Use of Homework for Grading” section
- H. Agenda topics for next meeting

II. Action Items - General

(Each item requires a motion for approval)

- A. None

III. Adjournment – Homework Committee Meeting Session

Tentative – Pending approval at the January 25, 2017 DAC Homework Committee meeting
Conejo Valley Unified School District

**District Advisory Council
Homework Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 11, 2017**

Minutes

I. General Meeting Session

- A. Call the Meeting to Order
Cindy Mayling called the meeting to order at 3:37 pm.

B. Welcome and Introduction

In attendance:

Cindy Mayling, DAC/parent LRE and LCR
Cindy Goldberg, DAC/parent TOHS
Susan Hanscom, DAC/parent LCR
Jason Branham, Principal, WHS
Greg Coull, AP RED
Dena Sellers, Principal, LRE
Silas Nesheiwat, parent RED, TOHS
Stephanie Farris, parent NPHS
Alysia Flamer, parent COL
Vaishali Bhargava, parent LCR, WHS
Rick Wells, Teacher, WFL
Teresa Coffman, Teacher, COL
Karen Henige, Teacher WWD

C. Approval of Agenda

Jason Branham moved to approve the Agenda and Silas Nesheiwat seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Review of meeting notes from 11/2/16 meeting

E. Comments

- Public – None
- Chairperson/Members
CM

The purpose of this meeting to move forward from the prior meetings and review and update as needed the current CVUDS Homework Policy to present to the school board. I believe in the value of quality homework. There is a breakeven point where it takes over family time. How much is too much? The current guidelines are reasonable at the elementary level, but get blurry at the secondary levels. I encourage the parents in the is meeting to sit back and listen to the teachers and administrators. Let's stay focused. Our end goal is to make a recommendation to the school board regarding the current policy and any changes we would like to recommend.

JB

Just a suggestion to please make comments as we are going through the policy at the time of review. Otherwise it is difficult to go back through it once we have moved on.

F. Discussion of CVUSD Policy

G. Review of surrounding districts' guidelines.

Gave a brief overview of surrounding districts' policies. Was suggested to go through them in more detail as we review the individual parts of our own policy.

~ CVUSD Policy/Definition

Is studying a part of homework? Is reading a part of homework? All of it still takes up time after school. Was discussed and concluded that it does affect family time in the end but is not a part of the true definition of homework.

A question was raised: Is homework assigned by the teachers in order for them to be able to get through the material for the year? Teachers replied that yes in most cases that is true. It is also needed to reinforce the work that is being done in class.

The key is to have homework that has an impact on the subject matter and not assign busy work. It's not always about the length. It should be an extension of the classroom. It's important to make the distinction between completion vs. accuracy as well.

Looked at the current definition and came up with this as the new definition:

Homework is study or work assigned for completion outside the classroom that engages students in valuable activities independently and collaboratively to practice, reinforce, and extend learning.

~ Philosophy

The current philosophy was agreed upon to remain the same with the exception of the word "current."

The Board of Education acknowledges the importance of research in developing and implementing homework policies and guidelines that will maximize the effectiveness of homework as a strategy for improving student success.

The overall effectiveness of homework in achieving improved student success is dependent on many variables including the purpose, type and quantity of homework assigned, the grade level of the student, as well as the role played by teachers, students, and parents in the design, completion, evaluation, and grading of homework.

~ Purpose

Committee went through the purpose and decided that the current purpose is too lengthy and wanted to model it after a surrounding schools purpose. The new purpose will be defined as:

The Board of Education recognizes that homework has different purposes at different grade levels. Homework should be designed to:

- **Reinforce, apply, and integrate concepts introduced in class**
- **Strengthen the connection between home and school**
- **Help students prepare for subsequent learning**
- **Establish study skills and work habits**
- **Help students learn to employ time management strategies**

Tentative – Pending approval at the January 25, 2017 DAC Homework Committee meeting

At the next meeting we will discuss the Responsibilities portion and revisit the guidelines at the following meeting. Everyone is encouraged to do their “homework” and read and take notes on the Responsibilities section.

II. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:01pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 25th, 2017 at 3:30pm

Date

Cindy Mayling, Chairperson