

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

I. General Meeting Session

A. Call the meeting to Order

Alysia Flamer called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Alysia Flamer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Announcements, Procedures and Roll Call

Alysia Flamer made announcements and read the procedures.

Roll Call –Roll call was taken of DAC members.

Heather Spohr (Aspen)	Cindy Mayling (Chairperson)
Michelle Garcia (OCLM/Conejo)	Alysia Flamer (Vice Chairperson)
Liz Allen (EARTHS)	Alexandra Kitchell (Secretary)
Rachel Brusseau (Glenwood)	Susan Hanscom (Parliamentarian)
Mike Moore (Ladera STARS)	Liz Beaven (Member-at-Large/COL)
Jennifer Joseph (Lang Ranch)	Rocky Capobianco (Member-at-Large/CAS)
Dina Langhorne (Los Cerritos)	Jon Power (Member-at-Large/SCS)
Lee Ann Holland (Maple)	Heather Skelly (Member-at-Large)
Joo Cho (NPHS)	Subha Tholudur (GATEDAC)
Jennifer Rice (Redwood)	Cindy Liu (SEDAC)
Jill Frazier (Sequoia)	Claudia Mantilla/Alma G Molina (DELAC)
Susan Schulte (TOHS)	
Jane Haseldine (Weathersfield)	
Shana (Westlake Elem)	
Karen Sylvester (WHS)	
Alison Brandon (Westlake Hills)	
Kayce Daniels (Wildwood)	

D. Approval of Agenda

Rocky Capobianco moved to approve the agenda with amendment that TBD be changed to Cindy Mayling under DAC Chairperson. Susan Hanscom seconded.

E. Reports from DAC Representatives

1. Board of Education Meeting Update – Alysia Flamer reporting on behalf of Cindy Mayling

- At the Board meeting that was held on January 22, there were team acknowledgments of Fall Marmonte League Champions from NPHS and WHS. Dr. Hayek gave recognition to the Planning, and Maintenance and Operations staff members for all their fire recovery efforts, acknowledging their sacrifices and team efforts. Conejo Elementary was recognized as a Lighthouse “Leader in Me” school. Public hearing was held on Trustee Area Election Maps.
- At the Board meeting that was held on February 5, Lisa Miller, Assistant Superintendent, Student Support Services presented on McKinney-Vento and

Foster Youth. During public comments, several public speakers requested that CVUSD follow the lead of Oak Park USD and offer gender diversity training for teachers and staff. Public Hearing was held on Trustee Area Election Maps. The board will vote on the maps on February 19. CLU Teaching Internship Program was approved. Maintenance and Operations update provided by Dr. Hayek. Update to Board Policy regarding immigration enforcement was discussed. Detailed updates from the January 22 and February 5th School Board Meeting can be viewed on video at: <http://conejovalleyusdca.swagit.com/board-of-education>.

2. School Choice Committee – Liz Beaven

- In High School, all on-time school choice applicants have been approved and notified, for Middle school on-time applicants will be notified by email on February 20 and elementary on time applicants will be notified by March 15. The lottery process will be computerized and it will be done by random.org. Committee is working on changing the language in the application to make it more inviting. Pre-school program at EARTHS will be closing due to loss of First 5 funding by 2020-2021 School Year. The school choice committee is looking for parents to serve on the committee. If you would like to be part of the committee or have any questions, please contact Mr. Lichtl. The next meeting will be on May 1 at 3:30pm.

3. Budget Committee – Heather Skelly

- The LCAP plan is available on the district website (www.conejousd.org/LCAP). The California Governor has increased COLA from 2.46% to 3.47%, giving an additional 3.5 million dollars to the budget and because of this; no discretionary funds have been allocated to the district. With that in mind, the committee had a discussion on possible cost saving ideas and discussed that parent groups should also be having these discussions as well. The final budget will be approved by June 30. The next meeting will be May 21 at 4:00pm in the DO Boardroom.

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
 - Annual Principals Roundtable was held and DAC Representatives and PFA Members were invited to attend. Mr. Lou Lichtl presented on the Trustee Area Elections and Ms. Lisa Miller presented on the Social-emotional well-being of students. Guest speaker Cindy Liu, SEDAC Chairperson, spoke about Inclusion of students with all types of learning and disabilities. The Cardiac Screening was held at WHS gym. Rocky read a statement from the founder of the Saving Hearts Foundation on the importance of screening and awareness.
3. Conejo Schools Foundation (CSF) – Jon Power
 - Last week the CSF and TO Arts brought the National Geographic Live to CVHS, with speaker Mike Synnott. The speaker series continues with a noted

Egyptologist speaking at Sequoia on February 22 on the topic of “When women ruled the world”. BreakThrough held it workshop “Connecting with Your Children in a Technological World” to a full MPR featuring Lori Woodley. In partnership with the City Clerk's office, CSF helped bring Conejo Elementary 5th graders classes participated in a mock city council meeting. CSF is once again sponsoring Odyssey of the Mind on March 2 at WHS. Tickets are still available for the annual Starlight Soiree on March 9, honoring Terry McCallum and the Kenrose Kitchen Foundation. Tickets may be purchased through the website at www.conejoschool.org.

4. Conejo Valley Pupil Personnel Association (CVPPA) – Katie Berry

- In elementary, there was an optional training for 5th teachers on the Stand Proud Program. Stand Proud field trips are starting with 5th graders from EARTHS going to Valley Trails Ranch in Castaic on Thursday, February 21. Two career assemblies were held at Maple and Glenwood with speakers from Disney Animation Studios. In middle school, Colina finished their College and Career week with speakers from a Video Game Designer and a Police Officer. The ELD students took a trip to Cal State Channel Islands. At Sycamore, Lori Woodley will be training teachers in A Notice to Act Curriculum. All Counselors were on call on Monday.

5. Special Education (SEDAC) – Cindy Liu

- MLK Service day at Acacia provided 170 lunches for people in need in the community. Mr. Lou Lichtl, Dr. Mark McLaughlin, and Ms. Lisa Miller spent time discussing the California Dashboard concerning students with disabilities, and answered questions and addressed concerns. This data is important to discuss because nationally the unemployment rate among people with disabilities is 80%, and it is important to help kids with disabilities get educated and help them maximize their potential. Cindy met with other DAC chairs and had a meeting to discuss that some kids in Special Education have a crossover with EL and GATE, and the commitment was made to meet once a month. Cindy met with Jocelyn Wilson, Coordinator of Child Welfare and Attendance after the McKinney-Vento & Foster Youth Presentation with regards on how to best help 23 students with IEP's and 504's that meet the criteria. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 19 and lots of important information will be presented. Cindy asked for help in spreading the word about SEDAC at school sites.

6. District English Learners Advisory Council (DELAC) – Alma Molina/Claudia Mantilla

- At the February DELAC meeting, Mr. Lou Lichtl, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services provided information on the By-Trustee Area Elections. Dr. Jayna Suter, Coordinator of Instructional Technology and Assessment, explained the “Go Math!” program, which is a supplemental online resource for K-8th grade. Karen O'Mullen, Teacher on Special Assignment, explained the ELPAC (English Language Proficiency Assessment for California) and how it helps measure how well they understand English when English is not their primary language.

7. Gifted and Talented Education District Advisory Council (GATEDAC) – Subha Tholudur
 - GATEDAC is focused on the outside of class activities in order to help students work at their capacity. Ideally, it would be great to see these activities in every classroom. The first high school event is happening on February 25 at NPHS from 4:00pm-5:30pm in the cafeteria. The focus will be on Blockchain, which is a platform used in cryptocurrency and Bitcoin. This is exposure to something that they do not get in the classroom. The hope is that the students will get the foundation to have these activities in the classroom. The sign up went out to all high school GATE students in the District. On March 1 from 4:00pm-5:30pm at the CVUSD Computer Lab, there will be a Micro Bits Coding Session for students in grades 6th-12th. In the middle of March, there will be an elementary event to help spark interest in Odyssey of the Mind. Odyssey of the Mind will be held on March 2 at WHS and anyone can stop by to see students perform.

8. Conejo Library Committee – Joo Cho
 - The library is celebrating African American Month with bulletin board displays in both libraries. A 3D printing class for teens on Spaceships will be held on February 15 from 4:00pm-5:00pm. The SAT Practice Test was a success and an ACT Practice Test will be held on March 2. Ongoing Video Gaming going on every 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Newbury Park Library from 3:30pm-5:30pm. Homework center is growing and needs more help. 8th grade students can be tutors, please contact the library. The program Read TO Succeed begins this week. A new program called “Reading Buddies” will be starting soon for students who need to boost their reading skills. Rocket Men by Robert Kurson has been selected as the Thousand Oaks Reads: One City One Book. Please see library website for full programming and information (www.tolibrary.org/home). Library has a featured service to download music called Freegal Music. Up to three music tracks can be downloaded per week from the Sony Music catalog. A library card number and PIN are needed to download items.

9. Measure I Bond Citizens Oversight Committee – Tony Gitt
 - NO REPORT

10. Neighborhood for Learning (NFL) – Amie Mills, Director
 - NO REPORT

11. Unified Association of Conejo Teachers (UACT) – Colleen Briner-Schmidt
 - TOHS Spanish Teacher, Sandra Martinez-Galvan has won the CTA Human Rights award for her work with the Latino Community (students and parents). An award ceremony will be held in San Jose.

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 comment about posts made on social media by certain DAC members.

2. DAC Chairperson, Mrs. Cindy Mayling

- Cindy welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologized for not being here at the start of the meeting. She had to attend a Parent Safety meeting to address the accident that happened at Lang Ranch and to discuss and review the drop off and pick up procedures. In addition, she mentioned the TO Strong pride that was present on Monday morning at TOHS and how safe, organized and controlled it was with police and district leadership present.

3. DAC Members

- DAC needs to solicit three voting members to be in the nominating committee. Alexandra Kitchell, Joo Choo, Karen Sylvester, and Heather Spoor volunteered for committee.
- A. Site Concerns and Successes
 - DAC member suggested Library Committee to contact the high school's ASB because ASB students are required to do service hours. The Library Homework Center can be added to a list on where the ASB students can do service hours and become tutors.
 - The ASB at TOHS is organizing a Dream Week for special education students. Dreams were collected from them, the ASB class is working on organizing the week, and making sure, the dreams come true. Dreams can range from playing basketball with varsity players to working with ASB
 - LCMS students were honored by the 12th District PTA of Ventura County for their Reflections entries. There is also a new program that has started where teachers give postcards to students that may not always get the attention or recognition.
 - Sequoia is holding the first annual Battle of the Books. Teams will be competing in a trivia style competition.
 - Maple shared more information about the Mustang Mentors Program that started as a special education activity, is now a school wide activity, and is meeting the Social Emotional Learning of the LCAP goal. The school is starting to notice the peer buddy system spill into the rest of the week and not just on the day that is designated as peer buddy time.
 - NPHS's boys and girls soccer teams are Marmonte League Champions and have won their last two games. They move on to state quarterfinals.
 - Colina parents were invited to attend science class with their student. Colina is also proposing a change to the school schedule in order to accommodate common planning time. Tuesday was chosen as the date for the late start due to bus schedules. The principal will be holding a coffee with parents to inform and answer questions. This is in the planning stages and will be going to the board for approval once logistics have been figured out.

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

- The School Choice committee will be changing some of its processes. In May the committee will be looking at the board policy moving forward, as each year it is revised. The way the lottery has been done will also be looked at and possibly change. The Budget Committee is now the Budget/LCAP Committee, because it includes Fiscal Services and Instructional Services.
- Commented on Westboro Baptist Demonstration. Thanked TOPD for working closely with the District and for their organization and planning to keep everyone safe.
- TOHS incident Friday night regarding CVUSD Employee was addressed. District is communicating as much information as is permissible.
- District is working with a company to purchase curriculum for Black History Month. Materials and online materials will be delivered to middle schools soon. The curriculum is intended for 4th-8th graders.
- There will be changes to the curriculum on the California Frameworks is released. The District is working with Health educators to re write the curriculum to include suicide prevention and other topics.
- At this time, it is up to the middle school sites to decide if they will continue to offer Honors Geometry as an 8th grade course. At this time, all 5 middle schools will continue to offer Honors Geometry for next school year and they will continue to do so until the student numbers are so low that they will not support offering the course in middle school.

I. Action Items – General

(Each item requires a motion for approval)

A. None

II. 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 January 15, 2019 Minutes. Jon Power second the motion. All in favor.

III. Information/Discussion Items

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

A. Lisa Miller, Assistant Superintendent, Student Support Services presented on McKinney-Vento and Foster Youth. Supporting CVUSD students who are either homeless or in foster care. To view the full presentation please visit the DAC webpage on the district website at: <http://www.conejousd.org/Parents/District-Advisory-Council-DAC>.

B. Mr. Luis Lichtl, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services continued his presentation on the California Dashboard Results. The Dashboard informs the development of the LCAP. The results use last year's data and while the results point to a cause for celebration in our district. There are areas in the student groups that require attention. The Dashboard looks at six state

Tentative – Pending approval at the March 12, 2019 DAC meeting

indicators: chronic absenteeism, suspension rate, graduation rate, college/career readiness, ELA and Mathematics. Two years of data are required (the status, which is the current year data and the change, is the difference between current and prior year data) to receive a performance level (color). Data on ELA and Mathematics were presented at the January 15 DAC Meeting. Presentation continued for the rest of the indicators. To view the full presentation please visit the DAC webpage on the district website at <http://www.conejousd.org/Parents/District-Advisory-Council-DAC>.

IV. Adjournment – General Meeting Session

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 am. Next Meeting will be March 12

3/12/19
Date _____ Cindy Mayling, Chairperson

3/12/19
Date _____ Lou Lichtl, Assistant Superintendent
Instructional Services

