

Conejo Valley Unified School District
District Advisory Council Minutes
Tuesday, April 9, 2019

I. General Meeting Session

A. Call the meeting to Order

Cindy Mayling called the meeting to order at 9:03am

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Cindy Mayling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Announcements, Procedures and Roll Call

Cindy Mayling made announcements and read the procedures.

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

Beth Neal (Acacia)	Cindy Mayling (Chairperson)
Heather Spohr (Aspen)	Alexandra Kitchell (Secretary)
Ann Maree Paglia (Banyan)	Susan Hanscom (Parliamentarian)
Eilene Green (Conejo Valley Adult Ed)	Liz Beaven (Member-At-Large/COL)
Rachel Brusseau (Glenwood)	Rocky Capobianco (Member-At-Large/Century)
Mike Moore (Ladera)	Jon Power (Member-At-Large/Sycamore)
Jennifer Joseph (Lang Ranch)	Heather Skelly (Member-At-Large)
Dina Langhorne (Los Cerritos)	Subha Tholudur (GATEDAC)
Lee Ann Holland (Maple)	Cindy Liu (SEDAC)
Joo Cho (NPHS)	Alma G Molina (DELAC)
Jennifer Rice (Redwood)	
Jill Frazier (Sequoia)	
Susan Schulte (TOHS)	
Blythe Williams (Westlake Elem)	
Karen Sylvester (WHS)	

D. Approval of Agenda

Before approval of Agenda, a motion was made to amend item H number2 on the Agenda to replace TBD with Cindy Mayling.

Alexandra Kitchell moved to approve the Agenda. Heather Skelly seconded. All in favor.

E. Reports from DAC Representatives

1. Board of Education Meeting Update – Cindy Mayling

- At the March 19 Board Meeting, Mr. Lichtl presented an update on the LCAP and Mr. Shane Frank, Principal, Colina Middle School presented on the Middle School Foundations Academy Grant. The Board approved a letter of concern being sent to the city regarding the proposed development of a 7-11 near Thousand Oaks High School. In addition, the Board approved Bell Schedules for Colina MS and Redwood MS and agreement with Chinese School.
- At the April 2 Board Meeting, Weathersfield's Kinder Class gave a presentation on Relay for Life and TedX Student's gave presentations presented at the TedX forum. Ana Alvarez informed the board about the 6th Annual Conference for Spanish Speaking Parents that would be taking place on Saturday, April 6 at Colina MS. Newbury Park High School presented the Marmonte League

Champions in Winter Sports. Cindy Liu gave an update on SEDAC. Sycamore Canyon was honored with being a California Distinguished School. Presentations were given regarding Special Education and Diversity Sensitivity Training. For more information and detailed updates from the March 19 and April 2 School Board Meetings can be viewed on video at: <http://conejovalleyusdca.swagit.com/board-of-education>.

2. Budget Committee – Heather Skelly

- Committee is developing budget for the next school year. Mr. Lichtl will be presenting on the LCAP later on during this meeting. The LCFF (Local Control Funding Formula) is what our budget is based on and information on the LCFF can be found on the California Department of Education website. A Budget Overview for Parents on the LCFF was passed around for DAC members to review. The next meeting will be May 30 at 4:00pm in the Board Room.

3. Family Life Committee – Jon Power

- NO Meeting, NO Report

4. School Choice Committee – Liz Beaven

- NO Meeting, NO Report – Next Meeting will be May 1 at 3:30pm in the Board Room

5. Technology – TBD

- NO Meeting, NO Report

6. Legislative Report – Cindy Mayling

- NO Meeting, NO Report

7. Wellness Committee – Alysia Flamer

- NO Meeting, NO Report

8. Homework Committee – Cindy Mayling

- NO Meeting, NO Report

F. Reports from Support Organizations

1. California School Employees Association (CSEA) – No Representative Present – NO Meeting, NO Report

2. Conejo Council of PTA's (CCPTA) – Rocky Capobianco

- CCPTA has received several Scholarship applications and they are currently being reviewed. Two Scholarships will be awarded, one to a student from TOHS and one to a student from WHS, because they are PTA schools. CCPTA is considering opening up the scholarship to other schools that are not PTA schools, but that will be determined by the new board next year. The End of the Year Dinner will be held at Sunset Hills Country Club on May 13 and each year a PTA unit sponsors an administrator or Board Trustee. Space has been reserved

at WHS for the next Heart Screening and will be held on Saturday, October 19. The Heart screening is open to ages 12-21.

3. Conejo Schools Foundation (CSF) – Jon Power

- The TedX Youth event was held on March 24 at Newbury Park High School and the topic this year was “Barriers”. The talks can be viewed on the TedX YouTube Channel, once postproduction has been completed. CSF is very proud to support Ana Alvarez’s Annual Parents Making A Difference (PMAD) Conference that was held on April 6. The focus of this conference was on Math and the event was a success and very well attended. The All District Music Festival season is here with Choir performing April 23-26, Strings performing April 29, 30 and May 1 and Band performing May 20, 22 and 23. Cash4Conejo Classrooms just finished notifying another round of teachers that will be receiving grants for their classrooms (a list of the teachers receiving a grant was passed around for DAC members).

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

- Conejo Valley High School has graduated 26 students. A group from CVHS will be attending California Continuation Education Association Conference where they will be receiving an award for being a Model Continuation High School. CVHS and the Teen Center will be hosting their annual Basketball Tournament for Ventura County Alternative Schools. Redwood MS has a new program called EDGE (Every Discovery Generates Empowerment) mirrored after the Center Program at Thousand Oaks High School. In elementary, Community Circles are being introduced to help with communication between teachers and students. The last Stand Proud trip will be held today at Valley Trail Ranch. Counselors have been learning about Resiliency ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences) and what those look like in the classroom.

5. Special Education – Cindy Liu

- At the last SECAC meeting, the LRE (Least Restrictive Environment) Committee presented a plan to help better understand how that is calculated. Mr. Lichtl did an LCAP exercise. Cindy reported on the Developmental Disability Public Policy Conference she attended in Sacramento. SEDAC selected a nominating committee to help with the election of a new executive board. In doing so, they are shortening the term for this year’s board, but this will allow the SEDAC Executive Board to be in line with the school year cycle. Assemblywomen Jackie Irwin sent a representative to attend the SEDAC meeting. In addition, it is not too early to start planning for Inclusive Schools Week, which is the first week of December. The next SEDAC meeting will be on April 23 at Thousand Oaks High School Library at 9:15, the topic will be Special Education Eligibility, and Conejo Park and Rec will be presenting on their Summer Programs.

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

- DELAC meeting was held on March 19. Dr. Martinez, Coordinator of EL Services presented on the California English Learner Roadmap. Dr. Mark McLaughlin, Superintendent and Board Members Cindy Goldberg and Bill Gorback attended

the meeting and heard suggestions from DELAC Representatives regarding the EL Program in reference to how it applies to the California English Learner Roadmap. Dr. McLaughlin also gave a brief explanation on the LCAP development process. The Newbury Park Cluster ELAC meeting was held on Monday, April 8 and the Thousand Oaks Cluster ELAC meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25 at Thousand Oaks High School. The next DELAC meeting will be on April 30.

7. Gifted and Talented Education District Advisory Council (GATEDAC) Subha Tholudur
 - GATEDAC is still trying to work on bringing Mr. Gary Norwalt, Teacher at Colina MS in to do a Fun Friday Activity. Last Friday, TOSA Teri Culpepper led a Fun Friday with Dash & Dot Robots. An upcoming Fun Friday in May will be Science with STEMs Grow led by GATE parent Christina Lopez and a make-up Fun Friday on Sphero Robots, to make up for the one that was cancelled in November due to the fires. GATEDAC will be having a meeting on Friday, April 12 at 9:00am in the MRP at University. Elections for GATEDAC will be held next month. A comment was made about signups for Fun Friday. Please contact Stephanie Caswell, GATE TOSA regarding signups at scaswell@conejousd.org.
8. Conejo Library Committee – Joo Cho
 - National Library Week is April 7 – April 13, which celebrates the contributions of libraries and library workers in the communities they serve. A reminder that the library is your partner in education in the broadest sense, for schools and for parents. To celebrate the week, the library held a One City One Book Talk with Robert Kurson, author of the book Rocket Men. The featured library service for today is Virtual Library, which provided reading recommendations based on themes, age levels, book type, etc. There are various events going on at the library, please go to tolibrary.org for more information.
9. Measure I Bond Citizens Oversight Committee – Tony Gitt
 - A special session was held on March 27, to tour sites where Measure I money was used. The group visited various school sites with completed projects. Please visit the website at <http://www.conejousd.org/Measure-I-Citizens-Bond-Oversight-Committee>, which contains pictures of projects that have been completed and to view upcoming projects at various sites.
10. Neighborhood for Learning (NFL) – Amie Mills, Director
 - The new playground has been finished, is preschool appropriate and has some sensory tables. On April 2, the Layoff/Reduction Resolution went to the board and it will be voted on at the next Board meeting. The state preschool program currently at the Park Oaks campus will be moving to University. Parent Teacher Conferences were held last week and Celebrate the Family Picnic will be held on April 13.
11. Unified Association of Conejo Teachers (UACT) – Colleen Briner-Schmidt
 - Nine teachers attended the Good Teaching Conference and they are happy to share with other teachers what they learned. Several workshops on Special

Education and behavior issues in classroom that were taped at the conference are available online to teachers. UACT will be having a viewing party to develop a tool kit with tips and tricks to make the classroom more engaging. Videos are on the UACT website and they are only available to teachers. In addition, UACT is starting activities for self-care for teachers. A hiking group has been started and a women's group met to watch a film. Colleen was interviewed by the Acorn and wanted to clarify some mistakes that were printed in the article.

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.)

- No public comments

2. DAC Chairperson, Cindy Mayling

- Cindy commented that not only is the social-emotional wellbeing of the students important, but that of the teachers and staff as well and she is glad to see that UACT is implementing activities to help take care of the teachers.

3. DAC Members

- No comments

A. Site Concerns and Successes

- The Los Cerritos MS team of Odyssey of the Mind came in 2nd place in the state competition and they will have an opportunity to compete at the national level, which will be held at the University of Michigan. Colina MS and WHS will also be sending teams.
- Sequoia has started a new program called CREW (Compassion, Responsibility, Empowerment and Wellbeing) which takes place daily before/after lunch and focuses on the social-emotional wellbeing of the students.
- NPHS hosted the Unified Basketball League for Special Education students and it was a great success. Also, this past Saturday the VIP dance for Special Education students, from all the high schools in the district, was held and the National Honor Society and other students organized it. The Dance Team and the Strings Ensemble won at the competitions they participated in. The Robotics Team made it to the quarterfinals at a competition at Valencia. The Special Olympics will be held at NPHS on May 18. Future Panther Night was held and it was a great success.
- Comment was made regarding the state testing. The school sites need to make sure computers are ready and that proper locations are adequate for testing so students are OK and comfortable if they are expected to take tests.
- Question was asked on how the Booster Committee is coming along and when will the guide and forms will be made available for parents and school groups. Mr. Lichtl informed that the committee has held with three meetings with parent groups, administrators and clerical staff and they have been very

productive. The goal is to have a webpage so that every booster club can follow the same format and all the forms will be made available on the webpage. The committee recognizes that the need is urgent and they are working hard to have the website and forms available by the end of the school year.

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

- Mr. Lichtl wanted to address a comment made regarding state testing and wanted to reinforce that principals have been informed on the importance of setting up comfortable and workable environments for testing. He will take feedback back to principals. Mr. Lichtl commented on how impressed he was about this year's EL Math Conference and parents needed that support. This past Sunday Mr. Lichtl attended a professional development seminar for administrators through ACSA (Association of California School Administrators) where he, along with other administrators in the state, prepared and delivered messages to state legislators regarding educational funding. The three items that were framed for this action day were:

1. LCFF Funding- Gov. Brown had a plan to reach a certain target by 2021 and that target was intended to get us to 2008 target levels and it is why California is 41st on per student funding. Message to legislators is that the target has been reached and target needs to be raised.

2. Funding for Special Education is underfunded by the state and federal government. The funding received from state and federal government for Special Education is half of what CVUSD has spent. With that in mind, the districts are expected to fund the rest and with that, there is an unfunded mandate. The message being sent to the state legislators is to create, through LCFF, a supplemental category for Special Education students. This also applies to TK. Districts are mandated to provide funding for a student from age 3 until they turn 5 with no federal or state funding and the cost encroaches on the general budget. ACSA is asking to increase funding for ages 3-5 to fill in that gap.

3. Social-emotional needs of students- Asking the legislators for funding for counseling services and social workers to address the needs of all students. An update on Interdistrict transfers was provided. 303 requests of students wanting to come into the district and 64 requests for leaving the district have been processed. The students that are leaving the district are doing so because a student has a sibling in another district or under the Allen Bill (which states that a student's school of residence can be associated with a parent's workplace). With regard to School Choice, 1770 requests have been processed. In TK, 343 total request were processed and 3 students are on the waitlist. The School Choice Committee has two meeting dates coming up. One on May 1, which will be the first meeting and the board policy will be looked at with regard to School Choice and a second meeting on May 8, if needed, to continue the review of school choice policy. Last Thursday the cabinet and directors met off campus to review goals, action and services related to the LCAP and today feedback will be solicited from DAC members. The goal is to present a tentative

LCAP Framework at the May 7 Board meeting. Sonia Wilson, Director, Elementary Education will head a task force for positive behavioral interventions with UACT members, teachers, administrators and other directors making up that committee. The Low Performing Student Block Grant will be used to hire two bilingual counselors and one counselor to help students that qualify with social-emotional needs, educational needs and helping them graduate.

II. Action Items – General

(Each item requires a motion for approval)

A. 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. Jon Power moved to approve the March 12, 2019 Minutes. Joo Cho seconded. All in favor.

IV. Information/Discussion Items

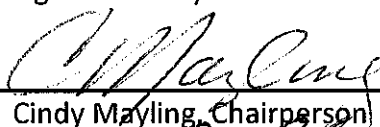
(For discussion only, no action is taken on information items.)

- A. The nominating committee consists of Joo Choo, Karen Sylvester and Alexandra Kitchell. The nominating committee met on March 19 with Parliamentarian, Susan Hanscom and Karen Sylvester was chosen as Chairperson. Before slate was introduced Susan Hanscom went over the bylaws regarding the nomination and election process. Karen Sylvester introduced the Executive Board Slate for 2019-2020 and the nominees introduced themselves: Chairperson: Cindy Mayling, Vice Chairperson: Heather Skelly, Secretary: Alexandra Kitchell, Parliamentarian: Susan Hanscom, Members-at-Large: Liz Beaven, Rocky Capobianco, Alysia Flamer, Lee Ann Holland, Ann Maree Paglia and Jon Power.
- B. Mr. Lichtl, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services and Sonia Wilson, Director, Elementary Education gave a presentation on the LCAP Parent Engagement and DAC members participated in a task/activity session to review goals and actions and discuss and document Evidence, Feedback and Make Suggestions.

V. Adjournment – General Meeting Session

Meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m. Next meeting will be May 14.

5/14/19
Date


Cindy Mayling, Chairperson

5/14/19
Date


Lou Lichtl, Assistant Superintendent
Instructional Services

