

Conejo Valley Unified School District
District Advisory Council Minutes
Tuesday, May 8, 2018

I. General Meeting Session

A. Call the meeting to Order

Cindy Goldberg called the meeting to order at 9:03 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:

Ann Maree Paglia (Banyan)	Tammy Adams (TOHS)
Alysia Flamer (Colina / Member-at-Large)	DeAnn Aguilar (Weathersfield)
Liz Beaven (Conejo / OCLM)	Jennifer Sewell (Westlake Elem)
John Rivera (Conejo Valley)	Kim Merjan (WHS)
Eilene Green (Conejo Valley Adult Ed)	Heather Skelly (Westlake Hills)
Heather O'Connor (Cypress)	Kayce Daniels (Wildwood)
Liz Allen (EARTHS)	Jean Bridges (Member-at-Large/MAD)
Lidia Zesati-Quezada (Glenwood)	Robin Bromberg (Member-at-Large)
Jennifer Joseph (Lang Ranch)	Joo Cho (Member-at-Large/Sequoia)
Dina Langhorne (Los Cerritos)	Robyn Schwartz (Member-at-Large)
Jean Bridges (Madrona)	Cindy Goldberg (Chairperson)
Alexandra Kitchell (NPHS/Member-at-Large)	Susan Hanscom (Vice-Chairperson)
Jennifer Rice (Redwood)	Cindy Mayling (Secretary)
Jon Power (Sycamore Cyn)	Rocky Capobianco (Parliamentarian/Century)

D. Approval of Agenda

Susan Hanscom moved to approve the Agenda with the correction the spelling of Cindy Liu's name. All in favor.

E. Reports from DAC Representatives

1. Board of Education Meeting Update – Cindy Goldberg

- Keep informed of what is taking place in CVUSD.
- You can access the board meeting, agenda, minutes or watch past meetings on video. <https://www.boarddocs.com/ca/conejo/Board.nsf/Public>

2. Budget Committee – Rocky Capobianco, Tammy Adams

- No report

3. Family Life Committee – Cindy Mayling

- No report

4. School Choice Committee – Rocky Capobianco
 - There will be two School Choice Committee meetings this month in preparation for the 2018-2019 school year.
 5. Technology – Joo Cho
 - No report
 6. Legislative Report – Liz Beaven
 - No report
 7. Wellness Committee – Tammy Adams
 - Each school site is working on their Wellness Committee.
 - Guidelines for the Wellness Committee are being put in place based on the State Guidelines for physical and emotional health. Some of those guidelines include no sweets or treats, fitness every day, and a focus on mental health.
 8. Homework Committee – Cindy Mayling
 - 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
 - On May 7, 2018, the Conejo Council PTA gathered at Sunset Hills Country Club for the End of the Year Dinner. All PTA units with their leaders along with members of the educational community were present. Thousand Oaks High School students Seth Lyon and Alyssa Hernandez are Conejo Council PTA Scholarship 2018 recipients. Both recipients will receive \$500 to use toward their college expenses.
 - The Conejo Council PTA is ending the year with 7,270 members which is a record for CCPTA and an increase over the last two years. Congratulations to Sycamore Canyon PTA which increased their membership by 225 members over the previous year. Thousand Oaks High School PTSA won our top membership award with 908 overall memberships and received a coveted rabbit trophy.
 - Congratulations to Banyan PTA who will be receiving our *April is for Art* grant. They will receive \$500 for an event they hosted where students painted rocks to create a rainbow river for their new reading garden. Every student in the school has a rock in the river. The children painted designs like an earth, super heroes, sports jersey numbers, and whatever they like creating.
 - Rocky Capobianco is the incoming President for Conejo Council PTA whose term starts July 1, 2018.
 3. Conejo Schools Foundation (CSF) – Cindy Goldberg
 - Cash4Conjeo Classrooms had a little extra un-awarded grant funds for 5 deserving teachers. Lori Brown – Acacia Elementary, Samantha Birg – Aspen Elementary, Carol Scott – Ladera Elementary, Susan Begg – Banyan Elementary, Lauren White – Banyan Elementary.
 - BreakThrough Parent Education Workshop, Vaping: What Every Parent Needs to Know, had over 100 parents attend. Thank you to our TUPE friends, Sue

McCormick and Linda Calvin, as well as Gabe Teran and Irene Ornelas from VCOE for their great presentation. CSF is in the process of getting the presentations from the workshops and, with the presenters' permission, putting them on the CSF website on the Parent Workshop page as a parent resource.

- On April 21, 2018, CSF held their fifth Annual Parents Making a Difference (PMAD) Conference. For the first time in 5 years, parents from all CVUSD schools attended the conference, and the conference was the first experience with the program for many of them, particularly those parents from the Newbury Park schools. The focus of the conference is to empower the parents to increase communication on every level. Spanish was the main language of the conference. There was a tremendous interest from middle and high school parents to be able to have support similar to what is being offered to the elementary school parents through the PMAD outreach program. Due to the high level of interest of middle school parents, we were able to expand the student portion of the morning from elementary focused program to a mini-conference for middle school students as well. They participated in pre-algebra activities, sports, and "thinking games". There were 240 parent participants, which is the largest conference we have had to date, and 200 students. The parent evaluations were highly complimentary and gave suggestions for future conferences. Thank you to the Kenrose Kitchen Table Foundation, as well as Ana Alvarez and her 125 devoted volunteers, and the entire CVUSD family for showing the broader community that parent voices in any language are important.
 - All District Choir Festival:
 - May 8, 2018, Thousand Oaks High, Redwood Middle School, and feeder elementary schools.
 - May 9, 2018, Westlake High and Colina Middle School.
 - May 10, 2018, Thousand Oaks High and Los Cerritos Middle School.
4. Conejo Valley Pupil Personnel Association (CVPPA) – Susan Wilson
 - No report
 5. Special Education (SEDAC) – Lee Ann Holland, Cindy Liu
 - Each school site will have SPED parent and teacher representatives.
 - First meeting will be May 16, 2018, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Horizon Hills.
 6. District English Learners Advisory Council (DELAC) – Claudia Mantilla
 - There was no April meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2018.
 7. Gifted and Talented Education District Advisory Council (GATEDAC) Subha Tholudur
 - Next meeting is Friday, May 11, 2018 at University Center. At this meeting, we will be looking for feedback for what you would like to see next year. Following the meeting there will be a parent guest speaker giving parents tips on how to help your child with anxiety.
 - Thank you to Dr. Santos for all of his services and support of putting kids first. We are looking forward to meeting Shauna Ashmore.
 - Teacher on Special Assignment for technology, Teri Culpepper, has access to virtual reality goggles that she can bring to school sites for students to try. Students can visit countries, animals, and other amazing things they are

studying. Teachers can reach out to Teri Culpepper to arrange for her to bring some of the technology to their school sites.

8. Conejo Library Committee – Joo Cho

- Thanks to the support of many CVUSD teachers, we had great participation with the Teen Blackout Poetry Contest. Their work is now on display at both libraries.
- Summer Reading Club 2018. Bring your kids to the library to sign-up for this annual summer tradition beginning June 11. Adults and parents are encouraged to join the adult program that runs concurrently. If you are 14 years old or older, it's still not too late to be a volunteer for the program.

9. Measure I Bond Citizens Oversight Committee – Tony Gitt

- May 8, 2018 is the next meeting at Westlake High School.

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

- No report

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

- 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 expressed his displeasure with the nominating committee's decision to present a clean slate. His view was that past DACs had presented a contested slate. He expressed a desire for DAC to use a contested slate this year and in the future. The speaker recognized that, in the past two years, people have been denied a position on the slate, but given the opportunity to nominate themselves from the floor at the time of the vote.
- A public speaker expressed his gratitude for what the DAC Committee does and the power they have.

2. DAC Chairperson

- It is Teacher Appreciation Week. Take the time to thank your teacher(s), even the middle and high school teachers.
- It is hard to believe this is our last meeting of the year. At our first meeting this year, I talked about DAC and the value this District places on stakeholder involvement, the power of partnerships and creating an avenue where parents and professionals could meet, discuss, learn and grow together for the benefits of students. DAC members all come to the table with different views, skills, and expertise and we share not only site and district programs, but also our considered opinions, and our concerns. There is a level of mutual respect in this room that is, in my opinion, a model for our community and I am proud to have been a part of it for so long.
- Our District Leadership changed this year and DAC has changed on an organizational level. Our format has shifted to include more opportunities for

more stakeholder input. That is empowering for everyone and that is good for kids.

- There are many changes happening all around CVUSD. I encourage you all to pay attention, ask questions, share information from trusted sources, use your critical thinking skills and most of all be gentle with one another. Listen to understand. You can disagree without being disagreeable. Empathize first, question later, it makes for better and more productive conversations.
- I would like to thank Bob Iezza for easing me into this role, Lou for jumping in feet first and helping navigate the path forward, Susan Hanscom for being the ultimate support system, and the entire Executive Board for sharing their strong opinions in a collegial way. As Mr. Lepire says, we are better together. DAC is proof positive that that is the case.
- Thank you all for your time and dedication to DAC, to your school site, and to CVUSD.
- Have a fantastic summer as I look forward to seeing all of you at our first DAC meeting on September 11, 2018.

3. DAC Members

- A DAC member thanked Cindy Goldberg for a great year and she felt that the breakout groups and sharing of ideas made this a great year for DAC. The All District Music Festival was very moving and spectacular. Thank you to everyone that was involved.
- A DAC member expressed concerns over the nominating committee's process and choices this year. Believes that it was not a fair process.
- A DAC member passed around an invitation to OCLM's Leadership Day and encouraged everyone to stop by May 9, 2018.
- A DAC member announced a food train was put in place for DAC Representative Estelle Cervantes who had surgery. He will resend the email with the link to sign up to bring Estelle and her son meals.
- A DAC member said they might have someone that would be interested in filming future Music Festivals.
- A DAC member suggested the filming of the Music Festival's should be put on CD's to sell.
- Conejo Valley Adult School has completed WASC Accreditation with positive results.

A. Site Concerns and Successes

- Thousand Oaks High School Jazz Band participated in the Reno Jazz Festival, placing 6th out of 18 bands. Drama department begins its run of *Bye Bye Birdie* this week in the Performing Arts Center. Come support our talented student actors and musicians.
- Thousand Oaks High Senior Saldon Doyle took 1st place in league boy's golf for the 3rd year. Seven TOHS seniors are semi-finalists for the Reagan Presidential Foundation Scholarship. Ally Malilay has been offered the prestigious Rabbi Scholarship at Columbia University that will fund her undergraduate research. Only ten students in the nation receive this a year.

- Thousand Oaks High senior Elwood Walker placed 2nd in the State for his Photography Reflection entry. Teacher Melissa Wood Glusac recently was published in CA Engineering Journal. Special Education Teacher Dr. Christine Powell was offered a Fullbright Scholarship in Singapore.
 - Newbury Park High Theater presentation of *Antigone* begins May 11, 2018.
4. CVUSD Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services / State & Federal Program Coordinator – Lou Lichtl
- All schools should be submitting site success at every DAC meeting.

II. Action Items – General

(Each item requires a motion for approval)

A. Executive Board Election for 2018/2019 Term.

Additional nominations shall be permitted from the floor, followed by an election of the Officers
(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 PowerPoint presentation was given on the Nominating Committee process, DAC Election Process, Bylaws, Parliamentary Procedure and Eligibility, Term of Office, Method of Voting, Nominations from the Floor.
- A public speaker stated he believes that the past best practices of DAC have included any and all interested and qualified people on the slate. The speaker believes that to translate the Bylaws and Robert's Rules in order to justify the current nominating committee's philosophy is wrong.
- The nominating committee stands by their decision to put forth a clean slate and stated their confidence that all DAC rules of the election process and all DAC bylaws were followed.
- Lou Lichtl stated that several community members expressed concerns regarding the nominating committee process. After conducting a full and complete review, he and the District believe that all Bylaws and Robert's Rules have been followed. He encouraged anyone to nominate from the floor.
- A DAC member asked if everyone that expressed interest in being on the Slate was contacted. A discussion was had on how the candidates were selected to be on the Slate.
- Chairperson, Cindy Goldberg, read the rules of voting. Noted that if there are nominations from the floor, a paper ballot vote will take place. Lou Lichtl and Cindy Liu were selected to count the ballots.
- Parliamentarian, Rocky Capobianco, read the voting procedures.
- The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee read the Committee Report, dated April 10, 2018, and asked the nominees to stand when their name was called.
- Voting Began
 - For Chairperson, Cindy Goldberg had been nominated by the committee. No nominations from the floor. A vote was taken, all in favor. 2018-2019 Chairperson – Cindy Goldberg

- For Vice-Chairperson, Cindy Mayling had been nominated by the committee. Nominations from the floor: Silas Nesheiwat. A paper ballot vote took place. 2018-2019 Vice-Chairperson - Cindy Mayling.
- For Secretary, Alexandra Kitchell had been nominated by the committee. No nominations from the floor. A vote was taken - all in favor. 2018-2019 Secretary - Alexandra Kitchell.
- For Parliamentarian, Susan Hanscom had been nominated by the committee. Nominations from the floor: Tammy Adams. A paper ballot vote took place. 2018-2019 Parliamentarian - Susan Hanscom.
- For Members-at-Large, Alysia Flamer, Heather Skelly, Jon Power, Rocky Capobianco, Heather O'Connor, Liz Beaven had been nominated by the committee. Silas Nesheiwat and Tammy Adams were nominated from the floor. A paper ballot vote took place. 2018-2019 Members at large: Alysia Flamer, Heather Skelly, Jon Power, Rocky Capobianco, Heather O'Connor, Liz Beaven.

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Liz Beaven moved to approve the April 10, 2018 Minutes. All in favor.

III. **Information/Discussion Items**

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

A. LCAP Update – Dr. Mark McLaughlin, Superintendent and Lou Lichtl, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services

- A presentation of the LCAP Goals was given. PowerPoint presentation can be viewed at <http://www.conejousd.org/Parents/District-Advisory-Council-DAC>.

Sparkles Performance – Sparkles Cheerleaders

- Sparkles Cheerleaders from Newbury Park High School, Thousand Oaks High School, and Westlake High School performed.

IV. **Adjournment – General Meeting Session**

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Luis Lichtl, Assistant Superintendent	Date
Cindy Goldberg, DAC Chairperson	Date 10/18/18

