



Community Outreach Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2016

Those in attendance:

Cecilia Aviles	Facilitator, EARTH5
Dr. Deborah Martinez	Coordinator EL Services
Mayra Bermudez	Facilitator, Aspen
Lidia Zesati	Outreach Specialist, Glenwood
Belen Quezada	Outreach, Acacia
Claudia Hughes	Office Manager, Breakthrough
Ana Alvarez	Outreach Coordinator, Conejo, Ladera, Weathersfield, Park Oaks
Julie Tan	Facilitator, CVHS
Sandra Hernandez	Facilitator, Glenwood
Frankie Leivera	Language & Literacy Support Teacher
Elizabeth Dee	Counselor, TOHS
Ana Blasi	Outreach Specialist, Walnut
Laura Dugatkin Roszkin	Facilitator, Colina
Nicole Judd	AP, Westlake High School
Lois Lanes	Facilitator, Acacia Elementary
Carmencita Schectman	Facilitator, Thousand Oaks High School
Rebecca Stelmar	Breakthrough
Nathan Snider	CVUSD Elementary Counselor

Welcome:

- Each person introduced themselves, new members and guest were welcomed.
- Review agenda, reviews goals of the committee. We present community services and connect our families to those services. We also support LCAP, and bring ideas for how parents can have home interventions and assist in the home environment. Engagement opportunities as well, so we can share with our sites.

Guest Speakers:

Jay Dodwell, Teen Services Coordinator & Pete Martinez, Youth Outreach

- Jay Dodwell is from the Alex Fiore Teen Center: it's free, drop in registration. Kids can come and go as they please. Teen Center has drop in recreation. Free to walk in, game room (ping pong tables), computers, computer lab where they teach classes. Basketball, volleyball. They teach classes, like dance. Teen Center also has special events, like a dance. They had one recently with 400 kids. They

do live concerts as well. For high school boys they do a league, 14-16 teams. They have excursion trips to amusement parks.

- Classes, seasonal classes as well: 5 seasons. Can be a drawing class for 8 weeks.
- Jay showed a Video: shows activities and different classes offered by the Teen Center. Thousandoaksteencenter.com
- Dr. Dee is willing to translate the video. Invites Jay to come to her site, TOHS for the ELAC meeting.
- All the programs in the booklet are starting this week. Jay invites students to attend and start to register this week.
- Laura asks about volunteer opportunities availability to students. They have about 40 at any given time. They meet first Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. High School teens can sign up. They just need to be high school aged (criteria).
- Pete Martinez: Youth Outreach Program. He is a worker. Other workers: Elizabeth Sorensen, Dan Nalbandian, they go to the middle and high schools. To give students hope and support them in any way they can.
- They work in School Sites, Community, and Recreation/Teen Center. They get referrals from teachers, school sites, counselors.
- If teens considered at risk: those that have experienced divorce, gang membership, or a life situation that school might not know how to deal with, they work with students and build trust.
- They give bullying Workshops throughout the year. They do 2 a year for the middle and high schools. 30 kids.
- With groups of 10 students, they go over life skills. Teach them Accountability. How to be responsible. They might not get that at home. Each trimester they get a new group of students to support.
- They help the Teen Center, they go to the dances, excursions, and talk to students.
- School Sites: individual referrals, life skills small groups, classroom presentations, lunchtime study/activities.
- Bully Awareness Workshops: bullying happens all the time. Students talk about their experiences and to stand up to bullying in a positive way. Give them the tools to approach bullying. To be aware of what bullying is and why the students might be bullying others (understanding). Play interactive games. Try to get students to show empathy and a sense of belonging. Once students feel safe and trust, can impact the students strongly.
- The Outreach Program continues to work on its goals and objectives. Help youth cope with a variety of adolescent issues and concerns. Redirect youth into socially constructive lifestyles. Help youth recognize the consequences of their actions. They might be taught at home not to share their experiences. Help to build up students to help them to speak about issues and feel good about

themselves. They start to ask students and raise their hands. Trust is the fundamental key to the Outreach Program's success.

- Provide referrals for employment, education and recreational activities. Intercede with crisis intervention, like running away from home. Passing of a loved one. They help.
- Try to build up the teen's sense of self. You have to have a dream, believe in yourself, and try. Everyone deserves it. Don't give up on someone. Students start to think program is worthwhile.
- Try to expose teens to new experiences. They continue to make connections with students. They won't turn students away; they try not to. Even if they are passed the age requirement.
- CVUSD is very supportive of the Program. They are in the Teen Center tab.
- Ana asks a question: do they offer free English tutoring on Wednesdays? They offer different tutoring classes. Don't need to sign up. Just show up. It's Free. No sign up requirement.
- It has to be 7th-12th grades.
- At the end of the 6th grade year, they have a 6th grade end of the year program to introduce them to the Outreach Program. They try to make sure teens feel safe, included, and make friendships.
- Laura tutoring group size: math they have 4 former professors, groups of 6-8 at a time. All first come first served.
- Let Teen Center know if the site has a need for their sites. They will try to connect and help the school site.
- Marta: concerned with parents with transportation, they try to go out to parents, like at La Casitas.
- Claudia wants more pamphlets. Laura wanted some pamphlets in Spanish. Pete and Outreach Program is working on it.
- Dr. Martinez: Connection between students are really important.
- Pete goes out on Thursday to TOHS and to Conejo High School.

LCAP Goals & Superintendent Green Print Plan:

- Dr. Martinez reviews the LCAP. New LCAP has infographics. It's easier to read. A lot of information provided and is user friendly. Reviews the LCAP goals. Goal 4 is not included, because that is more for administrators. Dr. Martinez tried to align this committee with the LCAP goals.
- We meet Goal 1 because of parent engagement. Goal 2 speaks to social/emotional support. We will try to have a different speaker that has a resource that parents can use.
- LCAP goal 3 we will use this platform to share interventions and resources that we can share. Frankie can then print and share them.

Community Outreach Committee Chaired by Frankie Leivera

- We did not send out the invitation out in advance this time. We will make an effort to send agenda out at least a week in advance. Your school site can pass, your admin will decide, if the upcoming meeting pertains to them. Administrators will decide if it's applicable for you to come to the meeting. Outreach assistants are always invited. Gather information and gather resources to share to our school sites.

COC Invitation

- Ana brought brochures for Park Oaks Outreach Center interventions.
- She also shared information regarding a conference: Strengthening Our Families by Oxnard School District. Parents at school sites are invited to attend. Transportation will be provided for free for the first 80 parents that sign up. Child care is available.