

Conejo Valley Unified School District  
 Student Support Services  
 Multilingual Learners

DISTRICT ENGLISH LANGUAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

October 24, 2023, 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon

In-Person Meeting

<p><b><u>DELAC Representatives - Present</u></b></p> <p>Acacia Elementary - Christian Carolina Loza          Acacia Elementary - Belen Quezada          (alternate)          Conejo Elementary - Agustin Santiago          Cypress Elementary - Sloane Pardo Burke          EARTHs Elementary – Patricia Mendoza          Ladera Stars Academy – Maria Soto          (alternate)          Lang Ranch Elementary - Mengying Jiang          Madrona Elementary - Leslie Hernandez          (alternate)          Madrona Elementary - Rosa Lima          Maple Elementary - Lucelly Duarte          Maple Elementary - Vianca Gonzalez          (alternate)          Sycamore Canyon School - Gulnihal          Ertugrul          Walnut Elementary - Elizabeth Alamilla          Weathersfield Elementary - Belen Gonzalez          Weathersfield Elementary - Heidi Garcia          (alternate)          Westlake Elementary - Blanca Delgado          Wildwood Elementary – Carolina Prosser          (temporary)          Colina Middle School - Diana Sarceño          Redwood Middle school - Linda Figueroa          Bertetti          Redwood Middle School - Eulalia Soriano          CVHS &amp; TOHS – Helena Krostag          Newbury Park High School – Gisella          Stanley          Westlake High School - Julissa Palma          Westlake High School - Carolina Vazquez          (alternate)</p>	<p><b><u>Staff</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Ricardo Araiza, Director of Multilingual Learners          Nancy Moreno, Secretary          Susie Stanziano, Multilingual Learner Program          Specialist          Dr. Shanna M. Egans, Assistant Superintendent of          Student Support Services</p> <p><b><u>DELAC Representatives - Not Present</u></b></p> <p>Aspen Elementary -          Banyan Elementary -          Glenwood Elementary -          Madrona Elementary - Judith Garcia          Ladera Stars Academy - Adriana Ruiz          Westlake Elementary -          Los Cerritos Middle School - Isabel Carrillo          Sequoia Middle School -</p> <p><b><u>Alternate DELAC Rep. - Not Present</u></b></p>
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## **I. Opening Provisions**

- A.** Lucelly Duarte, DELAC President, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.
- B.** Pledge of Allegiance
- C.** Approval of Agenda
  - Motion to approve the agenda as presented; agenda approved by Eulalia Serrano and seconded by Gisella Stanley.

## **II. Reports**

- A.** District Advisory Committee (DAC) Report - Mrs. Duarte shared information about the Super DAC meeting.
  
- B.** Community Outreach Committee (COC) Report – Dr. Araiza shared that the initial meeting was held on October 18, 2023. Information was shared about the different services the Assistance League of Conejo Valley provides to CVUSD students and families.
  
- C.** Budget/LCAP Committee Report – No report was available
  
- D.** School Reports (By-laws Article VII, Standing Rules Article II)
  - **Acacia** – No report
  
  - **Aspen** – No report
  
  - **Banyan** – No report
  
  - **Conejo** – No report
  
  - **Cypress** –
    - School Updates:
      - School Site Council meeting took place on October 18th. School Safety Plan was approved at this meeting.
  
  - **EARTHS** – No report
  
  - **Glenwood** – No report
  
  - **Ladera Stars Academy** – No report
  
  - **Lang Ranch** -

- ELAC Updates:
  - Our ELAC meeting took place on October 23, 2023.
- **Madrona** – No report
- **Maple** – No report
- **Sycamore** –
  - ELAC Updates:
    - Our ELAC meeting took place on October 11th. We learned about the following:
      - Smarty Ants and Imagine Learning
      - How to access Q
      - School attendance
      - DELAC & DAC reports
- **Walnut** – No report
- **Weathersfield** –
  - ELAC Updates:
    - Our ELAC meeting took place on October 24th. We discussed the following:
      - Boo Bash Halloween Festival
- **Westlake Elementary** – No report
- **Westlake Hills** – No report
- **Wildwood** -
  - School Updates:
    - Athletes from California Lutheran University visited our school on October 24th. These athletes played with students during P.E. and taught them about teamwork and sport skills.
- **Colina** – No report
- **Los Cerritos** - No report
- **Redwood** –
  - ELAC Updates:
    - Our ELAC meeting took place on October 19th. We discuss the following:
      - School attendance
      - How to access Q
      - DELAC and DAC reports

- **Sequoia** – No report
- **NPHS** – No report
- **TOHS** –
  - ELAC Updates:
    - Our ELAC meeting will be held on November 16, 2023.
- **WHS** – No report
- **CVHS** - No report

#### **E. Public Comments**

A. No public comments.

### **III. Information/Discussion Items**

A. Information/Presentation: What is Gifted and Talented Education by Stefanie Caswell, Teacher on Special Assignment for Student Support Services

- Ms. Caswell provided information about GATE Education. She also shared the following:
  - What are some characteristics and challenges of being Gifted?
    - General Characteristics:
      - Acquires/retains information quickly
      - Inquisitive: searches for significance
      - Intrinsic motivation
      - Enjoys problem-solving: able to conceptualize, abstract, synthesize
      - Seeks cause/effect relations
      - Seeks to organize things and people
      - Large facile vocabulary: advanced, broad information
      - Emphasizes truth, equity, and fair play
      - High expectations of self and others
      - Creative/intensive: likes new ways of doing things
      - Intensive concentration: long attention span and persistence in areas of interest
      - Sensitivity, empathy: desire to be accepted by others
    - Possible Challenges:
      - Impatient with others: dislike basic routines
      - Ask embarrassing questions: excessive interest
      - Strong-willed: resist direction
      - Resist routine practice: questions teaching procedures
      - Dislikes unclear/illogical areas
      - Constructs complicated rules: often seen as bossy

- May use words to manipulate: bored with school and age peers
- Worries about humanitarian concerns
- Intolerant, perfectionist: may become depressed
- May be seen as disruptive and out of step
- Neglects duties or people during periods of focus: resist interruption: stubbornness
- Sensitivity to criticism or peer injection
- Myths about being Gifted
  - High academic Performance
  - High Measured Ability or IQ
  - Completes assignments quickly
  - Well organized
  - Persistent
  - Excellent social and peer relationships
  - Highly verbal
  - Responds in mature ways
  - Very concerned about details
  - Self-motivated
  - Never “lazy”
- What do we identify giftedness in CVUSD?
  - Identification process:
    - 2nd-grade universal screening
      - Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)
        - Verbal
        - Quantitative
        - Nonverbal
    - Referral GATE screening opportunity for students in 4th - 12th grades.
    - 95%ile threshold for eligibility
      - Students that score in the 90%ile or higher in any section will complete the “battery” in their area of strength.
  - How can we measure thinking?
    - Verbal
    - Quantitative
    - Nonverbal

B. Information/Presentation: Parent Participation and Training Opportunities by Ana Alvarez and Team, Community Outreach Specialist

- Mrs. Alvarez and her team presented about Parent Participation and Training Opportunities.
  - Learning Together:

- Connecting families, schools, and communities.
- Empowering parents socially and academically.
- Learning, training, building, and developing leaders together.
- How do we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month?
  - Sharing our country's typical dishes
  - Doing a demonstration of our country's arts and crafts
  - Dances
- English and Technology Classes for parents:
  - We offer English and technology classes for parents. These classes are offered at these locations and times:
    - Acacia: Tuesday and Thursday
      - English classes from 8:30-9:30 am
      - Technology classes from 9:30-10:30 am
    - Conejo Creek: Friday
      - English classes from 8:30-10:00 am
    - Park Oaks: Wednesday
      - English Classes from 6:00 pm
    - Walnut: Monday & Wednesday
      - English classes from 8:15-10:30 am
- Classes are being offered to obtain an elementary and middle school certificate from Mexico. These classes will take place on the following days and locations:
  - Wednesday night at Park Oaks
  - Thursday morning at Conejo Academy
  - Friday morning at Conejo Creek
- Parent workshops: Parents Making a Difference
  - These workshops will be taking place at Acacia on selected Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 pm. Parents will be contacted if they have students in Transitional Kindergarten.

C. Information: DELAC elections were held and Julissa Palma was selected as DELAC vice-president.

#### **IV. Action Items - General**

- None

#### **V. Action Items – Consent**

- Review and approval of September Minutes
- Patricia Mendoza made the motion and it was seconded by Carolina Prosser.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

- Next Meeting: November 28, 2023
- Meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.