



**Community Outreach Committee
Minutes
February 12, 2020**

Those in attendance:

Valdovinos, Josie	Bilingual Facilitator, EARTHs
Lerette, Rosana	Bilingual Facilitator, WHS
Rodriguez, Sandra	Bilingual Facilitator, Maple
Medina, Ana	Bilingual Facilitator, Redwood
Simonini, Magda	Bilingual Facilitator, Madrona
Vega, Nancy	Bilingual Facilitator, Weathersfield
Chopp, Kimberly	Counselor, Colina
Snider, Nathan	Counselor, Elementary
Chopp, Kimberly	Counselor, Colina
Broihier, Barbara	Counselor, Redwood
Meador, Kelly	Counselor, Sequoia
Kanney, Catherine	Counselor, CVHS
Coleman, Tina	Counselor, NPHS
Karamooz Michelle	Counselor, WHS
Alamilla, Elizabeth	Outreach Assistant, Walnut
Quezada, Belen	Outreach Assistant, Acacia
Alvarez, Ana	Outreach Program Coordinator
Zesati, Lydia	Outreach Assistant, Madrona
Matter, Ann-Marie	Language and Literacy Support Teacher
Alamillo, Isabel	Secretary, English Learner Services

Welcome:

- Ann-Marie Matter welcomed group and guest speakers.

Guest Speaker:

Larry Weisz – Immigration Attorney

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Mr. Edward Weisz is an immigration attorney located in Woodland Hills. He has experience helping families navigate the immigration process for over 30 years in both New York and California.

During his presentation, Mr. Weisz focused on the following points:

- Different types of citizenship
- The immigration process in the United States
- Individuals' rights when it comes to applying for citizenship
- Resources available for students of immigrants enrolled in US public schools
- The role of the court system during the citizenship process
- Resources/services available at low cost for individuals and families looking to apply for citizenship

Q: Are there other resources than Collision and ESPERANZA since these have a two-year wait that you may know of? A: Any private attorney can. SOCAL Chapter of Lawyers is a good place to look . All immigration courts have interpreters and even for dialects.

Q: Student with refugee visa here by himself doesn't want to apply for loans since he doesn't want it to affect his legal status, can he apply for loans or not with the new Public Charge law? A: Yes, if he has been granted asylum he can find help within special programs with asylum. He does not fall under the new public charge law.

Public Charge- is not for parents with food stamps for the child or children that are USA citizens.

Emergency Medical for pregnancy is ok and does not affect.

Q: Cancer adult does that apply like for a child? A: Hardship only for children under 21 to use Deportation Removal/Cancelation.

Ana Alvarez, Outreach Assistant Coordinator

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The Outreach Program Goals:

1. Help improve the education of elementary students that have low school-readiness skills.
2. Build trust by building strong relationships between home, school and community.
3. Provide parental support and for parents to engage in learning and to become partners in the education of "our" children.
4. Create meaningful learning opportunities for low socioeconomic families.

Help students through their parents and through tutoring.

Programs:

- Little Science Academy
- Cooking classes
- Two tutoring centers: Park Oaks and Conejo
- Literacy Program for parents with the Mexican Consulate and Instituto Nacional de la Educacion para Adultos:
 1. Basic – learning to read and write
 2. Intermediate – Elementary education
 3. Advance – Middle School education

Outreach Team:

- Ana Alvarez – Program Coordinator
- Elizabeth Alamilla – Walnut
- Belen Quezada – Acacia
- Carmen Escalante – Glenwood
- Lydia Zesati – Madrona
- Alma Molina
- Lily Flores Godinez

Adjourn:

- Meeting adjourned at 10:30am

Next Meeting:

- Date: March 25, 2020
- Location: DEC – Conference Room E
- 8:30-10:30am