



**Community Outreach Committee
Minutes
May 20, 2020**

Those in attendance:

Miller, Lisa	Assistant Superintendent Student Services
Wilson, Sonia	Director of Elementary Education
Mercer, Brain	Director of High School Education
Bowman, Amber	Coordinator of Student Support Services
Ashmore, Shauna	Director of Student Support Services
Johnson, Erika	Director of Special Education
Valdovinos, Josie	Bilingual Facilitator, EARTHs
Medina, Carmen	Bilingual Facilitator, Los Cerritos
Rodriguez, Sandra	Bilingual Facilitator, Maple
Medina, Ana	Bilingual Facilitator, Redwood
Pavon, Adriana	Bilingual Facilitator, Ladera
Vega, Nancy	Bilingual Facilitator, Weathersfield
Dugatkin Roszkin, Laura	Bilingual Facilitator, Colina
Amaya, Mary	Bilingual Facilitator, Sequoia
Garbin, Luciane	Bilingual Facilitator, Banyan
Hernandez, Sandra	Bilingual Facilitator, Glenwood
Hsu, Chrissie	Bilingual Facilitator, Sycamore & Cypress
Lanes, Lois	Bilingual Facilitator, Acacia
Pipolo, Patricia	Bilingual Facilitator, Walnut
Tan, Julie	Bilingual Facilitator, NPHS
Schectman, Carmencita	Bilingual Facilitator, CVHS
Valencia, Karina	Bilingual Facilitator, Aspen
Chopp, Kimberly	Counselor, Colina
Doll, Melissa	Counselor, Colina
Davis, Jenna	Counselor, Los Cerritos
Rosenthal, Tracy	Counselor, Redwood
Brohier, Barbara	Counselor, Redwood
Meador, Kelly	Counselor, Sequoia
Martens, Shannon	Counselor, Sequoia
Snider, Nathan	Counselor, Elementary
Kanney, Catherine	Counselor, CVHS
Coleman, Tina	Counselor, NPHS
Choi, Tina	Counselor, NPHS
Nedwick, Lesley	Counselor, NPHS

Ireta, Jose	Counselor, NPHS
Napora, Richard	Counselor, NPHS
Ross, Kelly	Counselor, TOHS
Scott, Darla	Counselor, TOHS
Avila, Aurora	Counselor, WHS
Kirksey, Amy	Counselor, WHS
Martinez, Lorena	Counselor, Elementary
Guillot, Jannelle	Counselor, Elementary
Berry, Katie	Counselor, Elementary
Stelmar, Rebecca	Counselor, Breakthrough
Escalante, Carmen	Outreach Assistant, Glenwood
Flores, Lily	Outreach Assistant,
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:

- Dr. Martinez welcomed the group and guest speakers. Provided explanation of the committee.

Guest Speaker:

Tim Hagel – Safe Passages

Contact Information: www.safepassageyouth.org.

Tim Hagel went through the education system here in CVUSD and then attended Moorpark College. Became a police officer. Worked in the gang unit and from that Safe Passages. This free program focuses on two densely populated micro-communities characterized by high concentration of gang recruitment and crime (Las Casitas and Warwick Apartments). The program helps the community's youth population navigate through the critical gang recruitment and grooming years (ages 5-12). Focus is on filling the void for youth and supporting families in a safe and productive way. The program focuses on providing free after school education and recreation opportunities.

124 kids 6 days a week (before COVID-19). Have a place in the areas where they live and provide STEAM on Sat. 10am-2pm – they (kids) get to order from a Restaurant of their choice for lunch.

Once a month they get a fieldtrip.

2x a year they go to a university campus with the intent to have them visit 10 times before Trying to minimize the help the gangs would provide and have them displaced.

41,000 meals delivered at Warwick and Conejo Creek

Cost \$2,000 a week to provide the food.

Q: Can you expand to Glenwood and Conejo Elementaries?

A: As of now I am still \$6,000 dollars short to make it to August. After COVID if there is money, yes I would love to expand to those sites.

Q: How do you connect your elementary students to the Boys and Girls Club?

A: Prior to COVID we were in meetings with them and they were going to waive the monthly fee for scholarships for the kids. I don't think they understood the volume of kids we were talking about, but this was before COVID, so we will see later. The goal is to grab them in pre K and then pass them on to Boys and Girls Club, YMCA or sports.

Q: You mention that by 3rd grade students are pretty much set in their pre-gang behavior. Are there some clear signs that we can look for if we work at an elementary?

A: When you a 3rd grader hanging around kids that are 3 grade levels higher that is a huge indicator.

Q: If someone wants to volunteer or donate how do they do this?

A: Visiting our website www.safepassageyouth.org. We take food and cash donations year round. High school students can volunteer to help with homework or mentor. No need to sign up to volunteer, you just drop in once you have gone through the livescan process.

Q: We see at NPHS a large number of students coming in from Central America, mainly Guatemala and El Salvador. Many are already between 15-18 years old, are these kids likely to get recruited or the gang members that you are referring to kids that have been in the area for awhile if not all their life?

A: These kids are super high risk for two reasons: 1) The gangs go after them to jump them into the gang and to use as foreign recruitment and 2) they can get targeted by local gangs if they seem like a threat.

Lilian Teran, Adelante Comunidad Conejo

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Two years ago there was a realization that we needed an organization to represent the latinos in our community regardless of their income, language or immigration status. This is how Adelante Comunidad Conejo was born. Mission: Bring Conejo Valley Latino voices into important community conversations regarding our schools, city services and recreational opportunities.

Advocate for those not yet ready to speak on their own behalf

Seek opportunities for Latino families to reach their goals by creating educational and networking opportunities in conjunction with other community stakeholders

Strengthening our partnerships by bringing family concerns forward with a focus on solutions, expanding the CVUSD's reach into the community and helping to close communication gaps.

The COVID19 Crisis has focused Adelante's attention on urgent community needs by providing basic pantry needs. Serving over 130 families delivering a bag of groceries twice a week. We have an open food bank on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Adjourn:

- Meeting adjourned at 12:04pm

Next Meeting:

- Date: October 21, 2020
- Location: DEC – Conference Room E or Zoom
- 8:30-10:30am