



Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2025

2:45pm - Multipurpose Room

Call to order at 2:48

In Attendance:

Grace Benson
Anna Tucker-White
Dannii Dennison
Carolyn Booser
Richard Fields
Rebecca Crowell
Terri Culpepper
Tim Hagerty
Jill Cowdry

Public Comments:

- None

Minutes from last meeting approved

PFA Report:

- PFA is current with State of California, so corporate matching is reinstated
- Gala had attendance of 211
 - Silent auction made \$50K
 - Live auction made \$12,550
 - Total \$64K
 - Over \$26K in the budget
- Stem Lab will hopefully be open for next school year. We are currently working on getting quotes for furniture and supplies
- Sea Casa FFN - \$800 back
- Mendocino Farms FFN tonight
- Spirit wear flash sale happening now
- Talent Show happening next week - \$5/ticket
- CRPD is now coming on Friday's as well
- Bunco dates have been moved to May 7th and 8th



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- Bowling with Sons and Daughter Dance is coming up
- Odyssey of the Mind - 9 teams competed, 6 in the competitive division
 - 5th grade team, 1st place, moving on to state competition
 - 2 - 3rd grade teams, moving on to state competition

DAC Report:

Board Notes

- At their last meeting, the Board approved March as *Women's History Month* and March will feature *Read Across America Week* in the District
- Next Board of Education Meeting is 3/19

School Choice

- 2/12: School Choice Lottery was held
- Results will go out at the end of this month

Mental Health Wellness

- Working with a couple different outreach programs this year;
- Anti Defamation League, Rise of the Rams and Dr Jenkins speaking with various groups at schools and sports teams
- Visits to Student Wellness Counselors have doubled but showing how useful and needed the services are

Measure I

- Drew Fletcher is still looking for positive stories of how different school sites have benefited from Measure I improvements for their year end report. Stories can come from teachers, staff, parents, etc
- Next mtg is in May

Conejo Schools Foundation

- Getting closer to All District Music Festival. Really need help with wrangling the kids backstage/parking lot at TO Civic Center. Great volunteer opportunities available if you'd like to volunteer, please reach out
- Conejo Closet is in need of support. They would love to partner with a CVUSD school on a donation drive or something similar and just generally looking for more volunteers and outside support. Please reach out if your school is interested
- Get Ahead program and CSF Summer Academy are now open for registration (see flyers)

TO Library

- Check their site for Spring Break flyer
- New program Bricks for Kids ages 6-10 (Lego Activities)



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- 3D Printing program for Kids ages 3-5 and & craft table all month
- City is launching a new program called One City, One Book where they are encouraging everyone to read the same book being featured & the author will come for a speaking engagement. Book selected is Symphony of Secrets by Brendan Slocumb, at Civic Arts Plaza, Sunday April 27th
- Summer Reading Club
- Bookmark Design Contest (ages Kindergarten to 100 years old - check link online)
- Go to their site for all upcoming events

DELAC

- Last mtg was 2/25. They had a presentation on Immigration Policies so families are more informed
- TO Library is working more closely with DELAC now and presented to them all the resources and opportunities that are available to them through the Library. They are sharing the Library calendar with them each mtg so that DELAC can communicate upcoming events and various dates to DELAC families, encouraging them to make more use of the Library and all it has to offer
- Next mtg is 3/25

LGBTQ+

- Horizon Hills is offering a course this month called Affirming your LGBTQ youth: A Parenting Strategy
- Approved a letter to SI Mark McLoughlin requesting an update on Human Growth and Development Videos
- 3/26 is their next mtg (date is different than what is listed online)

SEDAC

- March is Disability History Month in the CVUSD
- Check out their Toolkit for more info and list of resources
- May is their last meeting for the year

SDAC

- At 2/24 mtg they had a presentation in Dual Enrollment and discussed on-campus time requirements that might be affected by dual enrollment
- Newly elected members join in April

Public Comments

- Julie Freeman - a parent and professional in the community, who has spoken at DAC mtgs before on cell phone use and social media etc came to speak on tech safety at Acacia School and presented to 3-5th graders

Asst SI Kenny Loo



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- There are 1300 school choice applications for next year. They have a new feature in place where every applicant has an application number and that number/list will be posted on CVUSD site and updated as frequently as possible. Rather than emailing or calling District, you will now be able to check application number/place online
- 3/17 Reminder - this is a Non-Student Day in the CVUSD. It's a Professional Development Day for staff and they do various training at the different school levels Some of which include; Suicide Prevention Training, Science of Reading, Supporting NeuroDivergent Students, and training on legally compliant IEPs, etc

SUPER DAC MTG NOTES

Heard from all DACS. They each listed some updates and broad overviews of what they do, and they each ended with an ASK

AADAC

- They've been working on greater connection & communication with BSU students across the school sites
- Their students want to know they are safe and supported by the administrations
- Black/African American students really want to continue to see more of themselves represented in the curriculum
- They are also wanting more Diverse Learning throughout the year (i.e. not just learning about Black people or history in the month of February)
- ASK -District & school sites to help them promote events put on by BSU students. Not making those exclusive to black students, but wanting more support/messaging for them. Asking community to continue to be an ally to Black & African American Students

DELAC

- They include multi-lingual learners, meetings are 10-12 every last Tuesday of the month. They are always learning more about Attendance, Resources, TO Library (partnering with them to really get families more involved), Grading Practices, ELAC, ELPAC Testing, Dual Language Immersion Programs, Registration & Enrollment (from Elm through HS), Immigration Enforcement, and Expanded Learning Opportunities
- ASK - A lot of these families are going through tough times right now with regard to immigration policies. They are asking for the community to listen, be compassionate, and help students/parents if & where they can

GATE DAC



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- Their series called ACE (After Class Enrichment) activities tailored to their students has been really successful. They continue to advocate for GATE differentiation across grade levels. Collaborate regularly on grade level specific activities.
- All CVUSD can access the GATE Library and check out materials (CVUSD site, Stephanie Caswell.
- Continue to advocate for equitable opportunities for students across school sites. Diversity - there are ESL and IEP students that are identified as GATE
- ASK - Some sites are still missing representatives. They are always looking for more parent support for GATE at all school sites and are wanting more targeted differentiation strategies and training for teachers

LGBTQ+

- They have 4 subcommittees they're recruiting for; Elementary, Secondary, Curriculum and Toolkit (inspired by SEDAC toolkit)
- They created a *Proud to be Me* activity for many Elm school sites in 2024 and it's scheduled again in 2025 (CSF helping to coordinate). They will deliver packets to all schools in the hopes of participating
- Approved a letter to District requesting update and representation to 5th-7th grade HGD videos ASK
- Join a subcommittee, School site reps, they are wanting regular engagement from all sites at their meetings... some sites still do not have reps (7 schools called out for this - WLE was one of them)

SDAC

- They've been meeting on Mental Health & Wellness, Bylaw Amendments (new voting system), Cell Phone Policy, TO Transit, RISE with the Rams, Racial Equity Resolution, Description of roles created, Approved a letter to the district requesting a swearing in process for the student board trustees, and Dual Enrollment
- ASK - Hoping others DACs can try to meet later in the day so they can attend. They are in school during a lot of DAC mtg hours and feel that topics come up in a lot of other DAC mtgs where student perspectives would be really warranted and beneficial

SEDAC

- 15% of CVUSD students receive SE services
- Their meetings are about SEDAC 101, committee development through communication, paraeducators, empowering inclusion, bullying prevention and strategies for students with disabilities.
- Their subcommittees are Inclusion, Communications, Safety, SEDAC Connections
- ASK - District has come a long way & they are grateful for that, but always room for improvement. Presume that students can achieve (i.e. competence), learn what special education means (check their Toolkit on CVUSD site), Include SE



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students, in and out of the classroom - social inclusion is so important (i.e. be a good ally). Remember March is Disability Month

DAC

- Have met this year on School Enrollment, Elementary General Music Education, Community Resources, Conejo Valley School, Public Safety Power Shutoffs Task Force
- ASK - stay involved with your School Sites and DACs
- More involvement increases communication and representation!!

CVUSD (Valedictorian Process)

- Current system was implemented in '07, has persisted unchanged for 18 yrs. Index GPA system. 4.65 or above and honors/AP/dual enrollment classes earn you more points.
Concerns;
 - Enormous pressure to achieve (from self/peers/parents)
 - Equity (some students leveraging with fee based courses)
 - Students shy away from selecting unweighted coursework (but important beneficial programs/courses too)
- There is an alternate proposal (which is similar to universities or colleges where there is Summa/Magna Cum Laude. Check their presentation on site to see more info. Have begun a committee to begin reviewing. Policy would likely not change for about 6 more years. Gives current HS time to matriculate and so current HS populations aren't robbed of something they have already been in the process of working towards and/or younger siblings aren't trying to match what an older sibling achieved

SEDAC Report:

- [Utilizing the Disability Inclusion Toolkit presentation](#)
- Committee Tables - see attachment for summary
- [Community Reporters information](#)
- [Director's Updates](#)

ELAC Report:

No report/representative

GATE Report:

- Gate testing for rising 3rd graders (2nd graders) will begin soon



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- A wonderful presentation was given by Dr. Jayna Super regarding grade transitions and math pathways for students in grades 6-12. The pathways for math, English, science and social science can be found at <https://www.conejousd.org/cms/lib/CA50010930/Centricity/Domain/1466/pathways.html>.
- Christina Harrison gave an enlightening presentation on school-sponsored activities, including links to forms that are often needed when the activity is off-campus.
- A nominating committee was formed to identify nominees for the upcoming executive board election that will be held during our May meeting.
- We are seeking GATE-DAC representatives for each campus for next year. Please consider volunteering!
- Universal GATE screening for students in second grade will be March 26 through April 30. Parents will be notified by mail in May or June.

AACAP Report:

No report/representative

LGBTQ+ Report:

No report/representative

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

- Principal's report
 - Immigration policy was discussed
 - Dance to start the week of the 24th
 - Extra books from the books drive were sent to the Title 1 schools
 - SPSA Review
 - Goals Review

Meeting adjourned

3:50