



Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2021

(Conducted via Zoom)

Call to order at 3:02pm

In Attendance:

- Richard Fields (Chairperson)
- Terri Culpepper (Principal)
- Erika Gross (PFA)
- Angela Foll (PFA)
- Tim Hargerty (GATE)
- Ann Keenan (Librarian)
- Katrin Bergauer (ELAC)
- Katie Wilkes (SEDAC)
- Kim Thalken (parent)

Public Comments:

Parent, Kim Thalken asked about the public comment process. Then requested a platform for parents to discuss concerns relating to the district's upcoming vaccine requirement. Mrs. Culpepper directed her to the school board meetings or state level meetings. Several other council members directed her to other platforms to discuss this topic like Facebook.

PFA Report:

Direct Donation Push week 10/4-10/8, Family Fun Night 10/13 at Sharky's & Yogurtland, Halloween decorations on 10/18 and parade on 10/29. Egg Drop Nov 5th.

DAC Report:

Conejo elementary dual immersion program for next fall. Will be available option for school choice starting next month.

New CA state bill 14 - mental health absences count as excused absences.

Counselors report: Big push on SEL curriculum. Lesson plans being pushed out to teachers. At elementary working especially on peer relationships. Middle school working on mindful Mondays and anger management, social relationships.

Coffee with counselors for parents is coming at the middle school and high school level.

ELAC - report by Katrin (610 red flag warnings already this year!)



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Unity day October 20th (anti-bullying) - wear orange

Individual School reports - lots going back to normal with homecoming, chorus shows, school events, fall festivals at the elementary level, etc.

Motion passes to change DAC bylaws to add one voting rep from African American DAC and one from LGBTQ-DAC to DAC membership.

SEL (social emotional learning) presentation by Dr. Loo - working towards 3 year goal is 60 minutes of SEL teaching per week in TK-8. Some students will need additional SEL Learning time via individual sessions or small groups. 3 year Goal is to offer 30% of students this extra learning.

Goal to use community circles for class problem solving.

SEDAC Report:

Rainbow Connection Resource center is open and available to support families with kids with special needs.

Safety Plan Presentation - Given by Gary Bradbury, Director of Safety and Risk Management. The presentation focused on safety plans for students with disabilities and included information on safety drills, training for the staff, and an explanation of an annual survey done by administration at the school site. There will be a review this fall and plans will be included in the overall safety plan.

Stimulus funding - One time dollars will be given by the state to support students with disabilities in order to address learning loss due to COVID. The dollar amount was based on the total number of students with IEPs back in 2019. The district received \$559 per student and that totaled \$1,181,000 to address learning loss. The school district has to have a plan on how to spend the money to the state by October 1st, but will be reaching out to stakeholders to create a more detailed plan after that date.

COVID Information - One page COVID information sheet being worked on by the school district for distribution to all CVUSD families.

Independent study is allowed for kids who have been quarantined

School Choice - School choice applications are available starting November 1st.

Transition meetings - Transition meetings for families with students with IEPs/504s are coming up! For students going from middle school to high school there will be a meeting on Nov 3rd from 5-6PM via Zoom. Then there will be a meeting for students transitioning from elementary to



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middle school on Nov 10th from 5-6PM via Zoom. Preschool to elementary school will be scheduled in the future.

Unity Day is Wednesday Oct 20th - Wear and share orange to show unity for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion and to send a visible message that no child should ever experience bullying. More resources at www.pacer.org/bullying

ELAC Report:

New director for the Multilingual Learners and Equity department at CVUSD (DELAC): Dr. Ricardo Araiza

Presentation by Dr. Gary Bradbury about changes to the covid guidelines:

- Disinfection no longer necessary, only routine cleaning
- no more Physical Distancing
- no more limited sharing of equipment
- no more screening staff & students of symptoms
- Vaccination will become mandatory (not yet mandatory for staff or students)
- By October 15th unvaccinated workers need to be verified and be tested once a week
- Asymptomatic fully vaccinated persons do not need to quarantine after close contact with a positive case

Presentation by Dr. Heather Chamberlin about Mental Health Support & Services

- 1 of 5 children experience a mental health challenge during development
- from March through October 2020, mental health related emergency room visits increased 24% among 5 to 11 years olds and 31% among 12 to 17 years olds.
- 7.1% of children aged 3-17 years (approximately 4.4 million) have diagnosed anxiety and 3.2% of children aged 3-17 years (approximately 1.9 million) have diagnosed depression
- For children aged 3-17 years with anxiety, more than 1 in 3 also have behavior problems (37.9%) and about 1 in 3 also have depression (32.3%)

Kids didn't get the support they needed during Covid until they showed severe symptoms. This shows how important school is for early detection.

Anxiety shows differently in kids, e.g. outbreaks, aggression, etc

School Chromebooks give red flag warnings for dangerous Internet searches, like self harm, anxiety, suicide). Health & Support Services were reaching out to 610 students because of red flag warnings.

Site Level Supports



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- Classroom visits
- School wide Assemblies for SEL
- Crisis Support/Intervention
- Group and Individual Counseling
- Parent Workshops (Breakthrough Program)

ELPAC presentation by Dr. Araiza

- The ELAOC has 2 assessments
- Initial - for new students entering the school district all year long
- Summative - will be done each year for English Learners for reclassification between Feb 1 - May 31

Students are tested in Listening, speaking, reading and writing

The test is computer-based, done by a test examiner, in groups or individually

GATE Report:

Fourth grade and referrals from last year will begin on October 19, which is the day after the parent/teacher conferences. Testing for third grade students and newly-referred students will begin on February 22, 2022.

The Individual Differentiated Learning Plan (IDL) is sent to parents prior to the teacher conferences to discuss the screening process- this is an opt-out system- all students will be screened unless parents don't want it to occur.

Elementary Wacky Wednesday - Digital Escape Room, October 13th from 1:30 - 2:30 PM. Information will be emailed to elementary GATE families for sign up, one week prior to the event.

Some updates from Thousand Oak Library: back to normal hours - pick-up is available; Homework Help; Reading Buddies; STEM program; Dog Days; Craft Kits to go; In-n-Out reading program

TO Arts is offering virtual field trips.

Meeting is adjourned