



CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the

District Advisory Council (DAC) District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC)

Education Service and Support Center - Room C

84 East J Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910

November 19, 2019

12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION** - DELAC Chairperson, Arianna Gonzalez, called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Before the meeting started, she reviewed the "Ground Rules" as a protocol in conducting these meetings. The following schools gave a brief overview of their programs: Hilltop, Juarez Lincoln, Lauderbach, Liberty and Loma Verde.
2. **QUORUM CHECK** - A quorum was established.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - DELAC Chairperson, Arianna Gonzalez, asked for approval of the November agenda. **Matthew Baker, Tiffany Elementary School** made a motion to approve the agenda. **Terry Yates, Salt Creek Elementary School** seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - DELAC Chairperson, Arianna Gonzalez, asked for approval of the October minutes. **Matthew Baker, Tiffany Elementary School** made a motion to approve the minutes. **Marisela Reynoso, Valley Vista Elementary School** seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed.
5. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Dr. Escobedo said that Thanksgiving Day is one of his favorite holidays, because it is an opportunity to give thanks for the great things we have in our lives and one of the best things is having amazing schools, parent leaders, teachers and students in the District. Dr. Escobedo continued by congratulating Heritage, Valle Lindo, and Valley Vista for receiving the 2019 California Distinguished Schools award. Dr. Escobedo wished everyone a blessed Thanksgiving Day and suggested parents make these days stress-free by playing fun games with the family during the holidays.
6. **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS REPORT** - Deputy Superintendent, Oscar Esquivel, announced that at the November 18, 2019 Board meeting, the Board of Education of Chula Vista Elementary gave authorization to the District to place a \$300 million general obligation bond on the March 2020 election. Another announcement was to remind parents regarding the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting that will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 6 p.m. at ESSC, Board Room. The agenda will include the 2019-20 District and School Site Budget information. Mr. Esquivel wished everyone a restful, thankful and safe Thanksgiving Day.

Dr. Jeffrey Thiel, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, had the pleasure to announce that Ms. Veronica Delgado was hired as the new Principal at Otay Elementary School.

Dr. Matthew Tessier, Assistant Superintendent of Innovation and Instruction, talked about the importance of school attendance. Dr. Tessier shared that the holidays is the time when more students are absent from school. Dr. Tessier encouraged parents to communicate to other parents, friends, neighbors, and students about how critical attendance is. Dr. Tessier requested parents' support in sending their children to school every day in which this will help their children build a habit of good attendance that will carry into their future careers. Dr. Tessier wished everyone a fun Thanksgiving Day.

Keith Malcom, Executive Director, shared about the Third Annual California Bilingual Education Binational (CABE) conference, which was held in Tijuana. He mentioned two Dual Language teachers from Valley Vista Elementary School were able to participate and connect with teachers from Mexico and United States in working and sharing on the latest teaching strategies in Spanish and getting explicit training. Mr. Malcom also shared that last Thursday, District Dual Language teachers had the opportunity to connect and have fun in sharing ideas and teaching strategies. Mr. Malcom thanked Discovery Charter School staff for hosting the event. The last thing, he mentioned there are only five more school-weeks before English Learners (TK -12 grade) take the Computer-Based English Language Proficiency Assessment for California (ELPAC) test. Mr. Malcom feels confident that all English Learners will do a great job on the test. Mr. Malcom wished everyone a great Thanksgiving Break.

7. **CHAIRPERSONS' REPORTS** - Arianna Gonzalez, DELAC Chairperson, and Marina Beltran, DAC Chairperson, provided and distributed the 2019-20 Parent Training Sessions Schedule and encouraged everyone to share it with other parents during school meetings, on the Facebook/Twitter page and/or other type of social media. Paola Granados and Jacqueline Gonzalez, DAC/DELAC Vice-Chairpersons, shared that last Saturday both attended the 2019 Mini-CABE conference at Otay Ranch High School. They attended several sessions and shared their professional development training experiences. Mrs. Beltran also shared information on the 2020 Californian Association for Bilingual Education (CABE), which will be held on April 8-11, 2020 in San Francisco, CA. She encouraged parent leaders to talk to their principals about conference expenses.

8. **ATTENDANCE** - Lisa Butler, Student Placement Manager, gave an overview on the importance of student attendance. She said if children do not show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills. Showing up to school is a chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry into college and their career. Ms. Butler also went over the following points of Attendance Data, California Department of Education Data Dashboard 2018-19 CVESD Data, expectation on school attendance, and District-Level strategies on student attendance. For additional questions, contact Lisa Butler, Student Placement Manager, (619) 425-9600 x1571 or email her at cheryl.butler@cvesd.org

9. **DISTRICT GOALS AND SERVICES FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS** - Language and Instruction Coordinator, Patricia Pimentel, reviewed the purpose of the goals and objectives for English Learners (ELs). Ms. Pimentel clarified the five EL objectives, which are the EL identification, assessments, programs, services and the reclassification process. Ms. Pimentel concluded by clarifying the written parent notification letter on the Initial English Language Proficiency Assessment for California (ELPAC) and Annual progress on the Summative ELPAC test.

Mr. Keith Malcom gave an overview of the District's Dual Language, Transition Bilingual, English Instruction programs. Mr. Malcom also explained the Reclassification Criteria, English Language Proficiency, Academic Achievement, Teacher and Parent/Guardian opinion consultation. Ms. Pimentel and Mr. Malcom answered several questions from the school site's parent representatives.

10. **DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS** - Angelica Maldonado, District Parent Engagement Liaison, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ms. Maldonado shared information on Computers 2-Kids, which provides refurbished computers at affordable prices to low income families. Two parent leaders gave their testimony on the process of their application in obtaining a device. She also provided a flyer of the five upcoming events/locations where parents can register and apply. She concluded by providing a calendar of upcoming District and community resources and events.

Francisco Tamayo, Board of Education member, thanked DAC/DELAC Board members and Parent Leaders for coming together at each monthly meeting to discuss different topics and ideas that empower each parent. Mr. Tamayo suggested that he would like to see parents continue participating in these meetings and to invite other parents to come to voice their opinions, concerns and to share their personal successes. On behalf of the CVESD Board of Education Mr. Tamayo wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Day, and hopes to see everyone soon.

11. **PUBLIC/ORAL COMMUNICATION** - Aurora Murillo, Community Member, announced on the Latinx Education Summit. The Summit will review a countywide achievement profile and examination of how parents, TK-12 teachers, higher education advocates, and students can work to reduce the achievement gap and enhance educational opportunity for Latinx youth. This event will be held on February 22, 2020, from 8:30 to noon at the San Diego County Office of Education. Materials and food are included for participants with a \$15.00 registration fee. Ms. Murillo recommended everyone to participate.

Ines Giraldo, San Ysidro Health Center Services, is offering a variety of courses and workshops. She mentioned that these services are designed to guide parents toward personal growth and give tools for the well-being of the family. These sessions include topics such as make parenting a pleasure, anger management, self-esteem, identify violence signs and much more. These sessions are 10-weeks or 2-6 weeks at no cost to participants. For more information, please call at 619.662.4199.

12. **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Marina Beltran
DAC Chairperson

Arianna Gonzalez
DELAC Chairperson

Olivia Guerrero
Recording Secretary