



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

August 13, 2019

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION** - DAC Chairperson, Marina Beltran, called the meeting to order at 12:00 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: Allen, Arroyo Vista Charter, Camarena, Casillas, and Castle Park.
2. **QUORUM CHECK** - A quorum was established.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - DAC Chairperson, Marina Beltran, asked for approval of the August agenda. **Matthew Baker, Tiffany Elementary School** made a motion to approve the agenda. **Vanessa Alvarez, Rice Elementary School** seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - DAC Chairperson, Marina Beltran, asked for approval of April and May minutes. **Matthew Baker, Tiffany Elementary School** made a motion to approve the minutes. **Terry Yates, Salt Creek Elementary School** seconded the motion. Motion passed.
5. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Dr. Escobedo welcomed the new DAC/DELAC Board members and school representatives. Dr. Escobedo shared the District theme "*Nurturing Relationships through GRIT*" for the 2019-20 school year. He said *GRIT* is like *GANAS* in Spanish. *GRIT* is the inner strength that helps people through difficult times. *Grit* will be the focus this year and he asked parents to teach their children at home on how utilizing this inner strength will help them become a better person. On September 10, Dr. Escobedo and a team of District administrators will be going to Sacramento to report on "Positive Outliers". They will be speaking on the highlights of positive outliers that help maximize the impact of student learning in the Chula Vista School District. Dr. Escobedo also explained in developing an Interdependent System where the District staff, school sites teachers/administrators, and parents all work together to focus on improving teaching and learning. Dr. Escobedo wished everyone a good year and stated that he really looks forward to the 2019-20 school year.
6. **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT:** Oscar Esquivel, Deputy Superintendent, welcomed back parents to another school year. Mr. Esquivel shared that on June 19, the Board of Education approved the 2019-20 Proposed Budget of the Chula Vista Elementary School District, and on June 27, the Governor signed the 2019-20 State Budget. Mr. Esquivel stated that on Wednesday, August 14, he will submit to the Board of Education the 2019-20 Revised District Budget for approval. Mr. Esquivel also shared on the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC). He mentioned that the BAC is looking for volunteers to serve on the District's 2019-20 committee. Parents will learn about school and the District budget processes and provide valuable input on District budget priorities. Mr. Esquivel encouraged parents to communicate with their principals if interested. The first BAC meeting is scheduled for October. Mr. Esquivel concluded by mentioning that the modernization work at Sunnyside is ahead of schedule and that the school will open in September. He said the school grand opening will be scheduled after the Labor Day weekend.

Dr. Matthew Tessier, Assistant Superintendent, welcomed everyone back to DAC/DELAC meetings. Dr. Tessier mentioned that Instructional Services and Support Department is receiving a lot of students' data from State and District's internal-surveys that he would like to share with everyone. Dr. Tessier encouraged parents not to miss the next two meetings. He stated that in September, he will be reporting on how students are doing in social and emotional wellness, and in October, Dr. Gloria Ciriza, Executive Director, and Dr. Tessier will be sharing on students' academic achievement (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress - CAASPP). Dr. Tessier, in addition, recommended parents to talk to their principals to find out how students are doing on physical education skills, as well as health and nutrition information at their school site.

Dr. Jeffrey Thiel, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, announced the new principal and associate principal positions: Erin Mahoney at Muraoka, Ray DeVore at Clear View, Patricia Magaña at Palomar, Aaron Magnan at Rosebank, Neil MacGaffrey at Discovery Charter and Brandi Sheppy as Associate Principal at Rogers. He welcomed and wished everyone a great year.

7. **CHAIRPERSONS' REPORTS** – Mrs. Marina Beltran, DAC Chairperson and Mrs. Arianna Gonzalez, DELAC Chairperson, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced themselves as the new 2019-20 DAC/DELAC Chairperson. Mrs. Beltran and Mrs. Gonzalez also presented a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the District's mission and goals of the District Advisory Council (DAC) and District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC). They mentioned that DAC/DELAC are organizations that are all about parent engagement to advise the District. These joint meetings are where parents and principals from more than one school meet regularly to receive information on how to assist parents of English Learners and all students; and to explore new ideas and ways to make things better. Mrs. Gonzalez invited parents to attend the "Parent Leadership Workshop" on August 29 at 9:30 a.m. and September 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the District's Board Room. This training will assist parents with tools and resources to help with their student's education and to help improve parent involvement at their school site.

8. **DISTRICT'S PARENT NEEDS ASSESSMENTS** - Mrs. Beltran, DAC Chairperson, explained the topics of the District's Parent Needs Assessment for the 2019-20 school year. Mrs. Beltran asked parents to review and rank the topics in order of importance to them. Mrs. Beltran said that these training topics will be provided before the regular DAC/DELAC meetings.

9. **SUPPORT FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS** - Keith Malcom, Executive Director, provided a presentation on Support for English Learners. He shared about language and that all students are language learners; English speaking students learning English, Spanish speaking students learning English, and students in Dual Language programs learning English and Spanish. Mr. Malcom mentioned that 22 schools in the District offer a Dual Language program in which part of the day, is instructed in Spanish and the other part is instructed in English. The other program offered in the District is English only, in both of these programs students, specifically English Learners, receive language development. He also shared, this year four Dual Language Innovation Teams have been formed to focus on the following areas: enrollment, parent education, teacher recruitment and instruction.

10. **DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS** -

Lisa Parker, Executive Director, shared information on this year's Fifth Annual Parent Academy. She said to SAVE THE DATE for the event, which will take place on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019 from 7:30 am to noon at Vista Square Elementary School. A continental breakfast will be served to attendees and plenty of opportunity drawings will be held.

Yadira Calderon from School Readiness shared information about the School Readiness program offered in English and Spanish at various sites and times for children of ages 3 to 5. These classes help children and parents transition into a Kindergarten setting.

Hilda Rosales from School Readiness shared about the Ready to Read Program that is a series of workshops for parents and preschool age children. Parents learn strategies on how to read to their children.

Angelica Maldonado, District Parent Engagement Liaison, welcomed parents to the first DAC/DELAC meeting, she provided a calendar of upcoming District and community resources and events. She recommended parents and principals to share the calendar with other stakeholders.

11. **PUBLIC/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** – Esther Machado Program Coordinator shared information on Computers 2-Kids, which provides refurbished computers at affordable prices to low income families and partners with the Cox Connect2Compete program to provide high-speed, low-cost internet access to families who qualify.

Susan Skala, President of CVE, wished all a happy new year and welcome back. She mentioned for the past two years, CVE has conducted listening tours at each site to learn on how to better meet the needs of union members. Ms. Skala stated the union is thinking about holding listening tours with parents to learn more about their needs and to work together. She thanked parents and wish everyone to have a wonderful year.

12. **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Marina Beltran
DAC Chairperson

Arianna Gonzalez
DELAC Chairperson

Olivia Guerrero
Recording Secretary