



CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
District Advisory Council (DAC)
District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC)
Education Service & Support Center

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020
VIRTUAL MEETING – 12:00-2:00 P.M.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION

DAC Chairperson, Jaqueline Gonzalez, called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. Ms. Gonzalez reminded attendees to complete the sign-in/attendance form via the QR code provided in the Teams Chat.

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent, Dr. Francisco Escobedo, greeted the Board and parent leaders and extended his well wishes for a safe, restful Thanksgiving holiday. Dr. Escobedo began his report by sharing the letter he plans to send out later in the afternoon and that Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Jeffrey Thiel, will be joining him in his report. Dr. Escobedo was pleased to announce the District received a tentative agreement with teachers' union, Chula Vista Educators (CVE) under COVID-19 pandemic. The District would like to return to a hybrid and in-person instruction, hopefully by mid- to late-January 2021 provided that all health and safety conditions are met; meaning that San Diego County (the County) returns to a RED tier level (the County just turned to PURPLE tier level). Once the County returns to RED, the District would like to reopen all CVESD schools under the hybrid, instructional format. In this learning format, a limited number of students will be able to return in cohorts; approximately 12-13 students at a time. Dr. Escobedo stressed the District will continue to provide the option of distance learning for the remainder of the school year, which ends June 2021.

Dr. Escobedo added the District wants to expand its distance learning support programs. The agreement has language that allows teachers and other certificated employees to volunteer to work even before the County returns to a RED tier level. However, in this format, the State mandates that classroom numbers would have to be much lower – there can be no more than 8 individuals, which includes the teacher. The District will ask teachers if they want to volunteer to work.

Dr. Thiel stated that District staff will be meeting with CVE to develop an instructional hybrid model. The criteria for students to participate in an in-person instruction. Priority will go to high-needs students: foster, homeless, students with an IEP, or a 504, English Learners with a level 1 or 2 on their ELPAC scores, or to students with significant below-grade level performance.

Dr. Escobedo recognized and acknowledged District staff who have been working arduously to get this agreement in place and appreciates that we (the District) have a path to start school with our kids. He further stated the agreement is an amazing opportunity for the District and can't wait to see more kids in our schools but reminded that COVID rates are high in the county and in the nation. Dr. Escobedo added that Deputy Superintendent, Oscar Esquivel, and his staff will be purchasing added HEPA filters to enhance ventilation. The filters should be arriving in 4-5 weeks.

3. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Deputy Superintendent Oscar Esquivel reported on November 18 the District will be seeking approval from the Board of Education for the District's Solar Power Project, which is an 18-month project for installation of solar panels at all CVESD school sites including the ESSC and Transportation bus yard. The project is to primarily conserve energy at school sites.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Matthew Tessier shared how the Innovation department has innovated to continue to provide opportunities for our kids. The Innovation Station, including the Energy Station, Health Station, and Hydro Station have transitioned from face-to-face opportunities to virtual experiences that take place every Friday and which have been very successful for the past five weeks. The Innovation Stations offers our students in Grades 4-6 the opportunity to get involved with various economic work sectors who guide and help match their (the students) strengths, interests and values to different careers that exist. Dr. Tessier invites parents and the community to log in to participate in these virtual activity classes.

District Administrators thanked DAC/DELAC for their support and wished the Board and Committee a safe and happy holiday season.

4. CHAIRPERSONS' REPORT

DAC Chairperson, Jaqueline Gonzalez, announced and invited all DAC and DELAC parent leaders to the Parent Leadership School Resources (Binder Training) on November 30, 2020. Two virtual training sessions will be offered: 2-3:30 p.m. and 6-7:30 p.m. Ms. Gonzalez extended a special thank you to District Parent Engagement Liaison, Ms. Angelica Maldonado, for providing support at the Binder Training sessions. Ms. Gonzalez wished all a happy Thanksgiving holiday.

DELAC Chairperson, Paola Granados, welcomed parent leaders to the meeting and also wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Ms. Granados extended an invitation to the CAFE (California Association for Bilingual Education) Mini-Conference. The cost to attend the virtual conference is \$50 per person and offers many workshops which provides useful information for parents especially with regards to English Learners. Ms. Granados added the workshops are fun and hopes that all will take part this year. Ms. Gonzalez added the CAFE Mini-Conference flyer will be posted on the DAC/DELAC Facebook page as well.

5. QUORUM

Ms. Gonzalez called for a 3-minute break to confirm quorum. Quorum check was established.

6. NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Instructions on how to complete the online District Needs Assessment Survey was performed by Patricia Pimentel, Language Development and Instruction Coordinator. Parent leaders can complete the survey during the meeting, however, if unable to do so, the online survey will be available until 5 p.m. Thursday, November 19. Results of the Needs Assessment Survey will be shared at the next DAC/DELAC meeting.

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Matthew Baker, Tiffany Elementary
 Second: Kate Bishop, Clear View Elementary
 Vote: Unanimous
 MOTION PASSED

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Matthew Baker, Tiffany Elementary
 Second: Kate Bishop, Clear View Elementary
 Vote: Unanimous
 MOTION PASSED

9. ELECTIONS

Elections were held virtually for the following Executive Board officer positions: DAC Vice Chairperson, DELAC Vice Chairperson, DAC Board Member, and DELAC Board Member. As a reminder, DAC members can only vote for DAC officer positions and DELAC members can only vote for DELAC officer positions. Candidates considered for the following Executive Board positions are:

Position	Candidate
DAC Vice Chairperson	Matthew Baker (Burton C. Tiffany Elementary) Patricia Suro (Silver Wing Elementary)
DELAC Vice Chairperson	Anita Wende (Enrique S. Camarena Elementary)
DAC Board Member	Tiffany Gonzalez (Sunnyside Elementary)
DELAC Board Member	Dr. Pedro Carrillo (Sunnyside Elementary) Carmen Vega (Silver Wing Elementary)

Election results will be announced

10. BALANCING SCREEN TIME WITH YOUR KIDS

Ms. Maldonado introduced guest speaker and local author, Mrs. Arlene Pellicane, to speak briefly on healthy screen time for our kids and to teach families. Mrs. Pellicane will be presenting a full online workshop on November 17 at 6 p.m. Information will be posted on the District’s webpage.

11. DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Maldonado reviewed the Parent Resources Events Calendar for the months of November and December 2020. The calendar provides parents with valuable resource information from both CVESD and the community. The monthly calendar is prepared through the Student, Family, Community, and Instruction Department. Ms. Maldonado wished everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday.

12. PUBLIC/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Susan Skala, CVE President, wanted to congratulate Lucy Ugarte and Kate Bishop, as the newly elected Board trustees and looks forward to working with them. Ms. Skala also shared that teachers are eager to open but can do so only when it's safe, then further informed CVE had reached an agreement with the District regarding safety protocols and of a volunteer programs for our neediest students. The volunteer program cannot begin until the safety standards are met. Ms. Skala wished all a wonderful Thanksgiving break.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

Jaqueline Gonzalez

DAC Chairperson

Paola Granados

DELAC Chairperson

Claire De Soto

Recording Secretary