



Meeting Minutes

February 14th, 2024

2:45pm - Multipurpose Room

Call to order at 2:48

In Attendance:

- Richard Fields
- Anne Keenan
- Carolyn Booser
- Tim Hagerty
- Jill Cowdrey
- Danni Dennison
- Terri Culpepper
- Katie Wilkes
- Anna Tucker-White
- Rachel Braddell
- Carolyn Cherrie

Public Comments:

- None

Minutes from last meeting approved

PFA Report:

- 40-50 Moms attended the Bunco event. Huge success
- \$407 from the Social Monk Family fun night - \$2879 total for FFN
- Virtual Bingo was a success
- Upcoming Coffee Talk to encourage people to volunteer
- Pizza party participation drive coming up for direct donation participation. 80% and above wins a pizza party for their class
- Sweet Fin is the next family fun night Feb 27-28
- Talent show auditions coming up

DAC Report:

- Crossing guard updates
- School choice deadline was extended to February 7. You can still apply beyond the deadline date but you will not be priority.



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- Conejo Schools Foundation is still collecting instruments for their play program. They are looking for elementary sized instruments to be donated for students who would like to explore Band but do not have the means to rent or have access to instruments themselves.
- AADAC - 2/23 there is a district wide Black History Month celebration at Newbury Park High School at 4 PM
- Technology Committee - March 1st is the deadline for principals to place their technology orders.
- March is... Women's History Month and Disability Awareness Month. CVUSD has a portable wheelchair lift for any school sites who are in need of one. It can be borrowed on demand.
- CVUSD Annual Survey went out to student's primary contact. School sites should encourage families to complete it.

SEDAC Report:

- [SELPA presentation](#) - includes links to additional resources
 - <https://padlet.com/VCSELPA/pd-flyers-2023-2024-p5nw4jcxilyuliru>
 - <https://www.vcselpa.org/For-Families/Welcome-Families>
- Unified Basketball date changes- the games are now scheduled for:
 - Friday, March 1, 2024-Westlake High School Vs Newbury Park High School (at NPHS)
 - Friday, March 28, 2024-Newbury Park High School Vs Thousand Oaks High School (at TOHS)
 - Friday, March 22, 2024-Thousand Oaks High School Vs Westlake High School (at WHS)
- Extended School Year (ESY) scheduled to be at Glenwood (pre-school through grade 5), Sequoia (6 - 8), and Thousand Oaks High School (9 through post-secondary) from July 2nd - July 31st(pending board approval)
July 4th and 5th are holidays/no school
- Announcement of new Teacher on Special Assignment for Inclusion - Sara Cummings
- [Disability Celebrations Toolkit](#) - Resource for Disability History Month in March.

ELAC Report:

No report/representative

GATE Report:

- ❖ The California School Dashboard is a major component of our state's accountability system, and it provides parents and educators with meaningful



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information on school and district progress so they can participate in decisions to improve student learning. It provides data on more than just test scores alone to allow for a complete picture of how schools and districts are meeting the needs of all students. You can find the dashboard at www.caschooldashboard.org or by downloading the App on your smartphone.

- ❖ The Conejo Schools Foundation is hosting a “State of the School” Address from Dr. Mark McLaughlin at CLU on Thursday, April 11, 2024. Please click [HERE](#) for more information or to purchase tickets for this event.
- ❖ Mrs. Tasha Beaudoin gave a presentation on The Center at Thousand Oaks High School. They will be hosting a zoom information session for freshmen and sophomore families on Thursday, February 8th at 6:30pm. Please visit <https://www.tohsthecenter.org/> for more information and to register.
- ❖ Dr. Dena Sellers, Director of Elementary Education, gave a presentation on the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) process and the role our GATE parent representatives play in the development of that plan at their school sites. The presentation slides are attached to this email.
- ❖ The Thousand Oaks Library has monthly programs and services for all ages, including homework help, make and take events, dog days, and more! Subscribe to [The Oakleaf](#), the library’s monthly newsletter, to stay up-to-date on what’s new at our libraries.
- ❖ The Ventura County Science Fair for 6th-12th grade students, hosted by the Ventura County Office of Education, is still accepting registrations until Friday, February 9th. Visit their website [HERE](#) for details and additional deadline information.
- ❖ The California Association for the Gifted (CAG) is hosting their 62nd Annual Family Conference from 9:00am to 2:00pm on February 25th. This virtual event focuses on enhancing family effectiveness in supporting their advanced, gifted, twice exceptional (2E), and multilingual child, including their intellectual, academic, and social/emotional needs. To register, please visit www.CAGifted.org/Events
- ❖ February District GATE Activities include:
 - Middle School GATE students were invited to an interactive afternoon with AP science exploration hosted by high school students at The Center in Thousand Oaks High School being held on Wednesday, February 7th. Information was emailed to 6th - 8th grade GATE families to complete the lottery/interest form. (Limit 42 students)
 - Elementary GATE students are invited to an interactive afternoon with hands-on science rotations on Thursday, February 22nd. Information will be emailed to 3rd - 5th grade GATE families to complete the lottery/interest form for possible participation one week prior to the activity.
- ❖ Elections for all GATE DAC Executive Board positions will be held at the May 3rd meeting. Anyone interested in being considered for one of these positions should email the Nomination Committee Chair, Rachael Brusseau, at



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rachael@brusseau.org for more information or to announce their intention to be considered.

AACAP Report:

No report/representative

LGBTQ+ Report:

No report/representative

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

- Homework club has started and has been successful
- ESSR Funds are expiring next year
- Enrollment has started for next year
- Run club is ongoing on Tuesdays

Meeting adjourned - 3:19