



Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2025

2:45pm - Multipurpose Room

Call to order at 2:45

In Attendance:

Anna Tucker-White
Tim Hagerty
Danielle Dennison
Terri Culpepper
Rebecca Crowell
Richard Fields
Katie Wilkes
Carolyn Booser
Anne Keenan
Grace Benson
Jen Barber

Public Comments:

- None

Minutes from last meeting approved

PFA Report:

- New Bunco night to be announced
- FFN \$779.79 at the Stand
- FFN Tonight at Sea Casa
- Birthday in lights - \$1040 so far
- Spirit wear flash sale - 3/1-3/16
- Direct Deposit - \$25K over budget at this point
- Bingo was a success
- Talent show auditions are open
- Gala is next week on 2/21/25 - tickets on sale until 2/15
- State of California - 2023/24 has been cleared
- Yearbook cover contest is on



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DAC Report:

- Asst SI Kenny Liu opened the mtg with a planned discussion about PSPS (Public Safety Power Shutoffs), in response to the recent wind/fire/power events in Southern CA.
- He introduced Dr Hayek with CVUSD to explain district policies, practices etc. Dr Hayek discussed the State grants CVUSD we received, worth about \$13-14m. Out of 28 schools total in District, 14 sites in CVUSD received the batteries. The schools that received batteries were chosen based on matching the criteria for the need of the battery packs, such as size of school, their power output, location of panels, etc.
- They were not meant to be long term solutions (meaning many days/weeks) of power being out but they do supply the sites with full power. 18-24 hrs of battery life and they need to recharge (just like a hybrid car)
- 2 schools already have diesel generators but they are disconnected now because they got battery packs. District is thinking of repurposing them but they also might be too old to be worth going forward.
- There is one portable generator (smaller) that basically went on tour during the PSPS (we received?) and they are looking to purchase 2 more of those (looking to get the same brand/model so their permit can be the same and the Quick Connects at the sites can be the same) \$80-90K per generator
- Trying to make the Quick Connects at every school - which allow for instantaneous hook up of generator that can be dropped off, at least at the 3-4 school sites that consistently lose power (not us). And prioritizing schools that have bad cell sec (WLE)
- These generators allow for power for Critical Components (smoke alarms, basic analog phone line) and some outlets
- In terms of safety - re communication the schools are always able to communicate with each other/District because of the 2 repeaters in District allowing for all sites to communicate with each other and also the main hub on Mitchell Rd (Newbury Park).
- Always on the lookout for new grants like nat gas generators or solar etc (solar was questioned and basically they have looked at it but it's just too costly and the pay back is 28-30 years. Also most sites just dont draw enough power to



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necessitate it (most sites have switched to all LED bulbs, etc so much more energy efficient)

- They gave a huge shoutout and kudos to school site councils (staff/teachers) for being keeping the sites safe and open.
- SO, there is now a PSPS Task Force in place to continue reviewing practices, and the main idea now is to focus on How to Prepare, and How to handle as leaders on your campus (positivity), and also Messaging
- Lastly - they dispelled the myths around staying open. CVUSD did not stay open to get money from the state. They could have easily filed a J13 form which is a form filed for emergency situations but it also applies to majority low attendance due to emergency situations - so if their goal was to stay open to get money from the state (ADA?) they could have just closed and filed this form.
- The idea here is that schools, in the absence of freeways being shutdown, obviously Evacuation Warnings, dangerous air quality, etc is a safe place (sometimes even safer than others) for students to be. There are some families who are first responders or cannot miss work to stay home with their children and so schools needed to remain open. SI Mark McLoughlin will now (and especially after leading us through COVID) will always lean towards having schools open - again in the absence of freeways being shutdown, obviously Evacuation Warnings, dangerous air quality
- Practices and plans with regards to the PSPS will be incorporated into the CSSP (Comprehensive School Safety Plans) going forward
- We broke out on to groups to give feedback mainly on what Parents Could Expect and various feedback was given (see form - subs, emergency card printed and on thumb drive, messaging the why, what and how etc)

Board Notes

- Next Board Meeting is 2/19 there will be more cell phone policy discussion

AADAC

- Happy Black History Month
- They are joining the SDAC mtg next month to see how African American students can be better represented
- Dr Jenkins who chairs DEI gave an update and is now DEIB (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging), also updated them on Rise of the Rams program



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- They had noticed that schools were not capturing data for mixed race students, but after some work with the District they think they have found a way to work with Q in the District to capture mixed race Student's data

SEDAC

- Have had recent presentations on bullying, unity days with regards to students with disabilities
- *Next Wed at 9am on Atlas Ave location Asst SI Kent Liu says there is an IEP fair (learning about different resources)

GATE DAC

- Just finished overall testing
- There is some discussion for retesting some students and also late testing (for students who missed it)

DELAC

- They had an update on Dual Language Immersion Programs in the District at their last mtg. Also had a presentation for students applying to universities and various resources they can access to help with general information, application processes etc
- Dena Sellers gave them a presentation on Elem school immunizations and school choice

LGBTQ+

- Next Mtg is Feb 26th at 930AM

SDAC

- They have created several subcommittees, one of which is Education, Equity and belonging and they are working with AADAC
- Applications close this week for high schoolers
- MSAG (Middle School Advisory Group) is progressing (Shane Frank is leader)
- Also, discussing possible changes to Valedictorian Process (early stages of discussion, not sure if any changes will occur)
- Have completed cell phone policy surveys (most agree on smartwatches being the most detrimental at an Elm School level but also high school survey interesting (TOHS for example, 99% of students said cell phones were not a distraction at all and TOHS has the strictest cell phone policy in district - discussions will continue

Conejo Schools Foundation

- Get Ahead program now open for rising 8th graders and high schoolers



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- Also launching CSF Summer Academy at Madrona, for CVUSD families. Register early March 3rd as it will fill (only 200 spaces). For entering 1st-5th graders, July 21-Aug1 830-113-0 CVUSD teachers are teaching in this program
- Both programs intended to fill the summer gap and help bridge to school year

TO Library

- Fri 2/14 1015-1115 Valentines Day crafts event with CREATE Art Studio
- 2/24 Teens & Tweens Maker Mondays (Makerspace type event)

Measure I

- Next Mtg is in May. Drew Fletcher still looking for feedback from schools that felt they benefited from Measure I improvements
- Asst SI Kenny Liu said they are monitoring any executive orders that would change school policy as of now, nothing has changed. Most of our funding comes from the state but 3/7% comes from Federal and includes funding for really important things like IEPS, low socio-economic groups etc

SEDAC Report:

- "Bullying prevention begins with empathy instruction" - "Social Exclusion is a common form of bullying" [Empowering Inclusion: Bullying Prevention Strategies for Supporting Students with Disabilities.](#)
- We formed a Nominating committee for the 2025-2026 Executive Board. [Nomination Form](#)
- [Disability History Month slides.](#) [Directors' Update](#), including ESY will be held on July 1, 2025 through July 29, 2025 with July 4th as a holiday.
- Directors' Updates highlight: [Supporting Inclusive Practices \(SIP\) grantee.](#)

ELAC Report:

No report/representative

GATE Report:

- Volunteers are needed for the nominating committee for the GATE-DAC executive board. If you would like to be on the nominating committee, or if you would like to volunteer for a position on the executive board, please let Christine Wells or Rachael Brusseau know.



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- Although it is early February, it is time to start thinking about summer programs. Conejo Schools Foundation (CSF) is offering its Get Ahead summer program for students entering or already in high school. Please see <https://www.conejoschools.org/programs-initiatives/get-ahead-program/> for more information. For those students in grades 1 through 5, CSF is offering their Summer Academy. Please see <https://www.conejoschools.org/summer-academy/> for more information.
- Stefanie Caswell just finished GATE testing. Results will be mailed to families soon.
- The process of referring students for GATE testing was discussed. The process for referring students for GATE testing can be found at the bottom of the [GATE webpage](#) under the heading “Learn More About GATE”. If you are interested in referring your student for GATE testing, please look under the drop-down menu “[4th - 12th Grade Parent Referral \(English\)](#)”.
- Sharon Schram gave an inspiring presentation on parent advocacy.

AACAP Report:

No report/representative

LGBTQ+ Report:

No report/representative

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

- Finishing up Measure I funds
 - New sport court for PE being installed with Measure I money
 - New PE specialist starting
 - Computers are being upgraded
 - Enrollment for next year has started

Meeting adjourned