



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

Chula Vista, CA 91910

August 18, 2009

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION** – **Brenda Ruacho/DAC Chair**, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. She welcomed everyone to the meeting. After introductions of the DAC/DELAC board, Brenda said the DAC/DELAC would like to introduce all CVESD schools at their meetings using a new format where seven schools give a brief overview of their school site. The schools who were presented were: Allen, Castle Park, Chula Vista Hills, CVLCC, Clear View, Cook, and Discovery Charter. All other schools will present at future DAC/DELAC meetings.
2. **QUORUM CHECK** – a quorum was established.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Brenda asked for approval of the agenda. **Luisa Rosenfeld/Heritage** made a motion to approve the agenda. **Patricia Arriola/Arroyo Vista** seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All were in favor. Motion passed.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Brenda asked for approval of the minutes. **Archie McAllister/Tiffany** made a motion to approve the minutes. **Gabby Rodriguez/Discovery** seconded the motion. All were in favor. There was no discussion. Motion passed.
5. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – Dr. Billings welcomed everyone to the first DAC/DELAC meeting and said he was very excited about the new school year and was very pleased to see the large attendance at this meeting. He said Dr. Nelson will be sharing information on how well CVESD students are doing and thanked the teachers and parents for their support in achieving these goals. He said that there are 21 new or re-assigned principals at different school sites. He wished them well in their new assignments. He also stated that Susan Fahle will share information on the budget in her report.
6. **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – Sandra Villegas-Zuñiga, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, also said she was looking forward to the new school year. She reported that Human Resources hired over 60 temporary teachers and additional classified staff for this school year.
7. **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Susan Fahle reported that our District was able to put funding back to the schools this year and said that schools continue to be our top priority. The Budget and Child Nutrition Committees are looking for parent volunteers from each site. The next school year will be a very challenging one. The Budget Committee will be working on budget solutions. The Child Nutrition Committee's main goal is to improve school lunches. School enrollment is good at this time. There are 200 fewer students than we had at the end of last year. We have more students enrolled today than we did at this same time in the 2008-09 school year. The new common calendar has been good for enrollment. The Transportation Department and buses will move to Maxwell Rd. after the first calendar break. This should free up some parking spaces for CVESD staff and parents.
8. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT** – Brenda Ruacho, DAC Chair, said she is looking forward to visiting and helping the schools. She has visited CVLCC, Los Altos, Montgomery, and Otay. She stated there are many parent workshops available and encouraged parents to attend them. The following are some of the upcoming workshops she recommended:
 - Advanced Parent Trainings (informational flyers were disseminated)
 - Latino Summit - October 17
 - California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE) – Nov.14 - Otay Ranch HS
 - CABE Conference - March 10-14, 2010 - San Jose
 - Parent Expectations Support Achievement Program (PESA) Training - SDCOE

Maria Sanchez, DELAC Chair welcomed everyone. She said that Parent Ambassadors will act as liaisons between the school, community, and District and will work with new parents to help make them feel welcome to the school and District. She thanked McMillin Principal Jorge Mora and Associate Principal Patricia Magaña for their support. She encouraged all the other principals to consider identifying Parent Ambassadors for their sites. She invited parents to their next meeting scheduled for September 15. Parents were invited to the ELAC/DELAC Training on Tuesday, September 1, from 8:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. and from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., which will be held at the District office.

9. **SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL OVERVIEW & UPDATE** – Emma Sanchez, Executive Director of Language Acquisition & Development Services & Support, presented a PowerPoint on “Role and Function of School Site Councils.” She mentioned that our current DAC/DELAC bylaws will be reviewed at the next Bylaw Committee Meeting. There was a question regarding whether ballots needed to be saved for three years. Dr. Billings said he would check the statute regarding this and have an answer for the next meeting. There was another question regarding whether ballots should be in both languages. Dr. Billings said any schoolwide communication needs to go home in the language identified as the student’s primary language if 15 per cent or more of the pupils enrolled speak a single primary language other than English, as determined from the census data from the preceding year.
10. **DATA** – Dr. John Nelson, Assistant Superintendent/Instructional Services Team Leader, presented “2008-09 Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Data. He reviewed the STAR Program Components and three-year data which showed significant gains in ELA and Math student achievement for 2008-09. He congratulated CVLCC for scoring 86.7 per cent proficient in math. Dr. Billings said that five years ago CVLCC was one of the lowest performing schools in the area of math, but due to their hard work and high expectations they have set and met these high standards and are to be congratulated for their efforts. He said CVESD has 36 per cent English Learners and our goal is to reduce gaps in achievement, even though our percentage is nearly double that of the county’s. According to CELDT data, CVESD has exceeded the state’s goal, and Dr. Billings said CVESD set such high standards in order to prepare our students to meet world class standards.
11. **FINGERPRINTING** – Sandra Villegas-Zuñiga said CVESD values parent volunteers and we need to continue to encourage their participation and support to our schools. At the same time, we need to ensure the safety of our children. To this end, CVESD has set guidelines for parents who volunteer and work with students. She shared information on “Volunteers in our Schools,” which explained current Board Policy 1240 that states that volunteers working in direct contact with students more than two days per week, must complete the following: current tuberculosis testing, fingerprinting, and loyalty oath qualifications. Schools will receive a notification when volunteers are cleared. Parents can still visit their child’s classroom in accordance to the policy.
12. **PUBLIC/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** – Aurora Murillo, Sweetwater Union High School District DELAC Chair invited parents to attend a DELAC Meeting on Sept. 24 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the Parent Center which is located on Moss Street between 3rd and 4th Avenue in Chula Vista.
13. **DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS** – Dr. Billings apologized for any misinformation communicated by the presenter at the GATE meeting. He said he took full responsibility for the misunderstanding and assured parents that effective and informative GATE meetings would be conducted.

DAC chairperson Brenda Ruacho said that the DAC/DELAC will recognize members for Perfect Attendance at the end of the year and encouraged everyone to attend all the meetings.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Brenda Ruacho
DAC Chairperson

Maria Sanchez
DELAC Chairperson

Theresa Marquez
Recording Secretary