



**LAS VIRGENES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
PATHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING**
September 1, 2021

Present: Ms. Angela Cutbill, Board President
Ms. Lesli Stein, Board Member
Dr. Clara Finneran, Assistant Superintendent, Education
Dr. Ryan Gleason, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services

The meeting came to order at 1:45 p.m.

Professional Development 2021-22

An update regarding the schedule and plans for certificated and classified professional development for the 2021-22 school year was given by Dr. Finneran. She explained that the shortage of substitute teachers is causing staff to reconsider during the school day training, so staff is planning times for professional development outside of school hours. Once made, revisions to the schedule will be communicated to staff.

LVIS & Virtual School Update

Dr. Finneran gave a brief update regarding Las Virgenes Independent School, which has nearly 200 students enrolled K-12. Staff has been supported by Dr. Mike Roberts, Ms. Gia Jantz, and Ms. Kristy Kaufman, teacher induction coach. Additionally, she updated the Committee regarding Virtual School, which is an option for TK-5th grade students who need to quarantine. Upon receiving information regarding the need to quarantine, families are also immediately provided with information regarding their Virtual School teacher and a Zoom link for login the following day. Dr. Finneran explained that the new law (AB130) signed by Governor Newsom in July, has caused some controversy regarding securing funding for short term independent study while students are expected to quarantine, however, adjustments to the law are expected. In the meantime, staff has revised the independent study contract to comply with the law.

K-12 Counseling Update

Dr. Gleason shared that the elementary counselors have been a welcome addition on elementary school campuses, and that they have been supporting students and families with various social-emotional needs. Additionally, the revised secondary structure and ability to sign up for appointments via the website and app have been received well.

Master Schedule/Staffing Update

A master schedule update will be provided at the September 14, 2021 Board meeting. A more detailed staffing/enrollment update will be provided in the near future. While there are some classified staffing shortages, all needed certificated positions have been filled.

CTE Engineering Pathway/PAECs

Dr. Gleason requested the Committee's consideration of an Engineering pathway that would utilize the PAECs and would include courses such as The Physics of Theatre. This pathway would also capitalize upon an already established relationship with Pierce College. After some discussion, the Committee agreed that this would be an excellent expansion of the use of the PAECs, and would provide another avenue for significant state CTE funding. The work to build this pathway will be the focus of the CTEAC Committee this year.

Center EdX Credential Program Updates

Dr. Gleason shared that Center EdX has been attempting to add a special education credentialing program, and now, due to a convergence of factors, is able to do so. Dr. Gleason will keep the Committee and the Board of Education apprised as to the evolution of this program.

Family Resource Center

The Family Resource Center, led by Ms. Veronica Esqueda, is actively supporting multilingual families, families with foster youth, and homeless families. Ms. Esqueda is working with Ms. Kintz to support the bilingual aides, and also supports Ms. Kintz with ELPAC assessments. Ms. Cutbill and Ms. Stein commented that they are appreciative of the structures of support in place for families.

High School Bell Schedule

In compliance with state law, the high school bell schedules now begin at 8:30. Staff will be revisiting these schedules, as staff desires, in collaboration with LVEA and high school staff, during this school year for potential implementation next school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.