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**LAS VIRGENES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
PATHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
May 4, 2022**

Present: Ms. Angela Cutbill, Board Member
Ms. Lesli Stein, Board Member
Dr. Clara Finneran, Assistant Superintendent, Education
Dr. Ryan Gleason, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Ms. Laura Kintz, Director of Elementary Education

The meeting came to order at 1:00pm.

Broadcast Engineering Academy

Staff updated the Committee on the Broadcasting Engineering Academy, which is set to launch at Agoura and Calabasas High Schools in the fall of 2022. The Academy will offer students an interdisciplinary approach to the principles of broadcasting and all engineering aspects that go into both live and recorded media. Students will learn how to create content and how to distribute that content through the academy. The goal of the program next year will be for students to use the Agoura and Calabasas production facilities including the PAECs to host daily live productions of Bolt TV and KYOTV. The student productions will also be available on social media and through other channels to help share all the amazing things that are happening in LVUSD.

Elementary Instructional Minutes

Ms. Kintz shared with the committee an update on elementary instructional minutes. Over the past two years, staff have been working to create equity across all nine elementary school sites in our elementary instructional minutes. Staff have worked to align the minutes at all sites across levels, including a progressive increase in minutes from TK to Kindergarten, to first grade. This is especially important with the new Universal Transitional Kindergarten requirement. Furthermore, in grades 2-5, minutes will be equitable across the district. Kindergarten across all nine sites will also be full day. This shift to alignment of instructional minutes creates a common value and equitable experience for all students, no matter which school they attend. Given the LVEA contractual obligations, upon LVEA executive board approval of the schedules, all

elementary staff will vote on their site-based proposed schedules the week of May 9, 2022.

Center EdX

Staff provided a brief update on staffing regarding Center EdX following the Board information item presented at the Board meeting on May 3. Center EdX continues to show tremendous growth in the Preliminary Administrative Services, Clear Administrative Services and Early Childhood Permit Credential Programs. Three cohorts of PASC and CASC are now needed. In addition, the Special Education Credential Program will launch in the fall. This growth creates an environment of more access to high quality staff that benefits students, and positively impacts the general fund.

Curriculum Updates for 2022-23

Dr. Finneran and Dr. Gleason provided updates to the Committee on Curriculum Council agenda items that are pending.

- Dr. Finneran and a broader English Language Arts Committee have been working to add new 6-12 core books that will be presented to Curriculum Council at the meeting later this May.
- Staff presented that they are working with World Language teachers to update their curriculum, given that it has not been adopted in over six years. This curriculum will benefit students in grades 6 through 12 in our world language programs, which have stabilized and now have increasing numbers over the past year.
- Staff will be bringing a recommendation to Curriculum Council of a core curriculum for our leadership classes. This leadership curriculum will create an experience for our students that teaches them the principles of collaboration, school management, fiscal considerations, and more, that can help them lead change on their campuses.
- Staff are working and will be bringing the Sources of Strength curriculum to the Curriculum Council and the Board for adoption this month. Sources of Strength is a suicide prevention program that has been discussed in multiple committees over the past six months. This is a student led program that is well vetted, well researched, and utilized in many schools across the country.
- As an update to the Odyssey of the Mind field trip presented to the Board during the meeting on May 3, staff shared that AEW will bring to Curriculum Council a pilot elective course that will assist students to prepare for competitions such as Odyssey of the Mind, spelling bees, science fairs, and math competitions.
- Staff will be presenting to the Curriculum Council later this month a pilot program started at AC Stelle, that will feed into the new broadcast Engineering Academy. Students will have the opportunity through AC Stelle, to participate in content creation, videography, coding, and computer skills, that will set them up for success in the new Broadcasting Engineering Academy at Calabasas High School.

Student Behavioral and Mental Health Systems for 2022-23

Staff briefly updated the Committee on continued initiatives regarding our mental health efforts. The efforts include expanding our counseling services to include wellness counselors that are Title I funded at AE Wright and Lindero Canyon Middle Schools beginning in the fall of 2022. Additionally, staff just received results from the Healthy Kids Survey, which was administered in grades 4 through 12, just a month ago. Early analysis shows trends that are unsurprising and match trends that we have seen thus far this year. Further analysis will be provided to the board in subsequent meetings.

Update on Past Agenda Items

The committee had a discussion on Freshman Seminar and the need to ensure that the content in the original outline is properly covered. Dr. Gleason will form a working committee to review the original curriculum and to potentially restructure the course into two semester blocks that will allow the curriculum to be more comprehensive and consistent.

No other business was discussed. The meeting adjourned at 2:35pm.