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**LAS VIRGENES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
PATHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING**
August 17, 2022

Present: Ms. Angela Cutbill, Board Member
Ms. Lesli Stein, Board Member
Dr. Ryan Gleason, Assistant Superintendent/CBO
Ms. Kim Patterson, Director of Secondary Education
Ms. Tina Johnson, Coordinator of Literacy and CTE
Ms. Val Louthian, Program Coordinator, ECE and Center EdX
Ms. Courtney Peoples, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion TOSA

The meeting came to order at 1:00pm.

UTK Implementation Update

Staff updated the committee on the UTK implementation in the following areas:

- **Enrollment:** Each elementary school has at least one full TK class (24 students). Willow has two full classes. Lupin Hill and Yerba Buena have one full class and one TK split. Current enrollment will bring 242 students to TK in the fall. Last year, the District had about 145 students. At full implementation the District is projecting to enroll approximately 400 TK students. The Pathways Committee will continue to report on enrollment trends, etc. during future meetings.
- **Learning Environment:** All TK designated classrooms have been assessed through the ECERS (Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale) to determine what might be needed to meet their metrics for a quality program in the the following areas: Space and Furnishings, Personal Care Routines, Language and Literacy, Learning Activities, Interaction, Program and Structure. All classrooms will be equally outfitted as the TK implementation rolls out.
- **Progress Report:** The report card was updated over summer. It is now going to be called a progress report, emphasizing progression versus mastery. The TK Assessment wording has also been updated to inform this progress report and the wording will be aligned with the preschool learning foundation. These updates are being overseen by multiple committees.
- **Curriculum:** Given the TK rollout and mandate, there is a need to adopt a uniform TK Curriculum. Two options are being considered by a committee of District TK teachers and Ed Services managers:

- *Three Cheers* which will be piloted in October.
- *Creative Curriculum* which is being utilized at Buttercup and will be explored by the Committee later this fall.
- **Facilities:** Facilities were audited over summer to assess the classrooms will be needed for the full rollout. Staff will be retrofitting existing classrooms throughout the rollout to meet state mandates. LVUSD is looking at bringing in modular classrooms where needed.

High School Program Implementation Updates

- **Bell Schedule**
Staff updated the committee on the new high school bell schedule. Dr. McClay and Ms. Aviv formed site-level committees this summer to discuss tutoring, intervention support, and communications with families. Communications have been sent by the administration and plans are in place for the rollout and monitoring for the first five weeks of school.
- **Course Catalog**
The committee will continue to provide future updates on the Course Catalog. Specifically, updates will be provided on math pathways, new electives, and a consolidation of courses. Ms. Patterson shared that the new math framework will be coming out this spring, and it will be a great opportunity to look at data and metrics to make plans going forward.
- **Broadcast Engineering**
Ms. Patterson and Dr. Gleason have been working with Dr. McClay and Ms. Aviv to launch the Broadcast Engineering Pathways at both high schools. The committee discussed expanding PAEC availability and technical staff to support both VAPA programs and this rollout. A cohort of students at AHS and CHS will be starting this spring.
- **State Seal of Civic Engagement**
Staff updated the committee on the State Seal of Civic Engagement. Ms. Patterson is working with the high school principals on a communication about how the State Seal of Civic Engagement will work, going forward. There will be communication forthcoming with guidance for students who have completed some of their service learning hours and the type of recognition students can receive for those hours. Staff also shared that they want to make the Seal available to seniors this year. There are two ways to earn the Seal, one is by tutoring/mentoring within their school, and the other is project based. These requirements are not based on a fulfilling a certain number of hours.
- **Sources of Strength**
Ms. Patterson has been working closely with Ms. Aviv and Dr. McClay on the rollout for the Sources of Strength Program that was approved last fall. The leadership team has identified teachers and counselors who will engage in training over the course of the first quarter. In conjunction with this training, students are being recruited for the program which should come to fruition over the course of the first semester.

Divisity, Equity and Inclusion Standards (Social Justice Standards) Next Steps

Staff updated the Committee on the work that our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion TOSA, Ms. Courtney Peoples, is preparing to share with staff. Ms Peoples presented a roadmap for communications, thematic monthly presentations, and professional development to the committee.

Counseling and Mental Health Support 2022-23

The Educational Services team is working to schedule ongoing meetings with counseling staff to ensure that they are fully supported in the roll-out of the school year. Training will be provided in child find and suicide prevention risk assessment within the first months of school.

ELOP (Expanded Learning Opportunities) Grant

Staff will be meeting with the after care providers (Boys and Girls Club and YMCA) regarding this grant opportunity. Conversations are ongoing on having these providers take over the after school enrichment oversight on LVUSD campuses. The after care provider would facilitate the requirements necessary, so that our PFAs and PFCs would not have to bear the burden of overseeing these processes. Dr. Gleason and Ms. Davenport will work together on the rollout of this grant program.

Legal Notification Handbook

Staff shared that Dr. Finneran is working on streamlining and updating the Legal Notification Handbook.

Campus Safety Measures

Staff outlined the multiple safety measures that are in place on the campus. Facilities staff have worked to expand our fencing across multiple campuses this summer. Additionally, staff will be meeting with Covered Six to discuss a contract. The RFP will be presented to the Board in early September. Ms. Chambers is working on hiring additional campus supervisors. Staff will be meeting with Sergeant Velek, Ms. Patterson, the Covered Six crew, and Julie Abott, once a month, to discuss safety protocols. Sergeant Velek will be attending our emergency lock-down drills, along with the J-Team, to help coach our principals. White Oak Elementary is getting a campus supervisor for their back area. Any site that will not have full fencing by the start of school will have temporary staffing to make sure there is adequate supervision. The District is in a great position with personnel with the addition of new wellness counselors, restorative TOSAs at the secondary sites, Covered Six and Knox boxes being installed on all campuses.

PAECs Update and Opportunity

Staff shared that there has been a 50% reduction in overhires post pandemic. Staff are looking at alternative funding structures for future use, which will utilize grant funding. In order to fully service school and outside needs, the facilities need to be fully internally staffed, rather than relying on the previous overhire structure. This will be a two year investment to determine if

these structures will continue to be fiscally solvent while supporting the mission of the PAECs which is to serve our student needs best. Next steps will be to bring an information item to the Board with the new job descriptions so that access to students across TK-12 can be expanded.

Center EdX Updates

Ms. Louthian updated the Committee on the ECE Certificate Program which is on their fourth cohort. The first cohort began in June. These programs will be either grant funded or will be funded through an MOU that has been signed by 15 Districts. Ms. Louthian has also been working with the CTC for the Special Education Mild/Moderate Program. The target date for the start of this program is August of 2023. This program will help eliminate the Special Education teacher shortage.

Other Business

No other business was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:38pm.