



## LAS VIRGENES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PATHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

November 13, 2019

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Present: Linda Menges, Board President  
Lesli Stein, Board Clerk  
Dr. Dan Stepenosky, Superintendent  
Dr. Rose Dunn, Assistant Superintendent, Education  
Dr. Clara Finneran, Assistant Superintendent, Education  
Ryan Gleason, Director of Education and Leadership  
Dr. Stephanie McClay, Principal, Agoura High School  
Jenn Kestenbaum, IB Coordinator

The meeting came to order at 11:06am.

### **Elementary Summer School; Possible YMCA Partnership**

LVUSD has been in conversations with the YMCA about bringing the grant-funded *Find My Genius* program to Sumac this summer. The program would provide up to sixty students with a full day summer immersion involving literacy support, and extracurricular activities. The program targets students achieving below grade level in ELA or Mathematics and would hire LVUSD staff to run and implement the program.

### **Summer School**

LVUSD will be offering a Summer School program again this summer for both middle and high school students. The program is funded out of the Low Performing Block Grant and will involve credit recovery, skill remediation, Freshman Seminar, and dual-enrollment college courses on the Agoura campus. The program will not be alternating to the Calabasas campus this year, due to construction.

### **6th Grade Honors Courses**

Mrs. Hayley Tepper, AE Wright Middle School teacher joined the meeting to discuss sixth grade Honors. The Middle School Summit team unanimously agreed to sunset the sixth grade Honors Program in LVUSD beginning in fall of 2020. The reasons for this are multifaceted, fewer fifth grade students are assessing into honors, the placement test is causing undue stress, and our regional partner districts do not offer an honors program. This change will allow all students to be assessed in their skill levels in sixth grade and then enter an honors program in 7th or 8th grade after the first year. This change in programming will be shared with parents at an upcoming Middle School Information Night.

### **International Baccalaureate and AP Capstone**

Dr. Stephanie McClay and Jenn Kestenbaum from Agoura joined the meeting to discuss some changes in program involving the IB program. Historically, IB classes have run in the mid-20's. With fiscal constraints, these numbers need to increase and provide greater access to the program for all students. One challenge associated with scaling the IB program is the current separation of Pre-IB and Honors classes in grades 9 and 10. In fall of 2020, these two separate courses will consolidate in an effort to create less master schedule pressure and more balanced classes. Additionally, AHS and CHS will be working with their faculties to adopt a broader adoption of the IB and AP Capstone programs.

### **Staff Professional Development**

This item was postponed until the December 2019 meeting.

### **Career Technical Education**

The Career Technical Education Advisory Committee meeting occurred prior to the start of Pathways. LVUSD is working on three CTE grants as well as is developing partnerships with local businesses and community colleges to enhance career options and opportunities.

### **Early College Academy**

Ryan Gleason discussed the Early College Academy recruitment plan for the 2020-2021 school year. The program had challenges in marketing to middle school students in the first year. Active recruitment for our classes will begin in January 2020. LVUSD is working through small implementation challenges with Moorpark College.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 PM.