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**LAS VIRGENES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
PATHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING**

September 13, 2023

Present: Ms. Lesli Stein, Board President
Mr. Dallas Lawrence, Board Clerk
Dr. Dan Stepenosky, Superintendent
Dr. Ryan Gleason, Assistant Superintendent | Chief Business Officer
Ms. Angie Falk, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
Ms. Kim Patterson, Director of Secondary Education
Mr. Jim Klein, Chief Technology Officer
Darci Miller, LVEA President
Leslie Martinez, Principal, Mariposa School
Bennett Wutkee, Principal, Calabasas High School
Garrett Lepisto, Principal, Agoura High School
Dr. Mike Roberts, Director, Educational Services
Susana Baird, Principal, AC Stelle Middle School
Rochelle Gagliardi, Assistant Principal of AHS
Carina Diana, Assistant Principal of CHS

The meeting came to order at 11:05 am.

Mariposa Accreditation Update

Ms. Martinez reported that Mariposa is actively pursuing full accreditation for Waldorf schools within our district. This accreditation process is a comprehensive undertaking, involving a thorough self-study that encompasses input and participation from all staff members. The goal of this initiative is to have the self-study phase completed by spring of 2024. Achieving full accreditation will continue to enhance the already solid reputation of our Waldorf programs.

Mathematics Update

Ms. Patterson shared an update regarding the current state of the mathematics pilot and professional development in the district. She shared that teachers and students across the K-12 spectrum are actively participating in an adoption process through the

Mathematics Update (continued)

Illustrative Mathematics program. This strategic adoption aims to elevate the quality of mathematics education provided to our students through a focus on problem based learning and student discourse around reasoning. Data arising from this initiative will be presented to the Data Committee on September 20th, allowing for a thorough examination of its impact. The committee recommended both a multi-year focus as well as an allocation of resources toward professional development opportunities, targeted intervention strategies, and a shift in instructional methodologies. The central focus will be on fostering improved math achievement among our students.

High School Counseling

Staff have initiated a comprehensive review of the current counseling system with a primary goal in mind: ensuring that all students receive comprehensive counseling services. Ms. Angie Falk, in close collaboration with Principals, Counselors, and the Educational Services Division, is spearheading this effort. Their aim is to recommend changes and additional support that will be implemented for the 2023-24 school year. The envisioned improvements in counseling services are expected to contribute significantly to the overall well-being and success of our high school students.

Freshman Seminar

Staff members are actively evaluating the status of the Freshman Seminar as a graduation requirement. This evaluation comes in light of new requirements introduced by the California Healthy Youth Act and the state's Ethnic Studies framework. The preliminary recommendation is to revisit the status of the Freshman Seminar as a graduation requirement at the upcoming Pathways Committee meeting. This decision will be informed by soliciting feedback from teachers and staff members, ensuring that the course's content and objectives align with the evolving educational landscape. The committee agreed to present options for potential replacement plans before the next Committee meeting, fostering a collaborative approach to this transition.

Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP)

The Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) is specifically designed to benefit TK-6 students who meet the program's eligibility criteria. Dr. Roberts provided an overview of the progress made in developing contracts with community partners, including the YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, and Camp Calabasas. The objective is to launch this program by October 1st, creating additional avenues for our students to access enriching educational experiences beyond the traditional classroom setting.

The meeting concluded at 1:57 pm.