Conejo Valley Student Commission (CVSC)

Meeting Minutes — April 29, 2017

* Location: Westlake Village Civic Center, Large Community Room (31200 Oak Crest Drive, Westlake Village, CA 91361)
* Date: April 29, 2017
* Time: 3 p.m. — 5 p.m.
* Absentees: Andy Jin
* Meeting Minute Recorders: Michelle Chen, Vikkie Jiang

1. Opening: Vikkie Jiang (Meeting Master)

1. As the CVSC is facing the end of its term, positions as Student Commissioners will soon be available again.
2. As a reminder, visitors are always welcome to attend the meetings of the CVSC and observe its processions.

2. Announcements: Benjamin Yang (Chair)

1. As the CVSC receives a larger audience from the general public at its monthly meetings, adults should refrain from inhibiting the students by being overtly contrarian.
2. Over time, the CVSC has amassed many projects, such as the construction of its refurbished website, as well as the camps it has hosted over the summer at various elementary schools. Student Commissioners should remember that they are always welcome to propose new projects that would benefit the CVSC and its members, and align with the organization’s mission and vision statements.
3. The 2017 CVSC application is now available for any prospective Student Commissioners who wish to join the program for its next term.

3. Discussion of the SOP: Michelle Chen (Secretary)

1. The Standard Operating Procedure’s vision statement has been revised: “Lead with purpose.”
2. Additionally, there is now a more distinctive difference between the responsibilities of the Supervisor and the Advisor.

4. Social Media Project Report: Kevin Chen (Social Media Director)

1. The social media project is going well; all three accounts (Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter) have been gradually amassing a greater viewership.
2. Student Commissioners are encouraged to promote the accounts whenever possible with their peers and families.
3. This project’s purpose is to promote the CVSC amongst a younger audience and appeal to the media they are most familiar with.

5. Status Report on Website: Victor Zhou (Webmaster)

1. The creation of an independent website for the CVSC is underway; there was recently a meeting dedicated to further refurbishing this soon-to-be website.
2. The purpose of a website entirely for the CVSC’s use is to make more visible the program’s efforts and contributions to its community.

6. Supervisor’s Welcome: Wen Chien (Supervisor)

1. This meeting is unique because it features the CVSC’s first student-led iteration of the traditional Think Tank Talk activity: Vikkie Jiang, the meeting master, will be holding a Think Tank Dance.
2. Future meeting masters should draw inspiration from Vikkie’s activity and introduce to the CVSC even more iterations of the “TTT,” each of which should be influenced by a student’s unique talents and interests.
3. The CVUSD Superintendent, Dr. Bonitatibus, will also break from tradition and invite students to ask her questions in a circular Socratic Seminar format.

(vikkie’s portion below)

7. Dr. Ann Bonitatibus

a. Former CVUSD superintendent, first female superintendent

b. Developed Greenprint for Success

* Focus on students’ mental and emotional wellbeing, provide counselors for elementary

school

* Expand interaction with families
* Improve on technology use, provide new technology career pathways

Commitment to graduating students

c. Experienced difficulty as female superintendent, but gained confidence, and truly loves working with students, teachers

d. Advice on group work, collaborating

- Find people who are passionate about the work, lead by showing

e. Importance of taking time to ourselves, rewinding

- License to Chill (anytime, never expires!)

- Will be back for next meeting

8. Think Tank Dance (Vikkie, Tian)

- Goal: introduce all to ballroom dancing, skill that is useful for future!

- Most popular: Waltz

- Strong 3 beat steps, box step

- Variation: add turns, progressive steps, balance steps

- Foxtrot

- 4 beat steps, promenade variation

- Paired up in partners, work on posture and strong hold