

## **PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **September 6, 2022**

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

Dr. Antonio Castro, Superintendent

- If you know of anyone who can fill substitute assignments for both non-teaching and teaching positions, please apply. Visit VUSD website, Human Resources.
- Sa'aliyaš Ranch – visit [saaliyasaranch.com](http://saaliyasaranch.com) for information on VUSD's newest addition.
  - Field trips to the ranch begin September 30<sup>th</sup> with 5<sup>th</sup> grade students visiting and working towards kindergarten by the end of the year. Principals have schedule of field trips, but subject to change based on school events.
  - Family Fall Festival will be Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 3:00 pm. VUSD will provide transportation from Sheridan Way and ATLAS to the ranch.

#### **Communications Update**

Ms. Marieanne Quiroz, Communications Coordinator

- Martin Foley, designer of district and school websites, is no longer with VUSD. The position is now open.
- Instead of weekly communication from VUSD, there will be two monthly communications that will include information that affects the majority of district families.
- There will be more reliance on communication coming from schools and teachers via ParentSquare.
- Social media is very well followed. The ability to comment on posts has been stopped temporarily until Martin Foley's position is filled. It would be ideal to have apps such as StudentSquare, a VUSD app, and survey app, but these take money, time and Board approval. There is a desire to hire high school student interns for a VUSD Instagram account to be geared more towards students but still include parents.

#### **Ventura Education Partnership (VEP)**

Kathy Asher, Co-President of VEP

- VEP is an all-volunteer organization that serves all staff TK-12<sup>th</sup> grade and brings helps fund innovative ideas for education.
- Teachers and staff can apply for fall grants of up to \$1000. The deadline to apply is September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 pm on the VEP website (see below). Applicants are encouraged to attend a workshop at the Elmhurst Elementary cafeteria at 4:00 pm to learn more about VEP grants, get ideas for innovative programs, and ask questions. General grants will be funded by VEP, Arts and Social Justice grants will be funded through city of Ventura, and STEM grants will be funded special donors. If grants fall under something specific from above, it gets funded from specific pot. As of now, this is the only time grants are offered.
- Visit the VEP website at [venturaeducationpartnership.org](http://venturaeducationpartnership.org).

#### **Superintendent's Update**

Dr. Antonio Castro, Superintendent – 2022-2023 Culture of Conectedness

- Representative in attendance worked in small groups to discuss the following questions:
  - How does the 2022-2023 school year feel so far?
  - What might you hope to get from PAC and what might you hope to contribute?
  - What does it mean to be impactful?
- Representatives also discussed the following:
  - What do we want to accomplish this year?
  - What information or feedback might you need to feel impactful?
  - What feels urgent right now?
- Town Hall Meetings – Superintendent Listening Tours, which will offer prompts similar to above questions for families in attendance, will be held:
  - Ventura HS – September 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm
  - Buena HS – September 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm
  - DATA MS – October 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm (in Spanish)