

CVLA Advisory Board meeting
Monday, December 18. 2024
Agenda and Notes

Participating: Abril Bocanegra, Eilhean Velazquez, Meg Maccini, Anna Hadingham, Cris Guevarra

1. Who is in the Room? Abril Bocanegra, Eilhean Velazquez, Meg Maccini, Anna Hadingham, Cris Guevarra

2. Discussion of 2025 Budget Survey [Click Here](#)

- Feedback: show the students the 8 choices and how to scroll through them - make choices in the vertical access and ranking is in the horizontal access.
- Most teachers want more teachers- for math, ELA and ELL students, want a co teacher or paras to be in the classrooms
- Eli's perspective- she is split between ELA and science. Can we have another paraprofessional that can be split.
- More pacing guides (Meg will reach out to Audrey as this is not a budget issue- more of a curriculum issue)

Action Step: Cris will help get student input by helping students take survey in nutrition break

3. [Demographics review](#)/Discussion from 12/18/23 Data

We Noticed:

- The student number in the grade levels are fairly evenly dispersed 11th grade is the largest (more 12th graders)
- Cris pointed out the female and male ratio (maybe more female identified youth struggle more with anxiety and are more attracted to coming to a virtual school?)
- We have a lot of EL students (28 students and the budget request for another EL teacher)

Action step: put the data in front of our students? Maybe use Friday's groups to discuss? (Can be tied into topics of discussion?)

4. Discussion of recent student activities

- College trips to UMASS Lowell, Salem State
- Partnership with La Colaborativa and Clarkson

- [Boston Lyric Stage](#)

- Cris mentioned that this was his first time seeing a live theater performance and he loved it.
- new art program starting at CVLA (Iliana Vidal)
 - Iliana will be here on Wed Dec 20 to introduce her class
 - The Classes will start January 22

6. Other?

- La Colaborativa will have a food and toy distribution on December 21 2pm-6pm under the bridge on 6th St. CVLA Can Spread the Word

Feedback on the meeting positives and negatives

- Everyone should have a wonderful holiday!
- Cris participated so actively and to hear his input and opinion was valuable!
- Having people's input on the budget- the survey will be helpful
- Our school is growing and future resources are unclear at this time
- School is growing and we need more resources and how to adjust
- Cris' opinion about more students in the classroom (how do we balance both sides)
- Meg is grateful for Advisory Board members' good ideas and input and love of the school
- How do we get more people involved in the advisory board? Cris mentioned it's hard to get parents involved because so much work.
- Cris learned the student ratio of female to male students in the school.

Next Advisory Board meeting is 1/23/24

Agenda

- Review the data from surveys regarding budget
- Report from discussion about the female to male ratio at the school