SCV Trustees Association
Minutes
Saugus Union School District
24930 Avenue Stanford
Santa Clarita, CA 91355
February 25, 2019
6:00pm-8:00pm

In attendance: Donna Rose, Sue Solomon, Linda Storli, Laura Arrowsmith, Julie Olsen, Chris Trunkey, David Barlavi, Supt. Colleen Hawkins, Supt. Jeff Pelzel, Shelley Weinstein, Stacy Dobbs, Brenda Gerson, Supt. Steve Doyle, Maureen Burk, John Richard, Denis DeFigueredo, Cherise Moore, Ken Chase, Ernesto Smith, Supt. Vicki Engbrecht, Michele Jenkins, Dr. Edel Alonso, and guest Sarah Bradshaw from CSBA.

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.
- 2. Welcome and Introductions: Linda Storli introduced herself and gave a brief information about the SCV Trustees Association. All attendees introduced themselves.
- 3. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Castaic Board member Stacy Dobbs.
- 4. The announcement was made regarding the March 18 LACSTA meeting with guest speaker, author Opal Singleton who wrote a book called, <u>Seduced</u>.
- 5. The minutes of the November 26, 2018 meeting were approved as read.
- 6. No treasurer report was presented due to the absence of the treasurer. Ken Chase moved to reimburse the Saugus Union School District not to exceed invoice for dinner served at the February 25, 2019 meeting. Seconded. Adopted. COC needs to be reimbursed for dinner at the September meeting. It was suggested to email the treasurer.
- 7. Guest speaker Sarah Bradshaw from CSBA spoke about CSBA, the resources it can provide school districts, its advocacy efforts and its Full and Fair Funding Campaign.
- 8. Legislative Chair Dr. Edel Alonso presented a Legislative/Political Report. Discussion and questions ensued on various bills.
- Sue Solomon moved to hold SCV Trustees Association meetings on April 22, 2019, August 26, 2019, and October 28, 2019. Seconded. Adopted. Sulphur Springs will host April 22, 2019. Newhall will host August 26, 2019, and Hart District will host October 28, 2019.
- 10. Superintendents were given direction to collaborate on talking points that reflect area needs in education to have on the KHTS TRIP. The Superintendents will share a draft of the talking points with their boards of education prior to the trip and then finalize the document. It was suggested to schedule local meetings with our legislators in addition to the CSBA Sacramento trip, so more school board members could participate in the process. It was also suggested to invite them to an SCV Trustees meeting.
- 11. There was no continuing business.
- 12. School District Reports: Saugus School District discussed their Dual Immersion program; their offering of an early retirement option; their website for the branding videos of their schools; school site visits to introduce their new board members to the schools and their staff; and board activities regarding self-evaluation, setting norms and protocols at a weekend workshop held at their school district. Sulphur Springs School District shared their success with the third annual Many Families, One Community Resource Fair. They praised their collaborative partnership with the William S. Hart Union High School District, and the hard work by both Superintendents Dr. Cathy Kawaguchi and Vicki Engbrecht. Forty agencies were involved. There was a variety of workshops, described as from "cradle to grave." Bands from the elementary, middle and high schools played together. It was stated that the Fair "touched and changed lives." There were over 200 attendees, and the event definitely had a positive impact on students and their families transitioning from elementary school to middle and high schools. The Newhall School District reported that Oak Hills ES, Pico Canyon ES, and Stevenson Ranch ES were invited to apply for the National Blue Ribbon Recognition; shared

information concerning homeless students in the NSD, and that in partnership with College of the Canyons, adult education was being offered to parents at both Newhall Elementary School and McGrath Elementary School. Castaic Union School District shared information on their locker room remodel; that Castaic students were invited to the opening of a Skate Park at the Castaic Recreation Center, and that school board members will split up to attend the CSBA Legislative Action Day in Sacramento and the KHTS Legislative trip to Sacramento which are on the same date. The William S. Hart Union High School District talked about the success of the Town Hall at Castaic High School regarding the new high school; that 167 students signed-up for the new iCan Academy which is a partnership with College of the Canyons. The Hart District has a strong focus on Social, Emotional Learning and has a Wellness Will which can be found on its website under students and parents. Canyon HS and West Ranch HS will have wellness centers where students can go for support. Hart will be sending out invitations for the opening of Castaic High School and both the wellness centers. College of the Canyons shared a handout called the Monday Report. It talks about upcoming events and programs. COC Board member Michele Jenkins expressed the college's appreciation for its partnerships with the elementary school districts. Other announcements from COC included, the lunch and dinner opportunities at the Culinary Arts Institute, the Women's Conference on March 23, 2019, the Maker Space Festival, America (the band) performing at the PAC, the new parking structure, the offering of Adult Education classes near the Edwards Theatre in Canyon Country, and that 18% of student population at COC is homeless. It was shared that there is legislation in progress that would allow for students who are homeless to park overnight in the parking structures.

- 13. Each school district will post the agenda for the SCV Trustees Association meetings. Joan MacGregor moved to hire Hart's attorney for advice regarding the Brown Act in relation to the SCV Trustees Association. Seconded. Adopted. Joan MacGregor rescinded her motion.
- 14. Ideas were shared regarding future speakers, such as Dr. Marc Winger and Paul Cordeiro regarding updates on charter school legislation, Capitol Advisors, local legislators to discuss charter school bills. Co-VP's for Programs, Mayreen Burk and Stacey Hobbs will bring recommendations forward.
- 15. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.