

# VENTURA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Dr. César Morales, County Superintendent of Schools



SARB MINUTES  
November 9, 2022  
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM  
Virtual

Attendees: Stacy Afsahi, Carol Bjordahl, Amber Bowman, Bartley Brown, Maureen Byrne, Dave Castellano, Christina Catapang, Juliana Cervantes, Elizabeth Chavez, Monica Feller, Ray Gonzales, Alfredo Gutierrez, Vanessa Hernandez, Heather Johnson, Kim Kuklenski, Laurel McWaters, Alex Mejia-Holdsworth, Michele Ortiuguerra, Khloie Partido, Jose M. Ramirez, Christina Rayos, Rosie Rosales, Gina Simonsgaard, Stefan Sisman, Cyndy Vargas, Dr. Consuelo Hernandez Williams, Connie Wright

I. Welcome

Dr. Williams welcomed all to the meeting and asked for introductions.

Ms. Bjordahl made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Gonzales seconded the motion, and the motion carried with all in favor.

II. Review of Minutes, October 12, 2022

Dr. Williams asked that everyone review the minutes from the October 12th meeting (previously emailed). Ms. Bowman made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. McWaters seconded the motion, and the motion carried with all in favor.

III. Public Comments - None

IV. Partner Reports/Updates

- District Attorney's Office: Nothing to report.
- Public Defender's Office: Nothing to report.
- Probation Agency: Nothing to report.
- Gateway Community School: Ms. Rodriguez shared that Gateway had their first SARB meeting in person; it was very impactful for the families. Gateway has 70 students enrolled. Ms. Rodriguez thanked everyone for the support.
- Behavioral Health: Ms. Johnson stated that they are still looking to hire staff.
- Public Health: Nothing to report.
- Human Services Agency/Children Family Services: Nothing to report.
- Human Services Agency/CalWORKS: Ms. Rayos shared that Ms. Elizabeth Chavez is joining the SARB team. At the next meeting, they will share out how they will be sharing responsibilities.
- Community Partners: Nothing to report.
- School Guidance Personnel: Ms. Feller shared that they have been working closely with Oxnard College to plan for seniors to attend Oxnard College Fridays that the Community College puts on. Gateway will plan a field trip before the Oxnard College Friday event. Dr. Williams shared that this is outlined in LCAP - interest in engagement and attendance. Oxnard College is committed to having counselors at the districts. Ventura College just opened their Dream Center.
- Parent: Nothing to report.



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V. Interface District SARB Support - Juliana Cervantes

Dr. Williams introduced Ms. Juliana Cervantes. Ms. Cervantes shared there has been quite a bit of movement within Interface and it has been challenging to attend the SARB meetings. Ms. Cervantes shared that Ms. Khloie Partido will attend SARB meetings. She added that as they increase staffing, they will go out and provide as much support as possible. Mr. Sisman asked how to get information to Interface. Ms. Cervantes asked to send to her directly, she added her contact information to the chat box. Ms. McWaters asked if Ms. Cervantes could provide a synopsis of what Interface offers when attending SARB meetings and if Interface staff is not available to attend the meeting, how to get the information to the students on Interface offerings. Ms. Cervantes explained that Interface provides a variety of services, she reviewed the services offered with the group. Mr. Ramirez asked Ms. Cervantes if these services are for junior high or high school students? Ms. Cervantes shared that the focus is on high school students; due to age criteria. She is hoping that as they hire more staff, they can open up to the middle schools since there is a need. Ms. Simonsgaard asked if Ms. Cervantes could share about the short term shelter that they have. Ms. Cervantes shared that they have a youth shelter for ages 12-17 for up to 21 days, they don't have to stay the full 21 days. Cannot be on probation or a risk to themselves or others. Ms. Cervantes stated she will bring back more information to the team once she talks to the youth shelter manager. Ms. Cervantes shared that they do require consent from a legal guardian. They try to advocate for the student so they have a safe place at the shelter. Ms. Byrne asked if there is a flyer that can be shared with the team. Ms. Cervantes will send to Ms. Roman to add to the shared drive and email to all. Dr. Williams thanked Ms. Cervantes for the information shared.

VI. State SARB - Legislative Update from Sherman Garnett and CASCWA

Dr. Williams shared the October 2022 Legislative Update. She reviewed the Assembly Bills on the document. Ms. Roman will add to the shared folder. Dr. Williams shared that all of this is also supported through the workshops coordinated by S4 and action is not taken until adopted.

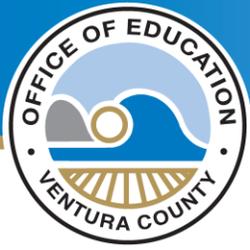
VII. Supervisor of Attendance Training- School Attendance Resources Padlet from S4

<https://padlet.com/bravomaria/f1mrl2snhwr6cy26>

Dr. Williams shared the padlet of the resources available. She asked if anyone would like VCOE to coordinate individual workshops, please email us with the request and it will be coordinated with S4.

VIII. SARB Member Questions/Insights/Best Practices

Mr. Gonzales asked if anyone had information of resources for emergency housing; for families being homeless or being evicted. Ms. Rayos asked if he was referring to temporary housing - up to 16 days in a motel. Ms. Rayos shared they have that resource listed on their website. Ms. Rayos provided the following website to the team: <https://www.ventura.org/human-services-agency/homeless-services>. She asked that an email be sent to her if additional information is needed. Dr. Williams shared another resource, Ms. Cathi Nye, Homeless Youth Coordinator.



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Ms. Nye’s email address was shared on the chat box . Please reach out to her if you need her assistance. Ms. Ortiguerra shared that Ms. Nye sends out a newsletter with resources and additional information.

IX. Kids on the Move

Mr. Ramirez stated he has three siblings (8<sup>th</sup> grader JAO, 7<sup>th</sup> grader RO , 4<sup>th</sup> grader) he can’t locate. Mom called to say they had to leave to Mexico for an emergency. The school followed up mid-October, Ocean View staff was told the children were still in Mexico. Parents in law said they don’t know where the children are at. Another home visit was conducted yesterday. Mr. Ramirez will add student information to the chat box. Dr. Williams will work with Ms. Steed to check if they are registered at another school.

Mr. Gutierrez asked if anyone had information on MF and LG, mom doesn’t answer phone, when mom does answer, she says she’s in another county. Mr. Gutierrez will add information regarding the students in the chat box. Ms. Williams stated individual emails will be sent to Ms. Steed to check CALPADS for each student.

Ms. Kuklenski shared information about a missing student. Family says they are registering student at Rio District, but Rio has no information.

Mr. Gonzales made a motion to close the meeting at 2:44 pm. Ms. Rayos seconded the motion, and the motion carried with all in favor.

X. Upcoming Trainings/Workshops/Items and Resources

Event	Date	Location
Mock Trial	February 6 - February 9, 2023	Ventura County Courthouse
SSC/PD Meeting; School Safety, Security, & Emergency Preparedness Series; SARB Mtg.	February 8, 2023	TBD
Mock Trial Awards	February 10, 2023	CESC
Migrant Education Family Conference	February 11, 2023	TBD
805 Industry Day w/ Ventura College	February 24, 2023	Ventura College
VCOE Equity Conference	March 7, 2023	CESC
Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program Guardian Scholars Collaborative	March 16, 2023	CESC, Salon C
Science Fair	March 24, 2023	CESC
Migrant Education Speech & Debate Tournament	March 25, 2023	TBD
Science Fair Awards	March 27, 2023	CESC



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Battle of the Books	April 28, 2023	CESC
SSC/PD Meeting; SARB Meeting	May 3, 2023	Board Room/Virtual
Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program & Homeless Education Program Executive Committee Meeting	May 11, 2023	CESC, Salon C
Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program Guardian Scholars Collaborative	May 11, 2023	CESC, Salon C
Student Art Show	May 18, 2023	Ventura County Museum - TBD
Impact II Awards	May 23, 2023	CESC
SSC/PD Meeting; SARB Meeting	May 31, 2023	Board Room/Virtual
Teacher of the Year - Ventura County	End of May 2023	School Location

XI. Next Meeting – January 11, 2023 Virtual