

Camino Union School District

Minutes

Regular Meeting



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via Zoom

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

05:45 PM

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VISION

All members of the Camino School community will experience an educational environment dedicated to developing independent, lifelong learners who are prepared to participate creatively and independently in shaping the future.

MISSION

The Camino Union School District joins with the community to provide a high-quality, standards-based education for all students, preparing them academically, socially, and emotionally for success in high school and as productive citizens in our diverse society.

2026 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

- January 13, 2026
- February 10, 2026
- March 10, 2026
- April 14, 2026
- May 12, 2026
- June 16, 2026 Budget/LCAP public hearings
- June 18, 2026 Budget/LCAP adoption
- August 11, 2026
- September 8, 2026
- October 13, 2026
- November 10, 2026
- December 14, 2026 (Monday)

Details

Board Members: Robert Van Gilder
Judy Morris
Pat Kernan
Mike Barreno
Gene Wooden

Other Attendees: Matt Smith

Attached File(s):

[_Significant Disproportionality Board_Stakeholder Group Summary and Update September 14, 23, and 28, 2021.pdf](#)

1. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1 MEETING ACCESS:

2. Call to Order

2.1 Call the meeting to order:

Discussion:

The meeting was called to order at 5:46 pm.

3. Public Comments on Closed Session

3.1 Public Comments:

Discussion:

There were no public comments on Closed Session.

4. Adjourn to Closed Session

4.1 Public Employee Performance Evaluation (G.C.54957)

4.2 Litigation

4.3 Conference with Labor Negotiator (G.C. 54957.6)

4.4 Employee Organizations

4.5 Superintendent Evaluation

5. Reconvene Regular Meeting

5.1 Pledge of Allegiance:

Discussion:

The meeting reconvened at 6:36 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Morris.

Member Van Gilder was excused from the meeting.

6. Meeting Management

6.1 Roll Call:

Discussion:

Member Morris welcomed all to the meeting.

Member Morris, Member Kernan, Member Wooden and Member Barreno were present. Member Van Gilder was excused from the meeting after Closed Session.

6.2 Staff Members in Attendance:

Discussion:

Matt Smith, Laurisa Stuart, Emily Walker, Jennifer Anderson, Dusty Botting, Kristin Reid, Alisha Rains, Helen Gray, Adrienne Biotondo, Patti Robertson, Cora Dillard, Illiana Orozco, Connie Cochran, Jan Kurtz, Tina Constancio, Sara Rikalo and Debbie Knochenhauer (recording secretary)

6.3 Others present (signed in):

Discussion:

Emily Guthrie, Nicole Furlana Turner, Carolyn Betty, Janelle Montgomery, Mindi Hawthorn and Austin Barreno

6.4 Approval of Agenda:

Motion:

It was moved to approve the agenda.

Motion By: Gene Wooden

Second By: Pat Kernan

Yeas: Pat Kernan, Mike Barreno, Judy Morris, Gene Wooden

Absent: Robert Van Gilder

Results: Motion Passed

6.5 Disclosure of action, taken in Closed Session:

Discussion:

No action was taken in Closed Session.

7. Reports

7.1 Board Members Reports:

Discussion:

Member Kernan commended the staff and community for the extraordinary success of the tutoring program at the Placerville Library during the fire evacuations. Many important community connections were made.

Member Barreno echoed Member Kernan's comments on the library program noting it was a good way to supplement learning with a different type of instruction. It also demonstrated how important it is to bond with students. Member Barreno thanked all the staff that participated in the program.

Member Wooden noted that the library program continues the Camino School tradition of innovation. In a recent conversation with Dr. Manansala, EDCOE Superintendent, Dr. Manansala echoed the tradition of innovation by the Camino School.

Member Morris reported that she was evacuated as well as many of the members of the Camino School family; it was unerving for her as it was for many. The highlight of her three week evacuation was being able to visit the library program. She commended all that worked to get the campus ready to reopen and for dealing with the ever changing State mandates. She also acknowledged the loss of property by many in the Camino area and other communities. She added that there were so many helpful people during the fire and evacuations and acknowledged Cora Dillard and Alicia Rains for providing dinners to evacuees.

7.2 EDCSBA Representative Report:

Discussion:

Member Wooden reported that he is hoping EDCBSA will offer a workshop at the October meeting.

7.3 Superintendent-Principal's Report:

Discussion:

Superintendent Smith thanked Dusty Botting, Jesus Cordova (EDCOE) and Krystal Owens (Placerville Library) for their amazing collaboration on the library program. He reported the school is trying to minimize the number of communications with parents, sending out only very important information and changes via Parent Square. Superintendent Smith met with all students to discuss the Caldor fire and evacuations. Overall, the Camino School had a good "second" first day on September 13th.

7.4 Administrative Reports:

Discussion:

Assistant Principal Stuart reported that she is so proud to be a part of the CUSD family and of the library program. She added that Dusty Botting and Connie Cochran have a list of resources available to anyone affected by the fire. She also acknowledged Handel's Ice Cream of Folsom for providing students and staff with ice cream as a welcome back treat.

CFO Constancio reported that an extension has been granted for annual audited financials and that they will be brought to the Board in October for approval.

8. Communications

8.1 Bargaining Unit Reports:

Discussion:

CFA Co-President Jan Kurtz echoed the success of the library program contributing the success to the passion and desire to see Camino School students succeed. All grade levels are doing well & plans are in place for any students that need help. The staff will continue with open dialogue and innovative thinking.

There was no representative from CSEA present to make a report.

8.2 School Site Council:

Discussion:

Emily Guthrie reported the first meeting will be at the end of September. She added that she too was proud of the library program; it was very appreciated.

8.3 Parent Teacher Organization:

Discussion:

PTO President Austin Barreno reported that the PTO has decided to postpone the annual Barn Dance to the Spring and have canceled the annual Harvest Run for 2021 but are making plans to have a successful Harvest Run in 2022. The next PTO meeting will be September 15, 4:00. Fundraising activities planned include a Book Fair November 1 - 10 to hopefully concur with parent-teacher conferences, Cookie Dough in mid November; they plan to keep prices accessible for all families. There will be a comprehensive volunteer calendar published soon. Lastly, she welcomed Christy Holt as the new PTO Secretary.

Superintendent Smith added he is committed to holding the Harvest Run in 2022 but many volunteers will be needed for planning including someone to be the volunteer coordinator.

8.4 DELAC:

Discussion:

Mrs. Botting welcomed Debbie Knochenhauer, new Secretary, to Camino. DELAC has not met yet although many DELAC families participated in the library program; their first meeting will be October 6th. Lori Lozano, Emily Walker and herself are working to update the DELAC Facebook page. She appreciated the amazing support of the library program and hopes to present a slide show at the October Board meeting. She expressed her appreciation to the Board and Superintendent Smith for their support of this program and to all the partners, teachers, staff, EDCOE and El Dorado County Library as well as the many community members and organizations that provided meals and snacks. Appreciation was also given to the Lakeview and Jackson schools families for their donations. She noted that CUSD needs to be on the watch for other communities that need help so that Camino can reciprocate the kindness.

Superintendent Smith added that Tony Thurmond, State Superintendent of Schools, visited the library program during his visit to El Dorado County. The Superintendent had good things to say about the program.

8.5 Communications to the Board of Trustees:

Discussion:

Superintendent Smith shared a recent press release on the library program and a letter from CSBA acknowledging the challenges of the recent fire and evacuations.

8.6 Comments and Petitions from Guests:

Discussion:

Comments and petitions from guests will be submitted to Debbie at dknochenhauer@caminoschool.org. There were no Comments or Petitions from the Guests.

9. Presentation and Public Hearing

9.1 A Public Hearing will be held on the availability of sufficient textbooks and instructional materials in each subject per Education Code Section 60119

Discussion:

Per Education Code Section 60119, a public hearing on the Availability of Sufficient Textbooks and Instructional Materials in Each Subject was opened at 7:17 pm. There were no comments. The hearing was closed at 7:18 pm.

10. Business and Information

10.1 Information: COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-2022 School Year

Discussion:

Superintendent Smith reported on CUSD's COVID-19 readiness. He reviewed COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California for the 2021-2022 School Year, CUSD's COVID-19 Prevention Program, CUSD's LCAP and COVID-19 Mitigation and Reopening Plan, and COVID-19 School Guidance Checklists. CUSD's program continues to be updated with the constant changes from regulatory agencies. The biggest change for CUSD has been the required vaccinations and testing for all staff and volunteers as well as mandated masking requirements. If a staff member or volunteer is not vaccinated, they must show proof of a negative COVID test. Details on testing procedures are still being worked out.

10.2 Action: Consider Approval of Resolution 21/22-01, Resolution on the Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for Camino Union School District

Motion:

The motion was made to approve Resolution 21/22-01, Resolution on the Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for Camino Union School District.

Motion By: Pat Kernan
Second By: Mike Barreno
Yeas: Mike Barreno, Gene Wooden, Judy Morris, Pat Kernan
Absent: Robert Van Gilder
Results: Motion Passed
Discussion:

Superintendent Smith noted that action is taken annually as part of CUSD's LCAP and the local indicator process.

10.3 Action: Consider Approval of Resolution 21/22-02, Resolution on the Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for Camino Polytechnic

Motion:

The motion was made to approve Resolution 21/22-02, Resolution on the the Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for Camino Polytechnic.

Motion By: Gene Wooden
Second By: Mike Barreno
Yeas: Judy Morris, Gene Wooden, Pat Kernan, Mike Barreno
Absent: Robert Van Gilder
Results: Motion Passed
Discussion:

Superintendent Smith noted that action is taken annually as part of CUSD's LCAP and th elocal indicator process.

10.4 Information: Review Reopening Plans

Discussion:

Superintendent Smith noted the Reopening Plan was required due to the recent mandatory evacuation. Assistant Principal Stuart prepared the plan and reviewed highlights. CUSD has applied for a grant to purchase air purifiers; if the grant is not received the school will purchase them. Superintendent Smith noted that CUSD has applied for a waiver due to the school closure and the evacuations. The four emergency days on the calendar will be automatically be actualized. A revised school calendar will be presented to the Board in October for approval pending a response on the request for a waiver. The reopening was a testament to the hard working CUSD staff wanting to get students back to school. Assistant Principal Stuart was thanked for preparing the comprehensive plan.

Assistant Principal Stuart added that many donations were received from Lakeview and Jackson School families for CUSD families that were evacuated.

10.5 Information: Significant Disproportionality 2021

Discussion:

Superintendent Smith and Special Education Lead Teacher Connie Cochran reviewed highlights and the history of the Significant Disproportionality Report for 2021/22; a new plan is being worked on for 2023. A stakeholders meeting is scheduled for September 16th and the final plan submitted by September 30th. Superintendent Smith reminded the Board that the current disproportoinality is due to changes made by the State on how disproportionality is measured. Overall, the changes will have a positive impact for CUSD and EDCOE.

10.6 Action: Comprehensive School Safety Plan

Motion:

The motion was made to approve the Comprehensive School Safety Plan.

Motion By: Pat Kernan

Second By: Gene Wooden

Yeas: Pat Kernan, Mike Barreno, Judy Morris, Gene Wooden

Absent: Robert Van Gilder

Results: Motion Passed

Discussion:

Superintendent Smith reviewed highlights of the plan. The plan annually goes to the School Site Council for approval. The plan is available on the district website.

Files:

[2021_Comprehensive_School_Safety_Plan_Camino_Elementary_School_20210910 \(1\).pdf](#)

11. Consent Agenda

11.1 Approval of the Minutes: August 10, 2021

11.2 Approval of Warrant Orders

11.3 Personnel

11.4 Donations

Discussion:

Member Wooden thanked all families that donated to Camino School evacuated families. Superintendent Smith added that the Hawthorn family was the first family to make a donation. Donations were well organized by Assistant Principal Stuart. Assistant Principapl Stuart was thanked for arranging the ice cream social.

11.5 Approval: Addendum 1 to the 2021-2022 Master Contract with Growing Healthy Children Therapy Services, Inc.

11.6 Information: CSNR and CUSD Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) Grant Awards

11.7 Approval of Contract with Sutter County Superintendent of Schools, Region 3 Local Education Consortium MediCal Administrative Claiming

11.8 Approval of Contract with Sutter County Superintendent of Schools, Region 3 Local Education Consortium MediCal Administrative Claiming

11.9 Action: Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints

11.10 Action: Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints

11.11 Action: Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion:

It was moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion By: Gene Wooden

Second By: Pat Kernan

Yeas: Pat Kernan, Mike Barreno, Gene Wooden, Judy Morris

Absent: Robert Van Gilder

Results: Motion Passed

11.12 Action: Approval of the Consent Agenda

12. Next Board Meetings

12.1 Special Board Meeting: September 28, 2021 (if necessary)

12.2 Special Board Meeting: September 28, 2021 (if necessary)

Discussion:

A special Board meeting will be held on September 28, 2021.

12.3 Regular Board Meeting: October 12, 2021

12.4 Regular Board Meeting: October 12, 2021

12.5 Special Board Meeting: October 26, 2021 (if necessary)

12.6 Special Board Meeting: October 26, 2021 (if necessary)

12.7 Regular Board Meeting: November 9, 2021

12.8 Regular Board Meeting: November 9, 2021

12.9 Special Board Meeting: November TBD, 2021 (if necessary)

12.10 Special Board Meeting: November TBD, 2021 (if necessary)

12.11 Regular Board Meeting: December 14, 2021

12.12 Regular Board Meeting: December 14, 2021

12.13 Special Board Meeting: December TBD, 2021 (if necessary)

12.14 Special Board Meeting: December TBD, 2021 (if necessary)

13. Adjournment of the Regular Meeting

13.1 Adjournment:

Discussion:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm

