

Community Advisory Committee for Special Education
West Contra Costa Unified School District
Pupil Services Center, Special Education
2465 Dolan Way
San Pablo, CA 94806

MINUTES November 2, 2015

CAC members present: Patricia Albeno, Jeanine Bishop, Michael Curry, Jeannette Lambert, Elizabeth Mooney, Estela Depaz, Lisa Steiner, Danielle Storer,

Staff members present: Steve Collins, Darlene Almeida, Eric Peterson, Kira Walsh, Mark Harrington, Liz Block

Guests present: Greg Cain, Megan St. Germain, Zach Martin, Joshua Maier

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Introductions and Approval of Minutes:

The October 2015 minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by E Depaz and seconded by E. Mooney. All in favor by: P. Albeno, J. Bishop, M. Curry, J. Lambert, E. Mooney, L. Steiner, D. Storer. None opposed.

Public Comment & Announcements:

UC Berkeley “Babylab” flyers were handed out. Families with children on the autism spectrum can participate. Contact the number on the flyer to find out about various research study opportunities.

MIND Institute Distinguished Lecturer Series is ongoing, can be accessed on their website. Previous lectures can be viewed on their website.

Danielle attended the Orinda Middle School Diverse Abilities Awareness public event. CAC thanked her for sharing the curriculum and schedule of events with CAC. She is hoping the ECHS All Abilities Club will do a disabilities awareness activity this year.

New Business:

Circle of Friends Presentation:

Elementary Program Specialist Kira Walsh and Harding Elementary Full Inclusion Teacher, Mark Harrington

SELPA Directors Report:

A Pre-K class at Montalvin is being closed. The teacher will be moved to team teach in a TK class at Grant.

Saturday trainings have been well attended. The department has done Effective Reading Intervention, Woodcock Johnson, Basics 3. Most trainings have been optional. Basics 3 is mandatory because it’s based on the new Common Core Standards.

The department is already starting to plan for Extended School Year.

The district is still looking for aides. Locating and hiring qualified teachers and aides is still the number one issue for all districts.

Old Business:

Committee updates:

Transportation - Still short some drivers. Getting test dates with the Highway Patrol is still a problem. At this time they have 7 drivers ready to test.

A new date for the parent conference has been set. February 6. Breakout sessions have been selected and presenters are being selected.

You Make a Difference nominations went out to schools and are due back November 20. Some CAC members reported not receiving forms. We will send a reminder to teachers to send them home, and include the link on the district website.

For the Good of the Order:

Next CAC meeting will be December 7

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanine Bishop