

**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 December 2, 2019**

**CAC members present:** Patricia Albeno, Elizabeth Bundschu-Mooney, Lisa Steiner, Margot Aishiteru, Shakira Reynolds, Jen Cesario, Estela DePaz, Nancie Rouse, Jeanine Bishop, Danielle Storer,

**Staff members present:** Nick Berger, Darlene Almeida

**Guests present:** Maria Franco Kearns, Myrna Godinez, Tonette Johnson

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:15

**Introductions.**

**Review and approval of minutes:** Motion to approve October minutes by E. Bundschu-Mooney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. Rouse, approved. Motion to approve November minutes by M. Aishiteru, 2<sup>nd</sup> by L. Steiner.

**Public Comment:**

Youth Leadership Forum for HS students with disabilities - application due December 6.

Valentines Dance February 13 at Hercules HS.

Striker Chair still needs alarms installed at ECHS.

Maggie Orenstein will attend the January meeting to talk with CAC about the WCC Ed Fair.

Estela is working on data and will present the findings in January.

The Local Plan committee will meet once the State is done with the forms. Ms. Almeida will keep the committee updated.

Haban Girma spoke to an audience in Berkeley. It was well attended by WCCUSD staff.

**SELPA Directors report:**

The district is opening two Pre-K classes. At Highland and Lincoln. Tony Wold will host a presentation on the district budget on Dec 9. Each High school will have a live broadcast and take questions, and will be televised on the cable station.

The district received a one- time grant of 4.5 mil based on Pre-K enrollment.

Summer School – Extended School Year, (ESY) will be held June 15 to July 17. Locations TBD.

Special Olympics Basketball was held at ECHS. L Steiner's son was selected to present the Special Olympics pledge.

The Warriors contacted the department to offer \$70 tickets for a game on April 8<sup>th</sup>. The offer includes T-shirts, and possible courtside activities for children. More info to come.

Coffee with Ken meets monthly at Transition at the Vista Hills campus. The next meeting is scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Question for discussion: Parent was told a student with an IEP couldn't be in a dual immersion program.

**Old Business:**

## Committee updates:

LCAP – Committee requested more info on cuts, as district was sharing about 15% of budget. They were told special ed, college and career and visual and performing arts – not cut. Committee wants to host their own town hall.

Medi - Cal. The Medi-cal form handed to parents at IEPs provides a funding reimbursement for medical related supplies for the district if students are eligible for Medi-Cal.

Emergency prep –Ken Talken is attending training to be able to respond to emergencies within the county. He will share out at a future meeting. Finger printing for students may be available through a local police dept. or non- profit group, and could be incorporated into a district event.

Transportation –First Student is training new drivers. The van service should be ready to roll by January. First View, the GPS system is still working on integrating the details from Power School. When substitute drivers transport non-verbal students, they are told to communicate with school staff to ensure the identity of each child.

## You Make a Difference:

The deadline for nominations is December 6. This is a firm deadline since it has already been extended. The selection committee needs to meet the week of 12/9 to make final selections. Letters will go out before the winter break.

The FAQ list has circulated. J. Cesario will arrange to meet with a group to continue to work on the document before the January meeting if possible.

**For the Good of the Order:**

Next meeting is January 6, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanine Bishop