



Community Advisory Committee for Special Education
West Contra Costa Unified School District
Pupil Services Center, Special Education

MINUTES January 5, 2015

CAC members present: Jeanine Bishop, Bellinda Bluntach, Maria Gonzalez , Jeannette Lambert, Elizabeth Mooney,

Estela Depaz, Nancie Rouse, Fayza Ayyad, Danielle Storer

Staff members present: Steve Collins, Joyce Forte, Eric Peterson, Ayisha Benham, Magdalena Browne

Guests present: Dwight Ashburne, Mario Rodriguez, Andrea Ceja, Lucia Chim, Jose Chim, Todd Groves

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

Introductions and Approval of Minutes:

The December 2014 minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve was seconded. All in favor by: J. Bishop, B. Bluntach, E. Depaz, M. Gonzalez, J. Lambert, E. Mooney, N. Rouse, D.Storer, F. Ayyad. None opposed, no abstentions.

Public Comment & Announcements:

CARE Parent Network January newsletter was distributed. The ABLE Act was signed into law in December, which will allow people with disabilities to hold savings accounts over the limits imposed by SSI, SSDI.

Because of a shortage of aides in the district, the question was raised as to how the jobs are being advertised. A parent reported not finding it on Edjoin.

SELPA Directors Report:

As the department plans for 2015/2016, the SH population is growing at the Transitional Kindergarten level, and there will also be a need for additional classes for the 18-22 year olds. One will be at Transition and one will be for students who qualify for mental health services.

Extended School Year: Harding and Collins will be the PreK- 6 grade sites, but the dept. will move 6 of the mild to moderate classes to two general education sites,(3 at each). Enrollment at those sites will be determined by program specialists.

Upcoming training for teachers include: January 24, the 3rd in a series on Autism for teachers and aides, Feb 7, Building Effective Schools Together, and thru board member Todd Groves a February 25 & 26 training on Universal Design for Learning, designing the classroom to meet the needs of all students.

The pilot assessment for moderate to severe students will be computer based.

Old Business:

You Make a Difference planning continues. This year's honorees are: Luis Nuñez - Student, JFK; Jawan Eldridge – Principal, Peres; Julia Marshall – Teacher, Fairmont; Maria Aguila –Teacher, Shannon; Jennifer Kelso –Teacher, Fairmont; Rosemary Mauldin- Teacher, Riverside; Michele Rappaport- Speech Therapist, Kensington; Marion Galdemez – Instructional Assistant, Downer; Maria Peña – Instructional Assistant Dover; Ruth Peritz- Community Volunteer, JFK; Charlene Kibby – Clerical Support, Pupil Services. The CAC will recognize Brian Rutford, and discuss at the February CAC doing an honorary award.

First Student's Dwight Ashburne answered the following questions posed earlier in the year by CAC.

What happens in an emergency such as a bus accident? The CHP is called. Safety manager reports to scene. Parents are notified. In-services are done. Drug testing is done.

How are subs trained? Subs are required to pass the same tests, go through the same orientation, same amount of training as all drivers.

Route Cards are to be updated by regular drivers whenever there is a change to the route.

Parents' responsibilities? Parents should know who their driver is. They should make an attempt to meet the driver and get their contact information, bus number, route number etc. "Introduction sheets" were introduced to parents this year. Some parents reported not receiving them.

What happens during emergencies such as earthquakes? The bus company would communicate with the school district to assess the severity and determine whether students may be safer at school, rather than being transported.

New Business:

Committee updates:

More info from the LCAP committee to come as it gears up for the next phase.

For the Good of the Order:

Common Core video developed by Ed. Services will be part of a parent presentation at school sites.

Disability awareness programs are available to elementary schools if interested.

The next CAC meeting will be held Monday, February 2, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanine Bishop



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Monday, February 2, 2015

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Cameron School

7140 Gladys Ave., El Cerrito

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Approval of January 2015 Minutes
- III. Public Comment /Announcements
- IV. SELPA Directors Report
Legislation Information Day
- V. Old Business
You Make a Difference Awards 2015
- VI. New Business
Committee Updates
Common Core Video Presentation
- VII. For The Good Of The Order

*Childcare is available.

Note: Any issues involving personnel or confidential matters cannot be discussed in open forum and will be directed to the appropriate administrative personnel.