**Community Advisory Committee for Special Education
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**MINUTES October 5, 2020**

 **CAC members present:** Patricia Albeno, Lisa Steiner, Margot Aishiteru, Shakira Reynolds, Lisa Scheffer, Jeanine Bishop, Danielle Storer, Nancie Rouse
**Staff members present**: Kristen Hardy, Darlene Almeida, Ken Talken, Alfred Olsen
**Guests present**: Mister Phillips, Demetrio Gonzalez Hoy

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Introductions.**
**Review and approval of minutes:**  Motion to approve September minutes tabled, awaiting quorum.

**Public Comment:**The following conferences are upcoming/ongoing: All are virtual.

Transition Conference, English with Spanish translation

Congreso Familiar continues on Saturdays

The STAR Conference, October 24

 **SELPA Directors report:**

The department is catching up on overdue IEPs. Requests for SSTs have increased as well as 504s. Demand is heavy for translated docs and the dept. is working to improve turn around times.

Last January the district was found significantly disproportionate. The state raised this number from 17 districts to 180 districts. WCCUSD was found disproportionate in the over identification of African American students in the areas of suspension rates and identified as emotionally disturbed. Stakeholder groups are meeting to review root cause research, create an action plan to work on reductions. The plan will be presented to the board and must be submitted to the state by December 15.

The dept. has received feedback from parents who have expressed appreciation for the staff efforts during distance learning.

**Old Business:**

The LCAP Committee LCAP Committee meetings are resuming after the plan was replaced by the Learning Continuity Plan. Next meeting Oct 13.

Medi-Cal met in mid Sept. Confirmed budget for the year. Next meeting in November.

Emergency Preparedness will meet with Ken Talken who has experience with the FAST response team. Will send out invitation to those who are interested in the committee and report back next month**.**

**New Business:**

The Transition and Special Education Resource Fair will be held virtually in the spring. The current resources are still posted on the sped webpage from last spring.

You Make a Difference will need a planning committee to explore how best to present it in March. Nomination forms will be posted online soon with similar deadlines. We will reach out to Mr. Vacar to secure his participation.

The question of a CAC Facebook page. Still working on logistics. The suggestion was made to devote posts from the existing district Facebook page to help promote various events and information for the special needs community**.

Motion to approve October Minutes: Quorum present.** Minutes reviewed, motion by M. Aishiteru, 2nd by S. Reynolds. Minutes approved with motion passed**.**

**For the Good of the Order:**

The next meeting of the CAC will be November 2, at 5:30

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanine Bishop