

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 February 6, 2017

CAC members present: Patricia Albeno, Fayza Ayyad, Jeanine Bishop, Victor Costa, Estela Depaz, Danielle Storer, Nancie Rouse, Lisa Steiner, Corina Samaniego, Elizabeth Mooney

Staff members present: Steve Collins

Guests present: Heidi Bartsch, Monique Guerrero, Michael Gurevich, Anne Hall, Alamdeep Kaur

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes from January 9 put forth by L. Steiner., seconded by N. Rouse, Minutes for January 9, 2017 approved.

Public Comment:

P. Albeno distributed CARE Parent Newsletter.

Date for Transition Resource Fair is April 22, not April 29.

Also distributed were: Handbook on contacting your legislators, mass casualty training event, DPRC Valentine Dance info, and the Special Edge Newsletter.

A comment was made about the importance of beginning an IEP with statement about a student's strengths.

SELPA Directors Report:

The CDE will be at WCCUSD March 20 to 24 conducting an onsite comprehensive review. Files will be randomly pulled. Parents will be randomly contacted.

Corrective actions will be determined by the areas of noncompliance. Will give an overview of what happened at April meeting.

District is working on recruiting teachers and aides for next year. The Superintendent is working with CC College to recruit students as aides.

Leg Day, on May 3 in Sacramento. Members who want to attend need to let J. Bishop know asap. We carpool, leave at approximately 7 a.m. and return at about 5 p.m.

Old Business:

Committee updates:

Emergency committee. Libby could not meet, but will look for future date, possibly before CAC mtg.

Medi-Cal has not met.

LCAP – C. Samaniego attended. A list of successes and challenges was compiled from town halls. Duffy discussed priorities. Next meeting is March 21 at JFK.

Transportation – Michael Gurevich introduced himself. First student still has a driver shortage inherited from last year; have borrowed behind the wheel trainers from other areas. They currently have 20 trainees, but CHP certifies at most 3 per week.

Part of the fleet is new. Wheelchair buses will hopefully be replaced with new ones in March. New scheduler, operations manager, safety manager. Route cards will be updated by dispatch instead of by drivers.

CAC discussed difficulty getting thru on phone lines and suggested a text option so parents can text info to free up lines.

You Make a Difference Planning -

All members coming with supplies or to set up please arrive by 6 p.m. Mr. Vacar has confirmed for Master of Ceremonies. First student will provide flowers, should contact other drivers that may have worked with Irene Semper on ordering. Food trays. Two cakes. We plan for approx. 100- 150 people.

Photography, will work to get a group shot of honorees afterward.

For the Good of the Order:

The next CAC meeting will be on April 10.

No March meeting at Cameron. YMaD serves as meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanine Bishop