

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 January 7, 2019

CAC members present: Patricia Albeno, Lisa Steiner, Jeanine Bishop, Estela DePaz, Fayza Ayyad, Shakira Reynolds, Nancie Rouse, Danielle Storer, Lisa Scheffer, Corina Sameniego

Staff members present: Nick Berger, Rachel Avanesian,

Guests present: Jennifer Cesario, Margot Aishiteru, Royce Wood, Tonette Johnson

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Introductions.

Addition of agenda item: Education Fair, discussion item under new business

Review and approval of minutes:

Approval of December 2018 minutes. Motion to approve by L. Steiner; 2nd by N. Rouse.

Public Comment:

- West County support group will meet at San Pablo Library. Contact Chereese LeBlanc thru Care Parent Network.
- Employment is an Option Conference held in Antioch. Flyers are available in Eng/Span.
- The next parent support group at the ECHS JMP Center will be Thursday, January 10.
- Care's next IEP trainings in Pittsburg, January 10, English, Feb. 20 in Spanish. Check out Care's Facebook page for this and other trainings.
- Care Parent is adding a parent support group for Spanish speakers at George Miller Center.
- Special Olympics will host a Healthy Athletes Fair on March 2, at Merritt College in Oakland, especially useful for athletes who have trouble getting to dr. appts.

SELPA Directors Report:

- Extended School Year, (Summer School) is in planning stages now. It will run 5 days a week for 4 weeks.
- As a way of promoting more inclusive practices, in addition to expanding the ISP model at school sites, the department is working with multiple departments on collaboration to make sure students are included in meaningful ways: Also working on curriculum adoption and tier interventions.
- Discussions about changing the SH/NSH classifications are ongoing and the language has to be changed in the contracts as credentials reflect it. CAC will be kept updated.
- Cameron School will not be available for CAC meetings after February. Locations to consider for April and May meetings and next year. Moving the meetings central and north will give more parents the opportunity to attend.
- Where Pupil Services will move is still uncertain, as the district is considering various options.

- Discussion about the need for systems in place so that the availability of inclusive programs don't vary so much from school to school.

Old Business:

Committee updates:

- Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Committee update.
Some cost savings will be in transportation as two more schools adopt ISP model. Sites will manage their own foster youth services. A new analytics tool - Core Data Collaborative was discussed that will allow the district to obtain more timely data and compare w/districts with similar demographics.
- Medi-Cal - No meeting.
- Emergency Prep. will meet to discuss priorities, Feb 4, at 6 p.m. at Cameron, before CAC.
- Transportation - First Student currently uses a tracking system in house. Zonar allows drivers to clock in, provides a gps that shows where drivers are and how long they're idling at homes. First View is the gps system that they will roll out to parents. But many factors have to be worked out that include issues like changes in routing or when subs are assigned. They expect to be able to do a small pilot by spring. They are using a van services for small routes that they would like to transfer to an in house system. Complaints are reduced but still happening. Please contact the manager, Royce Wood, directly for any complaints.
They have begun an incentive program to retain drivers. CAC asked that parents are notified when the pilot begins, so that they fully understand the stages as well as limitations of the pilot.

New Business:

- On Saturday, January 26th we have been asked to participate in the Education Fair, happening at the Richmond Auditorium from 10 to 2. We can have a table set up and would like Resource Parents and CAC representatives there to answer questions. If you can participate, please let J. Bishop know.
- You Make a Difference honorees were selected in December and letters have been sent. This year's honorees are: Nicole Ruiz, Principal – Stege Elementary; Darlene Almeida, Administrator; Myrna Hadjirul, Teacher – DeAnza HS; Elvira Gutierrez, Teacher- Ellerhorst; Sherry Tutass, Teacher – Richmond HS; Jenine Catudio, Teacher – Peres; Bradley Decker, Teacher – El Cerrito HS; Sean Corson, APE Teacher; Mary Hamilton, AAC Specialist; Reyna Sanchez, Instructional Assistant – El Cerrito HS; Tanita King, Classroom Support Aide – El Cerrito HS; Kelly Snyder, Rosario Illan, Yuki Koyanagi, Instructional Assistants – Riverside; Sheryl Alison, Driver – First Student.
Andrew Lester, Shayla Ochoa, Ariel Davis, Jake Rockeman Award recipients - Collins.
- The YMaD assignment sheet was distributed. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the ceremony begins at 7p.m.

For the Good of the Order:

The next meeting Feb 4

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanine Bishop