

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 8, 2016

CAC members present: Patricia Albeno, Jeanine Bishop, Victor Costa, Jeannette Lambert, Maria Gonzalez, Michael Curry, Elizabeth Mooney, Danielle Storer, Lisa Steiner, Fayza Ayyad

Staff members present: Steve Collins, June Melchior

Guests present: Corina Samaniego, Irene Semper, Anne Hall, Adam Tanouye, Mitzi Tanouye, Elana Ford

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

Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of January 2016 minutes. Motion to approve by E. Mooney; seconded by P. Albeno. All in favor by: V. Costa, J. Lambert, M. Gonzalez, J. Bishop, M. Curry, E. Mooney, Danielle Storer, P. Albeno, L. Steiner, F. Ayyad. None opposed.

Public Comment:

A request was made regarding the possibility of adding electronic actuators, (automatic openers) to doors because of the difficulty in opening and maneuvering wheelchairs through some school buildings. Specific sites mentioned were Cameron and Downer.

A Town Hall meeting, “50 Years of the Lanterman Act” will be held February 26 in Oakland.

The State legislature is trying to pass a Managed Care tax in order to preserve funding for Regional Center based services. The vote is later this month.

The California Children’s Services CCS is going through a redesign in which services will be case managed by primary care physicians. Concern is currently over access to durable medical equipment. The roll-out is expected to begin January 2017.

SELPA Directors Report:

Extended School Year: Special education summer school elementary sites will be Harding and Collins. Principals will be announced soon. Two school sites will be selected to serve full inclusion students.

Enrollment in secondary is low and there may be one or two class closures for next fall.

ADR Conference is the first week in March. Legislative Information Sharing Day is May 4.

Please confirm with Jeanine if you are planning to attend Leg. Day. So far those who are signed up are; Estela, Michael, Elana, Fayza, Elizabeth, Jeanine, Eric and Steve.

Old Business:

Committee updates: LCAP Committee:

Danielle reported that the LCAP information can now be accessed on the district website. For special education students, LCAP funding buys technology, supplemental resource materials for learning centers, and is funding the expansion of sped TK classrooms and more staff.

New Business:

You Make a Difference set up begins at 6 p.m. Each CAC member who has signed up to bring something was reminded. Phone calls will follow.

Irene will work with florist to order corsages, etc. She can choose colors.

KidPower has offered to do a parent presentation. We will check to see if they can present for the April CAC meeting. Concerns from CAC about tailoring it to include strategies for younger/nonverbal children will be discussed with the organizer.

The parent conference flyers are being distributed to all schools. We will include private, non- public and charter. A jobs list was circulated. CAC members are encouraged to attend the workshops but are needed for registration, morning break and directing in the hallways. We have a few door prizes but will accept more donations.

For the Good of the Order:

There is no CAC meeting in March. The You Make a Difference Awards night serves as that meeting. The next time we meet at Cameron will be April 11, right after spring break.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanine Bishop