

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 April 13, 2015

CAC members present: Patricia Albeno, Jeanine Bishop, Bellinda Bluntach, Victor Costa, Michael Curry, Maria Gonzalez, Jeannette Lambert, Elizabeth Mooney, Hope Tucker, Estela Depaz, Nancie Rouse, Fayza Ayyad, Lisa Steiner, Danielle Storer

Staff members present: Darlene Almeida, Steve Collins, Eric Peterson, Joyce Forte

Guests present: Liz Block, Audrey Fraser, Wendy Franco-Ibarra, Joshua Maier

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Introductions and Approval of Minutes:

The February 2015 minutes were corrected to reflect the month of December changed to January in "Approval of minutes." A motion to approve the corrected minutes was made by V. Costa and seconded by L. Steiner. All in favor by: P. Albeno, F. Ayyad, J. Bishop, B. Bluntach, V. Costa, M. Curry, E. Depaz, M. Gonzalez, J. Lambert, E. Mooney, N. Rouse, L. Steiner, D. Storer and H. Tucker. None opposed, no abstentions.

Public Comment & Announcements:

CARE Parent Network April and May calendars were distributed.

The Transition & Resource Fair will be held Saturday, April 25 at Vista Hills from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. CAC will need to have volunteers at the CAC booth.

SELPA Directors Report:

Extended School Year (Summer School): In addition to two elementary sites, some students will be placed at Grant and some at Wilson if they are in need of mainstreaming opportunities.

For 15/16 planning, one SH TK will be added at Sheldon and one SH will be added at Transition.

A mental health counseling-enriched class will be added at Greenwood academy for 18-22 year olds.

Other classes may be added at elementary.

School districts are receiving funds to provide mental health services. This funding is being shifted back from county. The state may conduct audits to determine why funds aren't being spent as quickly as they were under county. Districts develop their own programs, so they can provide the services more efficiently.

The department added two new positions:

Mental Health Coordinator – Dr. Jodi Couick

Director of Special Education for Secondary - Kevin Nazario

The Annual Service Plan was presented to CAC for review. The plan illustrates all of the services that are provided in WCCUSD, including those services that are unique to WCCUSD. The plan is representative of a snapshot in time of ALL services provided.

The Annual Budget Plan will be presented for review at the May CAC meeting.

Plans will be presented to the School Board in June.

Old Business:

You Make a Difference evening went smoothly thanks to so many CAC members who helped.

For next year: Honorees will be asked to speak for a shorter time. This will be added to the letter.

Childcare will be announced from the podium, and signage can be used to direct people to the childcare room.

Committee Updates –

Danielle attended the Local Control and Accountability Plan Committee. New overviews for the district and each site were presented. Danielle brought the LCAP binder for review.

The Transportation committee meeting was held. Lisa was not able to attend. Steve reported that he met with the Western Regional VP, and a new manager has been hired but has not started in the position yet.

The Common Core video is available to be downloaded and Jeanine will email the file to any member who would like to view it. Members generated a list.

New Business :

The CAC meeting dates for the 15/16 calendar year have been set and distributed to members. Most meetings fall on first Mondays of the month except where conflicting with holidays.

Membership roster was presented for changes, additions, or deletions for the upcoming 2015-2017 term.

For the Good of the Order:

Legislators Information Sharing Day on April 29: The CAC members will attend a morning briefing session and will walk to the Capitol to meet with legislators in the afternoon. There are several changes to the legislative offices this year. This year the bills that we will be focusing on involve mental health services and special education funding.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 4, and will be the end-of-year potluck. **Please bring a dish to share.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanine Bishop

