

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 October 7, 2019

CAC members present: Patricia Albeno, Jeanine Bishop, Elizabeth Bundschu-Mooney, Jen Cesario, Nancie Rouse, Corina Samaniego, Lisa Steiner

Staff members present: Nick Berger, Darlene Almeida

Guests present: Royce Wood

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03

Introductions.

Review and approval of minutes: Approval of Sept with corrections. Motion to approve by E. Bundschu-Mooney 2nd by N Rouse Approved.

Public Comment:

From C. LeBlanc at Care Parent Network: Circulated West County Support Group flyer for meeting on 10/08, and flyer: Community Empowerment Project for African American families.

Local Plan committee members to be contacted when the meetings are scheduled.

P. Albeño announced Care's annual picnic Nov 2 At Heather Farms, and distributed Care's Nov. newsletter.

SELPA Directors report:

The dept. is fully staffed with teachers, however 2 more preschool teachers will be needed for classes opening this year.

The district is offering a 3 year Cal East Bay residency grant for up to 15 applicants. There are currently 6 enrolled.

Other focuses this year: The compliance review with the State, a preschool inclusion grant with which they hope to in part build inclusive playgrounds and upgrade Cameron.

Violence in the community affecting our students. Dr. Jodi Couick supports the students and staff with her teams in schools.

Early Childhood Mental Health will be invited to attend as they could not attend this month.

Ken Talken, Transition Coordinator will be the liaison to the safety committee.

Old Business:

Committee updates:

- Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Committee – E Mooney, took notes and J Bishop will email out to members.
- Medi - Cal – meeting, focus was approval of budgets.

Emergency prep –As mentioned, Ken Talken will step in as the liaison on the safety committee.

Alarms for Stryker chairs purchased with each chair and should be installed. Mr. Booker will try to attend future meetings.

Transportation – RID car service will be replaced by vans operated by FS's own drivers. Current issues: The GPS system integration with Powerschool doesn't allow for multiple drop-offs. GPS routing must also do right side curb drop offs and be specific for size of buses on smaller streets. CAC members asked if the system could be integrated with SEIS, or can photos from Powerschool be integrated for identifying nonverbal students. Route ride time has been reduced in some cases due to routes now separated by dismissal time. Students aren't being made to wait for later dismissal.

The parent conference is October 19. Please arrive by 7 a.m. for help with set up. We will need registration table and CAC table help. Registration flyers mailed from Care and RCEB; electronic Peachjar flyers emailed to Sped families thru the district. Will look into Blackboard Connect for a reminder call.

New Business:

CAC priorities discussion:

District goals, Reading proficiency, math proficiency, reclassification, graduation rates. Sp.ed also wants to increase the amount of students who spend less than 40% of the school day in a special education classroom.

Legislation from the previous year's participation in legislative info sharing say, (Leg. Day) drives current state priorities, i.e. supporting inclusive practices; and the IDEA funding push.

Work needs to be done on briefing the community to better use of the district website. J. Cesario has done research on welcoming districts and will provide samples.

A FAQ sheet could be created to assist schools to know how to respond to parent requests accurately.

J. Cesario offered to start a Google doc.

The move: The departments, Speech, WATR, OT, PT, APE, Nurses, Psychs, etc. will be moved to the second floor of PVHS. The move is scheduled for winter break. Phase two will be program managers and clerical to Vista Hills.

For the Good of the Order:

CAC meets November 4 at 7 p.m. at Pupil Services

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanine Bishop