

**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 September 9, 2019**

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

**Staff members present:** Nick Berger, Darlene Almeida

**Guests present:**

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05

**Introductions.**

**Review and approval of minutes:** Approval of May minutes. Motion to approve by E Bundschu-Mooney 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Aishiteru Approved.

**Public Comment:**

Parent to Parent Support Group flyer distributed.

West County Support Group flyers distributed

Care Parent Network flyer distributed

Peachjar is the new electronic flyer system adopted by the district to email info to families.

New members asked about annual priorities as they apply to CAC strategic planning. One example is how class size effects sped students in inclusion.

Improve the way new families are welcomed and introduced to the school process.

The district still has Cameron's old contact number floating around, making it difficult for parents to get help.

Wheelchair accessibility signs are posted at entrances at ECHS, however there are no automatic buttons for the doors.

Stryker alarms are still not installed, and instead schools are being made to keep track of keys for padlocks on the Stryker cases.

**SELPA Directors report:**

Darlene Almeida is working on the Local Plan and needs representatives from CAC to sit on the committee. J. Cesario and M. Aishiteru are interested.

The Services Plan and Budget Plan can be viewed online on the district website.

The Governor is working on funding for ADA for preschool students.

The district is working on an early childhood grant; Early Start, Regional Center, YMCA and Early Childhood Mental Health are partnering for the grant. Christina Bowman is the new Coordinator of Early Intervention at Cameron.

Rhealm Charter School in Berkeley has closed bringing about 200 more students back, impacting many El Cerrito Schools.

Early Childhood Mental Health will be added to the October agenda.

**Old Business:**

Committee updates:

- Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Committee – to meet at JFK on Set 10
- Medi - Cal – meeting is September 10, will give update in October.
- Emergency prep – Questions for Mr. Booker regarding what evacuation accommodations can be linked to IEP.
- Transportation – The Committee would like an update on the GPS system from Mr. Woods. A new car company has been contracted. Some parents have expressed concern that they were not notified of new drivers.

**New Business:**

The fall parent conference is being held at Contra Costa College. It's a collaboration between WCCUSD, RCEB and Care. The Special Connections Summit will be on October 19. This year they have invited a special needs band, and are extending it til 1 p.m. to serve lunch and include resource tables. CAC volunteers are needed.

**For the Good of the Order:**

Next CAC October 7 at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanine Bishop