

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 December 7, 2015

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

Staff members present: Steve Collins, Darlene Almeida, June Melchior

Guests present: Greg Cain, Gaby Almeida- Lynde, Corina Samaniego, Joshua Maier, Anne Hall

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Introductions and Approval of Minutes:

The November 2015 minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes with a correction replacing 'disability awareness' with 'Diverse Abilities' was made by D. Storer and seconded by L. Steiner. All in favor by: P. Albeno, J. Bishop, J. Lambert, V. Costa, F. Ayyad, M. Gonzalez, L. Steiner, D. Storer. None opposed.

Public Comment & Announcements:

CARE Parent Network December Newsletter was distributed. Louise Schneider who has been very helpful to local families will be retiring in the spring however she will be with us for the parent conference in February.

Danielle reported that the Diverse Abilities Awareness group at El Cerrito HS has begun collaborating with Circle of Friends and had a meeting with 20 – 25 students who attended and who will work together to do awareness activities.

SELPA Directors Report:

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Conference will be held March 1 -2 in Sacramento. The Stet has invited 88 districts so we can bring no more than three attendees. If a CAC parent is interested in attending and training as a Resource Parent, contact Jeanine.

Legislative Information Sharing Day, known as Leg. Day will be held on May 4 in Sacramento. Participants go up for the day and meet with legislators at the Capitol. If CAC parents would like to go, please contact Jeanine. The list of attendees needs to be submitted in January.

The department is working on Summer School. The two elementary sites will be Collins and Harding. There will be also be six NSH classes at general ed. sites. Elementary and Middle will use Foss and Voyager. High School will use Cyber High. SH will use Basics 3.

In enrollment the population is growing at elementary and shrinking at secondary. Some classes may need to be converted next year. A new TK-K1 class will open in January at Lupine Hills Elementary.

The State SELPA Director is retiring. An acting director will fill in temporarily until the position is filled.

The Stryker rep brought an evacuation chair to ECHS for a demonstration. Steve, Jeanine and an ECHS teacher attended the demonstration and learned how to operate the chair. An order is being placed for 10 chairs with locking cabinets and alarms. Mr. Miller, the rep, will provide training in addition to the videos that are supplied with the chairs. The chairs will first be placed at ECHS, DeAnza, Kennedy, Korematsu and Helms. The chairs will be relocated per need.

Old Business:

Committee updates:

Transportation – Greg reported First Student has had to double up routes to cover absences. He expects it to continue as the holidays approach. There are six new drivers being tested by the end of December.

LCAP - Danielle gave a brief description of LCAP. The next meeting she will attend will be in Spring.

New Business:

You Make a Difference nomination committee will meet this Thursday. The volunteer sheet was passed around. Nominations were due November 20. The turn-around time for nominations is about one month due to the need to get letters out to recipients before the winter break. Letters go to nominators and award recipients only. Invitations will be mailed approximately one month before.

The parent conference flyer was shared for review. L. Steiner will donate a tablet for a door prize. Information on door prizes and requesting accommodations and translation will be added. Distribution will include non-public, charter and private schools in addition to all other schools.

For the Good of the Order:

Jeanine is now available at Cameron on Wednesday mornings to meet with parents.

Both Cameron and Pupil Services are collecting socks, gloves, hats, etc. to donate to shelters. And coats are being collected at Pupil Services for the One Warm Coat Drive until Dec 17th.

The next CAC meeting will be January 4.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanine Bishop