

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 May 2, 2016

CAC members present: Patricia Albano, Jeanine Bishop, Michael Curry, Estela Depaz, Jeannette Lambert, Danielle Storer, Fayza Ayyad, Nancie Rouse

Staff members present: Steve Collins, Darlene Almeida, Rosalind Brown, Joyce Forte, Kevin Nazario, Liz Block

Guests present: Corina Samaniego, Dennis Lambert, Anne Hall

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes from April 11 put forth by N. Rouse, seconded by E. Depaz.

Public Comment:

CARE Parent calendar of events include summer activities. Louise Schneiders is retiring in June.

The City of Richmond Recreation Dept. held its first special needs prom. Attendance was low. The Rec. dept. wants to work more closely with area high schools for future prom events.

SELPA Directors Report:

Extended School Year runs from June 20 through July 15

Voyager will be used for K-6 NSH ELA and Math. Basics 3 for SH and Foss for hands on science for both SH and NSH; Edmentum and Foss for middle school; High School will offer credit recovery.

Placement letters will go out for fall placements first, and then ESY placement letters will follow.

Additions or changes for Fall 2016;

A new 3-6 grade class will be piloted at Kensington. ABA and social skills based.

Possible addition of two ERMHs classes, TK and K-1, or 4-6 grade.

Other changes are - three additional psychologists; transition will add a vice principal. Pat Evans will be full time under Jodi Couick.

Jodi has written a proposal for Breaking Barriers, early intervening services for TK and Kinder aged students. We have applied for a grant through the Longs Foundation.

The annual Service Plan was presented to CAC for review. The service plan includes descriptions of all of the special education services the district provides.

The annual Budget Plan was presented and explained, including the breakdown of identified expenditures. A public hearing will be held May 25 and then it goes to board for approval on June 15.

Superintendent update: the firm Leadership Associates is handling the search. The Board will review the list of applicants in the next closed session prior to the board meeting. Interviews will begin May 20.

Old Business:

Committee updates:

LCAP: at the last LCAP meeting Sheri Gamba presented the budget. In planning for next year, a 2% attendance drop could result in \$3M less. General enrollment is expected to drop to 27, 000.

First Student: Susan Moorehead is working in Richmond to revamp services. The district has been promised new buses next year. One proposal is to have a minimum of 8 buses for backup at any one time. She is expected to reorganize dispatch.

They are still short on drivers. They lost many drivers to other companies. But they are hiring, increasing salaries and adding bonuses. They have been flying in drivers from So. Cal. to cover shortages.

New Business:

Officers for 2016-2017 were nominated and elected. CAC chairperson will be Estela Depaz, Vice Chairperson will be Lisa Steiner, and Secretary will be Jeanine Bishop

The membership roster for 2016 – 2018 was reviewed and approved.

For the Good of the Order:

All are invited to attend the Cameron Ice Cream Social, May 24,
The first CAC meeting of the 2016-2017 school year will be held at Cameron on September 12.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanine Bishop

